

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 21, 2023
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Thomas Helmer, President David Berry, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Larry Parker Phillip Gick
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	12 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on August 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Tom Helmer opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

EMS – CREDIT CARD

Kelly Russ stated the bank would not issue a second card with the same account. She stated she and Chief Deputy Anthony Taylor need a second card for several reasons. Rick stated that would mean their credit would double. Discussion was made. Rick asked that she not turn a claim in with sales tax charged on it if they agreed to an additional card. Rick made a motion to add an extra card with a limit of \$3,000. Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Jim Peck presented:

- 1) Community Crossings Road – Howard Companies commence in a couple of weeks, Delineate full depth pavement repairs on 1050 South.
- 2) Paving Projects – Milling and chip/seal operation.
- 3) Dunbar Bridge – Commissioners to execute United Consulting agreement. The agreement was approved at the July 31st meeting.
- 4) Enterprise Fleet Management – Presentation, replacing 6 of the existing trucks at the Highway Department.
- 5) 2029 Notice of Funding Agreement – Dunbar Bridge construction and inspection. Manhattan Road intersection and curve correction improvements. Countywide traffic sign inventory and replacement.
- 6) 2024-1 CCMG Project Selection – Edgelea Drive chip/seal with micro-overlay. 9.5 miles of asphalt wedge/leveling and surface overlay.
- 7) Engineering – Stop sign request at the intersection of Militia Drive and Monmouth. Bridge height protection structures. Children Playing sign request. Wheel tax & Surtax – looking at funding possibilities and doubling rates. LRSP Stakeholders meeting is set for September 13th at 1:30 at Ivy Tech.

BUDGET ADVISOR AGREEMENT – AIC

The annual agreement for Jacque Clements, AIC, to advise on budgets was presented for approval. Berry made a motion to approve. Woodall voted no. Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MINUTES

July 31, 2023 (Special) – Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. Woodall was not at the meeting. The motion carried.

August 7, 2023 (Executive) – Woodall motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

August 11, 2023 (Regular) – Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ARPA CONTRACT – BAKER TILLY

Ensley stated he would like Auditor Berish to review the contract with him to make sure the scope of services is covered.

CYBER POLICY

Ensley stated he will finish reviewing the policy and once all concerns have been addressed, he will contact a Commissioner for signature.

CHAIN SAWS – FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Helmer stated he would like to purchase one chainsaw for each fire department in the county. He received three quotes for 11 saws and would like the funding to come out of Warchest. Discussion was made. Berry made a motion to go with JTN quote pending Council funding approval. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

X-RAY MACHINE

Hamilton County donated a 12-year-old x-ray machine that was delivered last week to the courthouse for us to use for security.

ADJOURN

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

Thomas Helmer, President

David Berry, Vice President

Rick Woodall

Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams