

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 3, 2024  
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	David Berry, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Phillip Gick
ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	20 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on June 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. David Berry opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

Berry made the motion to add McGowan Insurance to the agenda. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADULT PROBATION**

Teresa Parrish asked to increase the credit limit on the county credit cards for her department. Explained why the current limit of 1K on two of the cards and 2K on the third card is not enough. She would like each card to increase by 1K. Discussion. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Parrish requested an additional phone line. With the part time employee that was recently approved that is paid through a grant, they need a phone for this person to utilize. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Kevin Cook with McGowan Insurance came to the meeting to discuss the upcoming renewal of health insurance. He had been concerned about the premium they would receive due to the unusually high claims we experienced this past year. It was up an additional 17% over the past claim years. Passed out paperwork. All options are identical to 2022 coverage. No changes, employees would not see any change in coverage. If we go back to being fully funded, there would not be a reimbursement option as the county had before. They did away with those plans.

Due to the time crunch of needing to decide, the Commissioners will have a special meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

## **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Highway Engineer Jim Peck presented report:

- 1) CCMG bids tabled from last meeting. Peck recommended going with Milestone Contractors South, LLC. Woodall made the motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$1,988,374.15. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Manhattan road and traffic sign inventory, INDOT approved the DBE requirements.
- 3) Unofficial detour on south state road 42. 1050 S which is a gravel road and 850 E. Replacing a culvert. Starting June 14 anticipating 40 days to complete. Presented agreement to board so they can recoup money if any damages.
- 4) INDOT US 36 starts construction on July 20<sup>th</sup>. 30-day closure. Intermediate completion date of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Calendar completion date of November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Wheel tax and excise surtax – Council is reviewing, and he gave information to Trudy Selvia.

Woodall brought up a road that has been destroyed due to a constituent working out with the company doing the construction by the courthouse to get the fill. Peck has checked with the State, and they are saying they have no liability since it is an agreement between the contractor and an individual. Woodall asked for the county attorney to check into the legalities of pursuing the contractor to pay for the damages. Peck said they had a similar situation in the northern part of the county.

## **MINUTES**

May 20, 2024 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PTO POLICY**

Auditor Berish said this was tabled from a few meetings ago. She asked if there were any revisions to the draft. Commissioners had none. The draft will be discussed at a department head meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT**

Berry said the hospital board had submitted two names as a recommendation for an opening. However, they did not furnish any background or information regarding these individuals. The Commissioners want this information to consider who should be appointed. Tabled until the next meeting.

## **HIGHWAY**

Jim Peck asked if the 85K claim for the dump trucks could be paid through emergency claims. Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MAIL**

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

**ADJOURN**

Berry made a motion to adjourn. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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**David Berry, President**

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**Thomas Helmer, Vice President**

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**Rick Woodall**

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**Attest: Auditor's Office  
Kristina Berish**