

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
August 5, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	David Berry, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	24 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on August 5, 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.

COURTHOUSE DOOR BADGE REQUEST

Tera Stevenson, HR Auditor's Office, stated she had been informed that Leslie Douglas who conducts the sex offender class every Thursday had requested a badge to enter the building. The classes are normally held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. David Berry made a motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE PAINTINGS

Gwen Morris, Putnam County Museum Board member, stated they would like to request the paintings loaned to them stay at the museum. She thinks it would do the county more justice there. Wesley Wilson, DePauw University Archivist, stated the paintings belong to the citizens of the county, and they should be seen and enjoyed at the Courthouse. Tom Helmer made a motion to keep the originals at the museum and have copies made to be put on display at the courthouse. The copies would be paid for by the county and range between \$1,000 to \$1,500. David Berry seconded the motion with the condition of loan be extended for another 4 years and readdressed after that. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF VEHICLE BIDS

Tresha Clearwaters, the Sheriff's Matron, stated they received 2 bids for vehicle loans.

North Salem - \$151,000, 4.28% interest rate
First National - \$150,015, 4.40% interest rate

Rick Woodall made a motion to approve North Salem's bid. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WARCHEST ADDITIONAL – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Rick Woodall stated since the Highway Department had to have some equipment repaired at a cost of \$60,000, he wanted to take \$60,000 out of the Warchest Fund to offset it to help with their budget. Rick Woodall made a motion to approve the \$60,000 additional request. Tom Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Jim Peck, Highway Engineer presented:

- 1) 2024-01 CCMG Paving, Milestone Contractors South commenced paving
- 2) Asphalt Paving Operation – County Road 1200 N, 2.5 miles, material availability issues
- 3) Houck, Rolling Stone and Edna Collins Covered Bridges – Quote Summary
- 4) Manhattan Road HSIP 90/10 – USI Consultants contract - \$612,300, Project letting date – November 15, 2028, 2018-23, 20 crashes, 8 injuries, 10 roadway departures
- 5) Appropriation Reduction Request – Part-time employees \$50,000, Building Improvements \$50,000

Rick Woodall made a motion to approve the bid for Houck Bridge of \$73,830. David Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

David Berry made a motion to approve the bid for Edna Collins Bridge of \$50,692. Tom Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall made a motion to approve the bid for Rolling Stone Bridge of \$65,496. Tom Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

David Berry made a motion to approve the USI agreement for Manhattan Road. Tom Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COPIER CONTRACTS

Rick Woodall made a motion to approve the Auditor's Office contract with Gordon Flesch in the amount of \$9,387. Tom Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall made a motion to approve the Commissioner's contract with Gordon Flesch in the amount of \$929.28. Tom Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT

Rick Woodall stated the Hospital Board had someone resign. The Commissioners received a letter from the Hospital Board asking for Mark Wood to finish out the term that would end January 6, 2028. Tom Helmer made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. David Berry sustained. The motion carried.

ANNEX BUILDING UPDATE

Rick Woodall stated the Annex Committee had decided to go with the BOT method (Build Operate Transfer). Woodall made a motion to pass the resolution for the BOT. David Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Rick Woodall stated they had moved forward with the building beside the hospital that was up for sale. Unfortunately, someone put a bid in that was accepted by the seller and the county did not get the property. They started looking at the old Feld's building on US 231. The owner is willing to sell if the price is right and they accept the sellers' stipulations of right of way for the storage buildings behind it. Joni Young stated she, Brian Williams and Eric Wolfe had been to look at the building. It would fit their needs size-wise but would need construction done on the inside. She had asked Wolfe his professional opinion what kind of offer the seller would possibly be looking for. He stated \$750,000. Rick Woodall said he and the other two Commissioners would need to take a look at it.

MINUTES

July 15, 2024 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

David Berry, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

Rick Woodall

Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams