

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 19, 2022
9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
DEPUTY AUDITOR:	Evelyn Williams
COUNCIL:	David Fuhrman, President Phillip Gick Larry Parker Stephanie Campbell
AUDIENCE:	20 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 19, 2022, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

12 LIBERTY BELL (MILL SPRINGS)

Tammy Rabe requested the repaving of her and other taxpayers' road. Presented pictures. She stated the road was partly dirt and gravel in spots. She stated there are a total of 8 other homes on this road. Rick stated that roads are on their agenda for next year. David Berry stated they would take a hard look at it.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Mark Evans presented the annual proposal for contractual service and copier lease. The contractual service is a 5% increase. Mark stated they are happy with the copier service they've been receiving and would like to stay with the current vendor. The price is locked in for 5 years. Discussion was made.

Rick Woodall made a motion to approve the contractual service agreement. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

David Berry made a motion to approve the copier agreement. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT

Rick Woodall stated the board has an appointment to replace a deceased member. Tom Helmer made a motion to appoint Katrina Lewis. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WILLIAM MORRISON FARM

Mr. Morrison stated his attorney contacted the County's. Requested she resubmit the compliance documents. After such, the judge ruled the intervener be removed. He presented a copy of the documents. Discussion was made.

LEONDARD STEINMAN

Disabled Veteran Leonard Steinman stated they are direct descendants of the founders of Putnam County. He admired the crowd showing up at a commissioner meeting and the job they do.

2023 DUST BOWL

Marc O'Leary presented a request for the 2023 Dust Bowl. 2022 they had over 600 riders. Estimated economic impact to be over \$100,000. They would like to keep the route the same for 2023. July 22nd is the date of the event and expect the number of participants to increase as it did last year. David Berry made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING

Jim Ensley presented for the department a replat. Subdivision that is adjusting one of the lots for land that had incidentally been sold off. David Berry made a motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF FIREARMS BID

Rick Woodall stated the Sheriff's Department had several firearms to dispose of. They received the following bids:

On Target, Scott Williams - \$4800

Acme Sports - \$11,365

Rick Woodall stated they will take the bids under advisement.

HIGHWAY

Jim Peck – Last meeting opened the annual bids. Stone went up tremendously. Bituminous increase of over 22%. He presented a chart of the bids with amounts by material.

He stated they received two bids for fuel, Co Alliance & Petroleum Traders. A lengthy discussion was made.

Bridge 276 – beams installed, deck pans and barricades will be installed prior to winter shutdown. Deduct \$188,882. Rick Woodall made a motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting with INDOT on January 3rd preventative local bridge maintenance.

Discussion was made on seeking funding for bridge maintenance. Applications open on January 2nd.

Rick Woodall stated they will be setting up a special meeting for discussion on 2023 road projects and the lack of funding. Discussion was made and the decision was made to meet January 11th at 2:30 at the Highway Department (open meeting).

The Bridge Inspection contract is going through the state agencies for approval.

Rick Woodall made the motion to accept all fuel bids as presented. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tom Helmer stated he found a taxpayer had gated a rural road that is county property.

The notice for Jones School demolition will come out on the 23rd and run for 7 days.

Insurance – Epic is looking at different liability insurance options that could potentially save the county money.

Policy Manual – Rick Woodall stated they are seeking bids to update the employee policy manual.

EMS plumbing has been resolved.

Jim Ensley has all the job descriptions, and he will be sending them out for salary studies.

County working on agreement for solar farm.

CLAIMS

December 6, 2022 – David Berry made a motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

December 8, 2022 – Rick Woodall made a motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

December 15, 2022 – Tom Helmer made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The minutes carried unanimously.

December 19, 2022 – David Berry made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

December 16, 2022 – David Berry made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

December 5, 2022 – Tom Helmer made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

December 7, 2022 – Rick Woodall made a motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried. Tom Helmer absent.

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

Dave Berry made a motion to adjourn. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams**