

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 3, 2023
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:
COMMISSIONERS: Thomas Helmer, President
David Berry, Vice President
AUDITOR: Kristina Berish
COUNCIL: Stephanie Campbell
Larry Parker
Phillip Gick
AUDIENCE: 11 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on July 3, 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.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor Don Badolato came to the meeting to ask for a second credit card for his department. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

He also needed approval and signature for a PTABOA appointment. He was asking to add Lisa Sink. The Commissioners approved.

COUNCIL CREDIT CARD

Auditor Berish said the Council needed a credit card for conferences/meetings. She made reservations for them; however, when they go to a hotel and use their personal credit card to pay for the room the hotel will not accept a tax-exempt form. It must be a county credit card. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

CVB APPOINTMENT

Eric Freeman asked for Wes Kendall to be appointed to the CVB Board. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

HOUCK COVERED BRIDGE

Freeman also asked to use the covered bridge for a meeting for the friends of the park. He had already spoken with the County Attorney about the necessary insurance paperwork. The Commissioners approved.

GLENN FLINT LAKE PARK

Freeman said they would like to put a county park at Glenn Flint Lake. Once the engineer/design proposal was completed they would go to DNR to help fund the implementation. He had already met with the grants team at DNR. He was asking if the Commissioners would consider an 11K county match for the grant to do the park. Berry made the motion to approve, pending approval from the Council. An additional would be submitted from the EDIT warchest fund. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

E911

Dave Costin discussed power outages from storms we had the last few days.

Console center bids received at a prior meeting had been reviewed by the E911 Board. Costin said after research all 3 met specifications; however, they did recommend allowing funds for unexpected charges. The Board recommended accepting the Mindshare bid JES & Sons. The total cost would be \$456,317. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

Costin also presented the 2023 multi-hazard mitigation plan. Costin said there was a grant out there that for instance if the future annex was built in such a way to withhold against a tornado, they could apply to receive grant money to help them pay for the structure. Helmer made the motion to approve the plan and related resolution 2023-7-3. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

Caliber First alert system – it is an app that law enforcement, public safety and schools can activate to send out a notification for 911 for help. For example, an active shooter. The quicker you can get law enforcement there, the better the chances are for people involved. Costin explained how the app worked.

They had been looking for a beta site to test out the camera system on the app. North Putnam Community Schools volunteered, and they will get the system for free. The company had enough left from the grant they were looking for a second site. Did not know if the Commissioners were interested in having it at the courthouse. There would not be any fees for the set-up. There would just be an annual \$250 maintenance fee that Costin said he would absorb in his budget. The Commissioners wanted to gather further information before deciding.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – REZONE REQUEST BY BOBBY STOUT

Director Lisa Zeiner said they had a rezoning request located on road 243 in Cloverdale on county road 1000 S. The previous owner had converted it to commercial, but when his project fell through, he sold the land. The current owner wants it converted back to agricultural. Berry made the motion to approve Ordinance#2023-07-03-1. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

HIGHWAY

Engineer Jim Peck presented the report:

- 1) Gave a summary of storm damage and the work they did. Dunbar Covered Bridge had two trees fall on it and a car ran into it as they tried to get around a tree. Assessing the damage.
- 2) 2023-1 Community crossings road grant – project was bid out. 4 bidders submitted, asked the Commissioners to take under review. Berry made the motion. Helmer seconded. The motion passed. Peck to bring back at the July 17th meeting. Bids submitted by: DC Construction Services \$1,747,152.06. Rieth Riley Construction Company \$1,572,892.15. Milestone Contractors \$1,495,889.60. Howard Companies \$1,374,248.
- 3) Bridge Inspection – Rolling Stone and Cornstalk repairs underway.

- 4) BOMAG roller – received it and have invoice to be paid. Requested Commissioners to pay as an emergency claim to be paid. Helmer made the motion to allow it to be paid this week. Berry seconded. The motion passed.
- 5) Enterprise Fleet management – working on light quote to get a final number. He has the money in this year’s budget to pay for it.
- 6) Covered bridge and cumulative bridge he has put money in the budgets to start working on repairs. Also put money in for vehicles and office/building renovations.

MINUTES

June 20, 2023 – Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

CAPITAL ASSET POLICY ORDINANCE

Helmer made the motion to approve ordinance #2023-07-03-2. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Tabled since the county attorney was not at the meeting.

SECURITY OF THE COURTHOUSE

Helmer said they had received a report back from the review. They are looking at it and taking the recommendations under advisement.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Brian Williams said just for informational purposes since the vehicles under the Commissioners’ names. They will be getting another vehicle through their grant funds to spray for pest control (mosquitos) it is part of the requirements to receive the additional funding. Peck said they may be able to add this vehicle with the lease program they were utilizing to get a better deal.

ADJOURN

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

Thomas Helmer, President

David Berry, Vice President

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