

COMMISSIONERS & COUNCIL MEETING
JOINT SESSION
November 25, 2024
9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	David Berry, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Jay Alcorn, Vice President Larry Parker Phil Gick Danny Wallace
ATTORNEYS:	Jim Ensley, County Attorney Trudy Selvia, Council Attorney
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	3 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners and County Council met on November 25, 2024, at 9:00 AM in joint session.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PURCHASE OF BUILDING FOR THEIR DEPARTMENT

Campbell read aloud Resolution 2024-11-25-2 regarding the interest in purchasing property 1221 S Bloomington St., Greencastle. The purchasing agent would be the Board of Commissioners. Parker made the motion to approve. Gick seconded. The motion passed.

Woodall questioned when the Commissioners could order the appraisals. Ensley said since the Council approved, the Board could move forward with the appraisals.

The county was looking at a purchase price of \$750,000. With an additional estimated amount for renovations of \$600,000. Discussed where the purchase price could be paid from, and the dollar amount the Council was willing to pay. Alcorn stated he was in favor of the county paying the full purchase price from the new annex fund.

The Council realizes from a previous meeting that the Health Department would not be able to pay the full amount of the renovations, the amount the Council could allocate towards it and from where is a later discussion to have. They want to make sure whatever the Health Department covers it is not depleting their funds and that they have funds to run the department and offer programs needed for the community.

Campbell read aloud Resolution 2024-11-25-1 regarding the interest in purchasing property 91 Keightly Road, Greencastle. The purchasing agent would be the Board of Commissioners. Alcorn made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

Gick made the motion to do an additional request or their January 2025 meeting in the amount of \$750,000 from the new annex fund to purchase the property on 91 Keightly Road for the Health Department. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

DEMOLITION OF BUILDING IN THE TOWN OF RUSSELLVILLE

Ensely and Lisa Zeiner, Planning Commission Director gave the background on the property. It falls under the unsafe building act. There are specific steps to take according to the act which have been followed.

Wallace asked about the county's liability. Ensley felt since the county was following the proper steps it would help protect the county. There is money already appropriated in Lisa Zeiner's department budget. They would pay the cost to remove the building. The amount would then be added as a lien on the property for the owner to pay back the county.

Woodall made the motion to approve the removal of the building located at 22 S Harrison, Russellville. Helmer second. The motion passed unanimously.

KEIGHTLY ROAD PROPERTY

Since the council had approved the resolution, the Commissioners need to select companies to appraise the property. After discussion, Woodall made the motion to utilize Freije Appraisals and Lawon & Co. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Wallace made the motion to adjourn the Council's portion of the meeting. Gick seconded. The motion passed. Helmer made the motion to adjourn the Commissioners' portion of the meeting. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by both boards.

David Berry, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Rick Woodall

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Larry Parker

Danny Wallace

Phil Gick

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish**

