

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 7, 2024  
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

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| COMMISSIONERS:   | David Berry, President<br>Tom Helmer, Vice President<br>Rick Woodall |
| COUNCIL:         | Stephanie Campbell, President                                        |
| AUDITOR'S OFFICE | Evelyn Williams                                                      |
| AUDIENCE:        | 16 Individuals                                                       |

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on October 7, 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.

**JRAC OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISBURSEMENT**

Jamie France stated the JRAC Committee has met several times. There will be two grant cycles each year. They had a grant writing workshop to help recipients. They received 13 applications. \$560,000 was requested and they are recommending \$264,958 to distribute this cycle. Discussion was made on the recipients that wouldn't get the whole amount requested. Woodall asked how they were going to make sure the recipients use the money how it was meant to be. France stated they will have the recipients turn in reports. Helmer made a motion to approve the funds as presented. Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH GRANT**

Kelly Russ stated that Putnam County was awarded \$315,000 for one year and then guaranteed another 3 years to start participating in Mobile Integrated Health program. Stipulations for the grant include addressing opioid use and mental health issues. The team will include 3 new positions, director, ???, Peer support specialist, may work with Cummins to coordinate. Russ stated she estimates EMS calls are around 15% opioid or mental health issues and they go on around 4,000 runs a year.

Will get copy of proposed budget.

Mobile teams can transport whereas EMS cannot because of the rules/laws. Woodall asked if it would take anything away from EMS. Russ stated it wouldn't take away from them but would be beneficial for the community, the Sheriff's Department, less homelessness, etc. Crawfordsville has received national awards because of this type of program. Berry made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**EMS VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Berry made a motion to add EMS Vehicle purchases. Helmer seconded. The motion carried. Russ stated they have the funds in their 1151 EMS budget. They are looking to get a side-by-side vehicle for special events and bad weather. She's received two quotes. Retrofitted for cots, oxygen tanks, etc. \$22,585 no cot, \$29635 with. Discussion was made about why there was enough in the budget to pay for such a

large purchase. Russ stated she over estimated. Woodall stated he would like to table until they can do more research. Berry and Helmer agreed.

#### **COMMUNITY CARES GRANT**

Cummins Mental Health, Amy Wells seeking approval to receive a grant. The applicant must be local government. Establish or expand the 24-hour crisis team. Grant is due this Friday. Cummins will write the grant and do all the reporting. Woodall asked the amount. Wells stated they do not know yet. To be fully funded they would request \$1,000,000. If they are not approved of the full amount they will then adjust. Two-year grant. The money would have to go through the county. Woodall made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SHERIFF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND TRADE-IN**

Sheriff Baugh stated they have 2 eight-year-old lawn mowers they would like to trade for two new ones. Brad Alspaugh and the inmates mow county property regularly. Discussion was made on the quotes received. They are requesting the Commissioners pay for one and they will pay for the other. Woodall asked if Warchest could be used. Council members, Campbell and Gick, stated either Warchest or Rainy Day. Woodall made a motion to approve the lawn mower purchase from Humphrey's not to exceed \$8,000 out of Rain Day Fund. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Baugh stated they have a 2008 Ford pickup truck, and the bed is about to fall off it because of spreading salt. He would like permission to sell it and use proceeds to purchase a new plow to put on Alspaugh's truck. Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ASSESSOR LAND SOFTWARE**

Don Badolato, County Assessor, stated he will be purchasing land software from WTH. With Robbie retiring the Assessor's office is taking back the land. He stated he was here for transparency.

#### **PUTNAM COUNTY AWARD**

Lisa Zeiner stated that the Association of Indiana Counties awarded Putnam County with the Local Government Cooperation Award for the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **2025 PAYROLL SCHEDULE**

Helmer, Berry

#### **2025 MEETING DATES**

Berry, Helmer

#### **2025 CLAIM DATES**

Berry, Woodall

#### **E911 CONSULTANT REQUEST FOR PROPSAL**

David Costin state that the consultant hired wants permission to get the RFP published for the radio simulcast system. Berry, Helmer

## **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Clint Maddox, Highway Supervisor presented:

1. Cleaning up a lot of trees from wind or storm damage
2. Working at the Armory to clean out the old baseball dugouts
3. Houck, Rolling Stone & Edna Collins covered bridges update
4. Manhattan Road engineering funding
5. Traffic Sign Inventory
6. Dunbar Bridge stage 1 construction plan review
7. Unofficial local detour – ULD agreements
8. Keightly Road paving project
9. Highway Department office flooring – received quotes from Hicks & Sons and one from Floor Fashions. Helmer made a motion to go with Hicks & Sons. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

September 16, 2024 - Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

September 17, 2024 -

## **MAIL**

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Helmer stated they had a meeting with Weatherford at the hospital. Helmer stated he changed his mind and should continue looking into the old Feld's building for the Health Department. Ensley stated he has been in contact with Eric Wolfe, a real estate agent regarding the cost of the building. Helmer made a motion to get two appraisals for the building at 1221 South Bloomington Street and the payment to come from Fund 1161. Woodall seconded. Berry opposed. Motion passed.

Woodall stated the RFP is out for the annex building.

Woodall stated that Anthem, when renewed, raised the deductible from what they originally quoted the county. The county didn't know until an employee found out the hard way. Woodall stated Anthem was unaware of the problem and is looking into it.

Discussion was made on the property in Russellville on Harris Street. It was sold at tax sale by someone that isn't aware that the building is falling in. Ensley stated he has been working with Lisa Zeiner, Planning and Building Director.

Woodall stated he wants to talk to Epic Insurance regarding the county liability policies. He has seen it going up by at least 24% and was told by his personal insurance agent that it's happening everywhere.

## **ADJOURN**

Berry made a motion to adjourn. Woodall seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

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**David Berry, President**

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**Tom Helmer, Vice President**

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**Rick Woodall**

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**Attest: Auditor's Office**  
**Evelyn Williams**