

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
March 18, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	David Berry, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President
COUNCIL:	Phillip Gick Larry Parker
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	15 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on March 18, 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.

LAKEVIEW DRIVE 375W

Mike Semak lives in Madison Township; he came to the meeting to discuss the road he has lived on for the last 23 years. It is a cul-de-sac with seven houses on it. He spoke to someone at the Highway department last week. They explained the county had a road plan; this road was not currently on it. The department did come out and fill in the potholes. Helmer said he drove out there Friday night to check the condition of the road. Berry said he wanted to go see the road too. The Commissioners will further discuss and get back with the property owners.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Peck presented:

- 1) Bridge replacement CR 500N & CR 25W) – remove existing bridge #297, replace with an aluminum box culvert. CR 25W closed the week of April 15th.
- 2) Manhattan Road & Traffic Sign Inventory – DBE requirements have been issued by INDOT. RFP has been submitted to INDOT. INDOT to issue (posting) date and deadline for submittal. Early coordination meeting is set for March 26th.
- 3) Dunbar Bypass Bridge – early coordination meeting on March 26th.
- 4) Cornstalk Covered Bridge Repairs – Steel plate installation & beam replacement next week. Will request INDOT approval to re-open bridge.
- 5) INDOT Statewide Safety Meeting – held on April 11th. Requesting elected officials to attend.
- 6) 825E south of 750 – culvert was lit on fire. A large portion of the pipe was ruined. The building inspector saw it over the weekend. The Highway Department put out signs twice and someone is removing them. Now they will be putting material in front of it to barricade it. Looking to repair Wednesday after utilities have been located.

TRUEROLL AGREEMENT

Auditor presented to the board. Ensley had reviewed prior to the meeting and saw no revisions needed. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

MINUTES

March 4, 2024 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

March 7, 2024 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

2024 EDIT PLAN

Tabled until April 1st meeting to sign due to Woodall and Ensley not being present.

SECURITY OFFICER COURTHOUSE

Helmer said the board had hired another security officer for the courthouse, Richard Fay. His first day will be April 1st.

DRONE

Helmer brought up the county looking to purchase a drone. Doing further research. Sheriff Baugh said they were looking at purchasing one as well. He would like to discuss getting the same insurance policy due to the price difference when you have more than one drone.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT APP

Baugh said they have an app that will be available soon. Will have a soft opening. Another way to get information to the public.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

David Berry, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

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