

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 15, 2023
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Thomas Helmer, President David Berry, Vice President Rick Woodall
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell Larry Parker
AUDIENCE:	16 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on May 15, 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.

E911 – RFP’S COMMUNICATION CONSOLE SYSTEM

Director Dave Costin stated three companies had submitted. Commissioners opened: J & K Communications, Motorola Solutions Ra-Comm and JES & Sons (Mindshare). Woodall made the motion to accept bids for review. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION – RESTROOM REMODEL

Chief Probation Officer Teresa Parrish and Probation Intake Officer Albert Arnold came to the meeting to discuss remodeling the bathroom located in their office. They do all their own drug screening which saves the cost of outsourcing. In the 30 years Parrish has worked in the office there have not been any updates to the restroom. Requesting \$1,500 to purchase materials to remodel it. They would do the work themselves. Helmer made the motion to approve up to \$2,000 and pay it from the cumulative courthouse fund. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Engineer Jim Peck presented report:

- 1) IDEM – landfill and fueling station.
- 2) Bridge Inventory/Inspection – United Consulting critical findings. Want to have a meeting on May 22 @ 1:30 pm in the Commissioners room. Bridge 133, 154, & 191 – lane closure. Bridge 211 & 45 – closed. Bridge 187, 127 & 249 – critical findings.
- 3) SS4A funding – deadline July 10th, looking at Manhattan Road. 90/10 grant.
- 4) Small Urban & Rural planning transportation program – Thrive West Central. Discussed the various programs they offer and why they weren’t helping the county with programs that would be beneficial to us. Further discussion later when it comes time when they submit proposal requesting county funds.

SRI TAX SALE SUPPORT ADDENDUM

Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL

May 5, 2023 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

May 1, 2023 – Berry made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

May 4, 2023 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

May 4, 2023 (LIT) – Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

May 11, 2023 – Berry made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

May 11, 2023 (EDIT) – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

May 15, 2023 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FLOYD TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Berry recommended Greg Earnest. Berry made the motion to appoint to fulfill remaining amount of Barry Barger's term. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

STATFLIGHT PROPOSAL

Tabled from a previous meeting. Woodall felt with everything coming to the county financially right now we should wait. It was an excellent idea but not sure if the county should try to finance it at this time. The other two agreed. Something to revisit later.

HEALTH FUNDING BILL

Woodall said the bill was approved, sometime in the next few months Commissioners need to decide if they want to participate. They need to have a meeting with the Health Department.

SOLAR PROJECT

Woodall updated what has been happening with the phone meetings they have been conducting. Still trying to negotiate.

ANNEX

Woodall said West Central Vet approached them again about purchasing part of the land. Submitted drawings. Also asked about donating part of the SW portion of the property for a park. The county needs to determine how much acreage we need for an annex before considering any of the proposals.

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
Kristina Berish**