

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
April 21, 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	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	17 Individuals

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

BEREAVEMENT POLICY

Auditor's Office HR Deputy Tera Stevenson presented a bereavement policy for Commissioner approval. The policy will help make it more accommodating for 24-hour operation departments. Discussion was made. Helmer made a motion to approve the policy. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VEREGY

Rick Anderson presented with Veregy stated they do guarantee energy savings projects. They would study the county's utility bills and the building and come back with a report on how to save energy. Discussion was made on potential savings. Anderson stated if the county doesn't see savings, they must write a check to the county. Woodall stated they will take the information under advisement and get back with him in a week or two.

DECLARE WEATHER DISASTER

E911 Director Dave Costin met with DHS to talk about the damage to the highways due to the recent weather the county received. There's a \$170,00 threshold and the county is reaching that. The first step is declaring a weather disaster. If the threshold is met, they will receive reimbursement. Costin stated there are 4 counties around us that have done so. Woodall made a motion to create a local emergency weather disaster declaration. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Director Clint Maddox reported the following:

- 1) Community Crossings contract for signing. Milestone approached them about starting early this year.

- 2) Maddox asked if the recent Highway pay structure is going retroactive to April 7th. Woodall stated yes.
- 3) Fuel distribution card reader is good to go, needs to know where the funds to pay for it are to come from. The total amount is \$18,053.51. Each department using the machines will be responsible for paying for their own fobs. Woodall made a motion to pay \$18,053.51 out of the EDIT Warchest fund pending Council approval. Helmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Proposals for roof repair on covered bridges: P. Mast Metal Roofing - \$21,500 for Cornstalk, \$2,500 Dunbar; TDJ Roofing & Exteriors - \$17,680 Cornstalk, \$39,77 Dunbar. Woodall made a motion to use Ping Mast on Cornstalk. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Woodall made a motion to use TDJ for Dunbar. Helmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Received quote for \$256,000 for new dump truck completely loaded including snowplow. Waiting for a quote for single axle.

Woodall stated discussion needs to be made regarding bridges. They spent two days with engineering companies, and they believe they have made a good start to moving forward. I would like to start at bridge 133 on CR 500 east. Discussion was made on the bids received and whether to replace the bad part or replace the whole thing.

Beck's concern is the road being shut down for over 6 months if they replace all of it. He stated they are looking at bridges 122,123 and 124. Woodall asked if they should be hired out or if the highway department could do it. Maddox stated it will take longer but they can do it. Beck said that it would save over \$300,000. Discussion was made about new proposals received. Woodall made a motion to approve the proposal from Civilcon for \$616,207.64 for the purchase of materials for bridges 122,123 and 124. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Woodall stated they have had several companies reach out for on-call agreements. On call agreements are for UP TO numbers. Discussion was made on the process. Woodall stated Ensley will need to review all the proposals by the next Commissioner meeting.

Woodall asked if the construction on the bridges need to be bid out. Ensley stated he will research and get back with them at the next meeting.

CY2026 INDOT GRANT APPLICATION

Woodall stated that the annual INDOT Grant application for Rural Transit out of Bloomington that the county subsidizes was up. It's an annual application they must apply for. Woodall made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

JOB DESCRIPTION/SALARY SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Beck stated at the last Council meeting they created a sub-committee for job descriptions and salaries consisting of 5 people. The Auditor, HR Deputy, two Councilman and a Commissioner. Beck made a motion to appoint Helmer to the committee. Woodall seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES

April 2, 2025, Joint Session– Helmer made a motion to approve. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

April 7, 2025, Regular Session– Woodall made a motion to approve. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

April 7, 2025, Special Session – Woodall made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

April 7, 2025, Executive Session – Beck made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ANNEX

Lisa Lee with Ice Miller stated they are the bond council for the annex project. She stated the first process is the Resolution of Need. It gives authority to get two appraisals of the property and authorizes a supporting property taxpayer petition. The petition must have 50 supporting property taxpayer signatures. Woodall made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-4-21-1. Helmer seconded. Beck voted no. Motion carried.

HISTORIC COVERED BRIDGES

Phil Gick brought a list of signs needed on the historic covered bridges for the National Registry of Historic Places. The Highway Department will have the signs ready.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Helmer received an application for the courthouse security position. Helmer made a motion to hire Santiago Lopez Cebreros. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Woodall made the motion to adjourn. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Andy Beck

Attest: Auditor's Office, Evelyn Williams