

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SPECIAL SESSION
MAY 22, 2023
1:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Thomas Helmer, President David Berry, Vice President Rick Woodall
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	6 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on May 22, 2023, at 1:30 PM. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Tom Helmer opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given. Commissioner Woodall had to leave the meeting early.

HIGHWAY – BRIDGES

Engineer Jim Peck said the bridge inspection is complete. Representatives Michael Rowe and Brian Frederick with United Consultants came to the meeting to go over the inspection. Worked through the routine inspections. In coding phase currently. Today was for informational purposes only.

Out of the 222 bridges in the county, 85 are load posted bridges, 7 fracture critical bridges, 9 timber covered bridges, and 11 closed bridges.

Critical findings on: Bridge #29 CR 800 N over Big Walnut Creek, Bridge #45 CR 900 E over Big Walnut Creek, Bridge #105 Dunbar Road over Big Walnut Creek, Bridge #133 CR 500 E over Little Deer Creek, Bridge #154 CR 300 S over Deer Creek, Bridge #170 Huffman Road over Big Walnut Creek, Bridge #187 CR 25 E over Deer Creek, Bridge #191 CR 1000 S over Higgins Branch Creek, Bridge #211 CR 450 S over Branch of Mill Creek, Bridge #252 CR 850 N over South Ramp Creek. United reps went over the bridge findings.

3 FAT LABS LETTER

Tabled until next meeting.

LOAN PAYMENT

Auditor Berish said her office had received an invoice from Tri-County Bank in the amount of \$245,701.42 for a loan. When they called the Highway Department to ask about it, we were told it was a loan for trucks and in a note in folder the Commissioners paid for it. This loan was entered into prior to my term as Auditor so I am not privy to the arrangements but there is not an account appropriated to pay. Helmer said the loan was established before he became Commissioner so he did not know the arrangements either on who would pay. Berry thought the Commissioners had said they would pay it the first year and then Highway appropriate the money after that. Auditor Berish said there was nothing in the minutes indicating how the loan was to be paid each year.

Auditor Berish asked where the Commissioners wanted her to pay it from. Payment is due June 1, 2023, so there was no time to do an additional before the Council since they don't meet until June 20th. After discussion of various options, Berry made the motion to pay it from the 300K they appropriated to the Highway from EDIT money. Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

Thomas Helmer, President

David Berry, Vice President

Rick Woodall

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