

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**JANUARY 23, 2023**  
**8:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

COMMISSIONERS:	Thomas Helmer, President David Berry, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Larry Parker
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	4 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on January 23, 2023, at 8:00 AM in the Circuit Courtroom.

**DEMOLITION BIDS FOR OLD JONES SCHOOL**

Commissioners went through their notes of who, off the top, they would eliminate for various reasons (example of price or bid not detailed enough). Companies eliminated were: Collom Excavating LLC, Woolridge Construction Group, All American Construction Hauling LLC, S & G Excavating, JAShroyer Group LLC, and Gentry Demolition LLC.

That left two bids from The Denney Companies and P.F.S. Excavation & Demolition. Berry said when he was reviewing the bids he looked at the cost but also how much experience the company had with this type of work. Denney and P.F.S. have the experience. Discussed the extra 40K in Denney's bid, is it worth the price. Clint Maddox and Jim Peck from the Highway department said it was worth paying the extra price to have the company do it instead of the county.

Berry made the motion to accept The Denney Companies bid (\$166,948 + \$42K for a total of \$208,948) and to pay for the demolition out of the annex fund. Helmer seconded. Woodall opposed. The motion passed.

Ensley advised approving an alternative in case something happened and The Denney Companies backed out once they saw all the requirements. Helmer made the motion to approve P.F.S. Excavation & Demolition as the alternate. Berry seconded. Woodall opposed. The motion passed.

Commissioners asked the Auditor to send out a notice to the companies who were not awarded the project. Berry would contact Denney to let them know there were awarded. Ensley will walk them through all the required documents that will need to be signed and received (example: liability insurance).

Also discussed West Central Veterinary Services wanting 1 acre on the south side of the property for expansion and Putnam Inn Restaurant wants part of the north side.

### **CATERPILLAR 320 EXCAVATOR**

Jim Peck said he did further research on financing, received quotes from First National Bank 3.79%, North Salem 4.375% and Tri-County Bank 5.95%. First payment due 2/1/2024. This would increase the annual budgeted amount from 35K to 55K from the cumulative bridge fund. Woodall made the motion to approve First National. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT APPLICATION**

Jim Peck added the additional 1.73 miles for 1050 South. Projected 138K per mile, this year's cost was 167K per mile. Applying for the full 1M. County match is \$333,333.34. Woodall made the motion to approve and sign the financial commitment letter. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ROAD PLAN**

Peck said they were going to be short on millings. Would need to look at the road plan. Woodall asked for Clint Maddox to go through the list and prioritize them. Once done, they will meet and discuss.

### **BRIDGES 109 & 112 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Peck said both of these bridges were on West Walnut. Drew up a financial commitment letter for #109. Complete cost of project \$1,249,250 county match of \$249,850. Potentially could bid out in year 2025. Helmer made the motion to approve and sign letter of commitment. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Bridge #112 complete cost of project \$1,554,000 county match \$310,800. Woodall made the motion to approve and sign letter of commitment. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **TRUCK FLEET**

Peck said they met with Enterprise and will be meeting with them again to get more information and come back to the board at a later date. He had heard Surveyor and Assessor wanted a vehicle.

### **FUELING STATION**

Peck said 2 of the 3 bucket assemblies failed inspection. IDEM will be coming out to inspect. Worst case scenario, have to replace.

### **LANDFILL**

Peck said IDEM coming on February 7, 2024 to inspect.

### **CSI AGREEMENT**

Tabled from last meeting. Agreement presented by Recorder Heather Gilbert. Woodall made the motion to approve and sign. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Commissioners received 3 letters of interest. Woodall said he had heard through grapevine a past member of the County Council was interested, but he had not submitted a letter. Berry stated he would like to see more options for candidates to appoint. Helmer made the motion to table. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURN**

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

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**Thomas Helmer, President**

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**David Berry, Vice President**

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**Rick Woodall**

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