

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
November 4, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	David Berry, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Larry Parker Phillip Gick
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	25 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on November 4, 2024, at 9:00 AM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. David Berry opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

SHERIFF – CHIRP GRANT BENEFITS

Sheriff Baugh stated they were awarded the CHIRP grant again for 2025. They are asking permission for the Commissioners to cover matching benefits of Social Security and Medicare. Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – VEHICLE LEASE

Tresha Clearwaters stated the Sheriff's Department will be leasing two Tahoe's for the new deputies. The funds are in next year's budget. First National came in at the lowest interest rate. Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – SICK HOURS PAYOUT

Tresha Clearwaters stated with the new policy for sick hour payouts, they have 5 eligible employees. They currently have the funds in this year's budget because they had a retirement payout, but the employee has decided to stay until next year. They also had some money left since they weren't fully staffed. Woodall made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JOB SHARE

Discussion was made to meet with Ensley, HR and Adult Probation.

RIVER SYSTEMS – VIDEO SYSTEMS

Zach stated he was a representative for the State of Indiana. He stated with House Bill 1167 requiring all hearings and public meetings to be live streamed and archived the state has approved services and hardware equipment to use. He's here to present the options available. It can be as simple or as complicated as you want. Woodall asked about the deadline for county and local government agencies. Ensley stated it is July 1st. Discussion was made.

NG 911 GRANT

Lisa Zeiner stated there is an address land pressing creation that Robbie Cudnick currently takes care of. With her retirement approaching they will need new software. Shawn with WTH Technologies was present to inform the Commissioners of a grant available for geographic information and keeps the county state compliant. With cell phones we must now use GPS technology for 911 services. WTH Technologies would take care of filing the grant. The grant is open for 18 months. It's not only for 911 but for Planning and Zoning, Plat and GIS. Lisa stated that since the Plat Office is coming under her supervision it falls under her department. Discussion was made. Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FOP CHRISTMAS EVENT

Darrel Button, Greencastle Police Department Deputy and President of the local FOP. The Commissioners gave them permission to host a Christmas event last year in the Courthouse and it was a tremendous success. He was there to ask permission to use the Courthouse again for the same event this year. It would be on December 14th from 9am to noon and would need access 2 hours before and 2 hours afterward. Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TIME CLOCK POLICY

Tabled till next meeting

PURDUE EXTENSION

Mark Evans has transferred to AR Educator in Hamilton County. Jenna Nees is the new director. Nees presented the Commissioners with the new agreement for county extension educator and the lease for their building in 2025. Woodall made a motion to approve the Purdue contract. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Woodall made a motion to approve the lease agreement between Landmark and the county starting January 1, 2025. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Clint Maddox, Highway Supervisor presented:

1. Bridge inspections started
2. Community Crossings Grant work is done for the year.
3. Unofficial detour agreements
4. IDEM – ground drainage inspections
5. Fueling station – needs replaced due to age
6. Covered Bridge in need of repair. One estimate came in at \$19,000.
7. Bridge 109 – pavement overlay done
8. Dump Truck radios are currently being installed.
9. Hauck Bridge is still a work in progress.
10. Bridge 225 East – trucks hauling dirt for local road project, now needs repaired.
11. Co Rd 325 N – half of the road destroyed because of local trucking company hauling product. County will be getting in touch with the company

MINUTES

October 21, 2024 - Berry made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Prosecutor's Office – Equipment exchanged. Helmer made a motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Berry stated that Jeff Mace contacted the Auditor's Office and stated the Big Walnut Water project came back under the proposed amount. They will be returning what the difference is, which should be between \$4,000-\$5,000.

Woodall stated the Annex Committee met with developer Garmon and the design company. November 21st and 22nd they will be meeting with department heads and validate plans for their offices. Woodall stated they will be looking at the land and road issues, if any. They are hoping to start construction in the summer of 2025.

Woodall stated they have one of two appraisals back for the old Feld's building they are looking at for the Health Department.

Berry stated he has received quotes for the roof to be replaced next year and a proposal for the dome.

The Commissioners received proposals for pipe work in the basement. Berry made a motion to go with Huber and Sons and for payment to come from the Cumulative Courthouse fund. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Berry made a motion to adjourn. Helmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

David Berry, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Rick Woodall

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams**