

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
May 6, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

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

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on May 6, 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.

EMS ORDINANCE – CHANGE FEES

Auditor Berish stated she would be presenting the ordinance to the board. As the Director had stated in a previous meeting, the fees were changed by a house bill. The ordinance advertised for today's meeting is abiding by the law change. Berry made the motion to approve the ordinance 2024-05-06. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

FLOYD TWP FIRE DISTRICT – CUMULATIVE FIRE RATE

Berry read aloud the ordinance. The district makes the request per I.C. 36-8-14-2. The proposed fund will not exceed \$0.0333 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. Said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2024 pay 2025. Proof of publication of public hearing on the 16th of April 2024 was met. The fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

VAN BIBBER LAKE CONSERVANCY

No show

BIG WALNUT WATER

Jeff Mace was at the last meeting requesting funds from the county to help with the project. It had been brought up there may be some ARPA money that could be used. Helmer asked about r/o/w. Peck said they talked about it going underneath the gravel road. Berry asked if they were a not for profit. Mace said that they were. Peck said it will be a directional bore so it will have minimum impact on the top surface. Helmer made the motion to approve \$89,700 to be paid from ARPA. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

Highway Engineer Jim Peck went over the program. County has 15K appropriated. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Peck presented:

- 1) Manhattan Road and Traffic Sign Inventory – selection committee to review and rate RFP.
- 2) Annual Paving Operation – May 15th is the targeted date to start paving. Starting in southern end of county and moving north. Commissioners thought they were starting north and going south? Peck said he would verify.
- 3) CCMG Paving – plans out and bid opening at the May 20th Commissioners meeting. Award on June 3rd meeting.
- 4) Dump truck lease – reached out to First National Bank. 4-year lease at 3.63% rate. Annual payment \$90,735. 5-year lease at 3.63% rate. Annual payment \$73,877. Did not have paperwork for today's meeting. Will get with them later.
- 5) POET – seismic testing on county roads. Received certificate of insurance. Putnam County Highway is listed as additional insured.
- 6) Bridge 78 – will need to further discuss engineering proposals and 2025 construction. Also discuss funding.
- 7) Enterprise truck lease – received 4 of the 6 vehicles. Remaining 2 are being equipped with snowplows.
- 8) Additional request – worker's comp. insurance premium increased.
- 9) Republic Service proposal – recycling monthly fee is \$47.20 and 8-yd dumpster monthly fee \$146. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.
- 10) ARPA 500K Berry made the motion to approve 1200 N and Heritage Lake. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

MINUTES

April 15, 2024 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

April 23, 2024 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

CLAIMS DATED MAY 2, 2024

Berry stated the emergency claims processed on May 2, 2024, he made a motion to not approve claim from fund 1235 in the amount of \$96.61, claim from fund 2000 in the amount of \$30.07. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

TIMECLOCK AGREEMENT FOR COURTHOUSE

Berry signed. Approved at the last meeting.

ICE MILLER AGREEMENT

Ensley said he reviewed, no issues. Tabled from last meeting. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

AGREEMENT WITH HUMANE SOCIETY

Ensley said he had spoken with them, agreement up in July. Thinks it will be on the next agenda. Said agreement had removed the advisory board. This needed to be clarified.

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