

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
October 21, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

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

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on October 21, 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.

Berry made a motion to add the Indiana Extension Homemakers Week proclamation to the agenda. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Berry read the proclamation aloud.

REZONING

Lisa Zeiner presented a rezoning request for property owned by Buddy Tencher. Going from R2 to A2 to put up an agricultural fence for 4-H purposes. Berry made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EMS – VEHICLE PURCHASE & ORDINANCE REVISION

Kelly Russ presented an ordinance with a one sentence change to have an ambulance at DePauw games or “special events”. Woodall made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Russ stated at the previous meeting they had instructed her to bring back government pricing for an ATV purchase. She presented 4 quotes. Discussion was made on two or four doors. Russ stated they prefer the Can Am over the Polaris Ranger due to the additional storage. Russ stated she has the money in her current budget due to over budgeting. Berry asked when the anticipated pick up would be. Russ stated it would be in November of this year. Discussion was made on the ATV amenities and additional equipment they will have installed at a later date. Helmer made a motion to approve the Can Am Defender for a price of \$24,183.93. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

WALNUT CREEK FIRE APPOINTMENT

Berry made a motion to add Mike Nesbitt to the Walnut Creek Fire Board of Directors. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PTO PROPOSAL

Berry stated there will no longer be vacation, sick or personal. Woodall stated it's earned time off and shouldn't matter what the name of it is. Ensley stated they will just need to approve. They previously approved the cap of time accrued. Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Parrish asked if they had ever had a second meeting with office holders. Helmer stated they feel the new ordinance addresses all the concerns at the original meeting. Parrish feels there's no way she can use all of her sick time in a year's period. Ensley stated any time there are changes to the handbook there will be special circumstances they will need addressed. The Commissioners advised her to speak with HR Deputy, Tera Stephenson.

TITLE IV-D NEW POSITION/RESTRUCTURING

Vickie Patterson presented a proposal for restructuring her office. She has two case workers leaving at the end of the month. She would like to bring back their secretary's position that was eliminated years ago and hire only one case worker back. Discussion was made on the drop in cases being from Obama eliminating the requirement that they work Medicaid cases. Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

KEIGHTLY ROAD PROPERTY

Woodall stated the property directly behind the Sheriff's Department is currently for sale. Deputy Tom Sutherlin stated they will rent the building for storage until the sale possibly goes through. Woodall stated he doesn't know where the money would come from. He is hoping the County Council may help with it. The Sheriff had a local realtor do an estimate of what the property may be worth. Berry made a motion to proceed. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Clint Maddox, Highway Supervisor presented:

1. 775 W – INDOT wants the county to put together a patching plan
2. 600 N – INDOT will replace the piping
3. 600 W – will be another detour route, estimated to be 21 days
4. \$41,000 to repair a 2016 truck that is not in commission due to a blown motor. Kenworth is willing to fix it and wait for payment next year since the money is not in the 2024 budget. Woodall stated he's in favor. Helmer and Berry concurred.
5. Gravel roads are in good condition for winter

MINUTES

October 7, 2024 - Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Woodall stated the county has been working on an Annex project. The county decided to hire Envoy for the county owner's rep. Dales with Envoy stated they presented an RFQ on September 3rd and received 5 responses. After meeting the steering committee was most impressed with Garmon.

Woodall made a motion to open a public hearing. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Woodall asked if there were any questions or concerns. Andy Beck asked how many stories the building will be. Woodall stated that it has not been

determined. The decision is part of the whole process. Berry made a motion to close the public hearing. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Woodall made a motion to accept Garmon to be the developer and changing Heapy & CE Solutions to DLZ. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ensley stated the purchase agreement with Greencastle storage has an addendum that only pushes the acceptance date back.

Berry stated Atlas has finished the stonework on the courthouse. They found out there are issues with the roof. They received 3 proposals for a new roof.

Lisa Zeiner stated the Board of Zoning Appeals has issued for the buildings in Russellville to be demolished. If the owners don't do it, the county will have to step in.

The grocery store in Roachdale has been purchased and the new owner is looking into whether the building will be able to be

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**