

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
SPECIAL SESSION
November 20, 2024
6:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

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

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on November 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm in a special session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. David Berry opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

ROCK QUERRY CLOVERDALE

Dave Berry stated the meeting was being held regarding property wanting to change from A1 to natural resources.

Petitioner – Greg Gould, Eric Hayman property owner, Joe Colderin, Atty. In the limestone quarry, they go where rock is. Putnam county has a lot of good rock. Stated they are very regulated, and they follow the rules. There is a supply shortage in aggregate. Not enough construction rock. Shortage for certain types of chemistry in the rock. And it's only going to get worse. All they are asking is to be able to do what other people have been allowed to do. Jo Colderin with Barnes & Thornburg stated he has worked on land issues for 35 years. They can meet every standard that is required.

Apposing – Eddie Felling with Felling Law Firm stated they have held community meetings with concerned property owners. Felling stated he deals with rezoning issues often. People often oppose rezoning because they don't understand the operation. He stated he put together a dozen questions for the petitioner. The response to it was he was not responding to the letter. Property owners felt very offended. Blasting will affect property owners' homes as well as the dust in the air. Felling stated he guarantees this will have very little impact on the revenue that would come into the county. The semis and vehicles are constantly going up and down the road. There are several children in the area that parents worry about getting hit by the vehicles going in and out of the quarry. Desirable use of property doesn't meet standards. It will be detrimental to property value. It's not zoned natural resources for a reason. He asks for their request be denied. The property owners have received little to no information about what the operation is. It would affect a 3 mile stretch of homes.

Jerry Collins 700 S. – has concerns for diseases and health issues. He has found the limestone in the air causes these issues. And the land, there will be huge holes.

What's the reclamation on it. They don't put anything in the holes they make. Safety on the roads. Cracks in their homes. Water tables.

Gary Wade Jr. – tremendously proud to live in Indiana. He feels greed is a big factor in wanting to use this land for this purpose. Seems like an act of aggression against them and their families. They have worked hard to pick their spot to live the rest of their lives and don't want it interrupted.

Sandy Gibbs – She thinks that their decision is between going for the money or for the health and safety of their children. The limestone would tear up their homes. It shouldn't be about the money.

Tracy Reed 700 S. – property has been in the family since the 1800s. They had a study done on the basis if there was another quarry to go in. The new quarry will cause land slides and will make their wells go dry. Detrimental to the 50 plus families and the land.

Another homeowner stated he has lost three mailboxes. There have been countless wrecks, and the road is meant for residential traffic, not large trucks.

Commissioner Woodall stated his largest concern has to do with the road. The county spent \$270,000 to pave 700 S. He's worried about having that many trucks at one time.

Berry made a motion to deny the rezoning appeal. Helmer seconded the motion. Woodall was against the motion. The motion carried.

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**