

**COMMISSIONER MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 3, 2025  
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Andy Beck
ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	20 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on February 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

Woodall made the motion to add the health department to discuss septic systems. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously

**DUST BOWL RACE**

Marc O'Leary passed out information regarding the race and went over it. Beck made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**CEMETERY BOARD**

Larry Tippin submitted the report for 2024 prior to the meeting. Woodall complimented the board's effort on getting the cemeteries cleaned up.

Rice left board, will need to fill position.

**JAIL REPORT**

Sheriff Baugh passed out the report and gave a brief overview. He also passed out information on road calls.

**JAIL REPAIRS**

JT Chadd passed out quotes to the board and they reviewed. Ensley said he had checked into it, due to it being over 150K this must be advertised for bids. He will help the Sheriff's department with the process.

**RADIO CONSULT AGREEMENT**

Director David Costin and Terry Burnsworth with Pyramid came to the meeting regarding the radio project. Costin said last month the Council had approved funding. Burnsworth brought his company's agreement, an amendment. Woodall made the motion to approve amendment #1. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEPTIC ORDINANCE**

Brian Williams informed the board that the last ordinance had been approved on January 24, 2025 by the State. However, on January 30, 2025 a bill passed that if it

goes through will throw out the ordinance just approved. They are against the bill; it removes any consequences to the contractor and puts all the repercussions on the homeowner. Their ordinance addressed this.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Director Clint Maddox passed out information regarding their key card system for fuel station. Estimate \$20,000.

Woodall said there was a meeting last week at the highway department and they went over the budget for 2025. Beck asked about other departments utilizing it, could they help with the expenses? Woodall said we could, but the budgets are already set for this year. Commissioners should find where to pay it from, maybe EDIT warchest.

Maddox brought up the durapatcher. During the meeting last week, it was decided the county really needed another mower. Looking at pricing, short 60-80K. It will double the capacity of what they can do.

Maddox said the clinic did not have a full time PA any longer which has caused them to go elsewhere for their CDL physical. Woodall will check with the clinic to see when someone will be hired.

He went over the gravel road miles in each district of the county. The price of rock being what it is, they are financially in rough shape. All 3 graders are out working today. They look for cheaper rock but bad thing is when it is cheaper it sells out quickly. Beck had suggested "rip" a gravel road and see how that helps. Maddox said they are open to new ideas. They plan on trying it on a road and see what results they get.

IDEM certification for fuel pumps, Maddox will have to take the online tests to make the county compliant.

### **MINUTES**

January 21, 2025 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **BOILER UPDATE**

Head Custodian Cliff Ross passed out paperwork regarding the boilers. As they know, one boiler had quit working. The second one has cracked, Huber looked at it. They will be in contact with the company to see if this one is still under warranty. And trying to get the first boiler expedited. This has caused the water/sewer bill to be extremely high. Auditor Berish has been in contact with the city, and they will make an adjustment for two months.

### **ROOF ON COURTHOUSE**

Head Custodian Cliff Ross has been in contact with companies trying to get estimates on fixing the dome and replacing the courthouse roof. The roof, due to the cost will need to be bid out. Woodall asked Ensley to start that process.

Ross has only found one company, First Due out of Danville, IN so far to fix the dome. It will cost around 33K. Woodall made the motion to approve moving forward with getting the dome fixed and to pay it out of the cumulative courthouse budget. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **COUNTY PARKING SPOT SIGNAGE**

Ross asked what signage they wanted put up for the one spot left the county had not obligated of the five spots. He also suggested taking a spot on the east side of the courthouse where the ramp is located. The board said to have similar language of the other signs already posted.

#### **SUPERIOR COURT NEW CARPET REQUEST**

Auditor Berish - quote submitted from Hicks & Sons in the amount of \$4,064.50. Beck went and looked at the carpet this morning. It needs to be replaced. Beck made the motion to approve and pay it from cumulative courthouse, not to exceed \$4,200. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **YMCA MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Tera Stevenson, HR said this was tabled from the last meeting for further review. Platinum was the best option, \$1,800 a year. This would give the county employees a 10% membership discount and the county can choose two additional options offered by the YMCA.

Helmer made the motion to approve the Platinum tier and to pay it from the health insurance account in their budget. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The county will review the participation quarterly and relook at this next year if they want to continue. The Commissioners want more information before selecting the two additional options offered in the tier.

#### **ANNEX**

Woodall went over where the committee and companies were at this point. Next meeting this Thursday.

#### **REDEVELOPMENT AND TIF**

Woodall said the county is researching and looking to create additional funds for the county. We must get more funding mechanisms for the roads and bridges in our county. The first step is to make a redevelopment commission per Clary.

#### **BRIDGE MEETING**

Woodall said a special meeting is set for February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at the 911 center. They are talking to companies about the bridges and asking for their help to list the top 20 bridges needing to be replaced or repaired due to the shape they are in.

#### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Tera Stevenson, HR said there were two employees requesting a 30 day leave of absence: 1 from the highway, 1 from the sheriff. Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Helmer made the motion to adjourn. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Rick Woodall, President**

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**Tom Helmer, Vice President**

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**Andy Beck**

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