

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SPECIAL SESSION
OCTOBER 25, 2023
3:30PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Thomas Helmer, President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Phillip Gick
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kindria Martin
AUDIENCE:	8 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on October 25, 2023, at 3:30PM. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Highway Department.

PAVING

Highway Engineer Jim Peck handed out document with estimates for 2024 paving... Cost: \$2,157,020.00 Budget for 2024 is \$ 1,075,000.00. Discussed possibilities of other funding resources. Woodall suggested the county have their own hot mix plant. Parke and Clay counties may be happy to purchase from us since it would be a shorter distance to haul it.

Peck said they could remove the chip and seal out of the road plan and instead do a fog seal. This would still protect and prolong the longevity of the road. Highway Supervisor Clint Maddox had made a list of the worst roads in the county that must have hot mix due to the roads being too deteriorated and could not be chip and sealed.

MANHATTAN ROAD CURVE CORRECTION

This is to correct the curve on Manhattan Road beside Seniou's towing. Peck requested approval to apply for federal funding through the LPA Notice of Funding Availability. It would be a 90%/10% grant: Federal funds \$3,086,730.00 and Local Funds \$342,970. There would be high friction surfacing and lighting added to this portion of the road to make it safer.

The topic of having road signs replaced has been brought to the table. Helmer asked the importance of the signs. Campbell stated the reflectivity of a lot of the signs are very poor and do need replaced. It is a safety issue. Peck stated the curve correction and sign replacements would be from the same project.

Woodall asked Peck what the priority would be of bridges versus the curve correction project. Peck felt Manhattan Road was the higher priority due to documented personal injuries and property damage.

Woodall made the motion to approve the application for funding. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIDGES

On the last inspection cycle out of the county's 222 bridges, 66 need to be replaced; 30 need to be rehabbed. Based on Federal costs, to replace the 66 bridges → \$142,922,000 and the 30 rehab bridges \$21,230,000.

Peck has a list of bridges that need to be priority for the next 4 years.

ADJOURN

Helmer adjourned the meeting.

Thomas Helmer, President

Rick Woodall

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Kindria Martin**