

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
July 1, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	David Berry, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Larry Parker Phil Gick
ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	22 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on July 1, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. David Berry opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

ANNEX – OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE

Woodall stated the annex committee consisted of 2 Council members, County Attorney, Auditor and himself. They felt the county needed an owner’s representative for this project to make sure all the steps were being followed and to protect the county’s best interest. After meeting with Veridus, BW and Envoy, the committee is recommending the Commissioners approve Envoy. Woodall made the motion to approve Envoy. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Berry signed the fee proposal.

Woodall asked if the Commissioners wanted the committee to still work on it. Unanimously decided to have the committee stay in place through the process of the annex. The committee will meet on July 10th for a kickoff meeting.

NORTH DOOR COURTHOUSE BADGE

Tera Stevenson, HR presented a list of individuals who had asked for a badge. The Commissioners allow the following:

DJ Hendrich and John Hendrich, IT – share 1 badge with 24-hour access
Trudy Selvia, Council attorney & Public Defender – badge with normal business hours access except for Tuesday nights
Stephanie Campbell, County Council – badge with 24-hour access
Health Dept. – 1 badge to share in dept. with normal business hours access
Sheriff – 1 badge with 24-hour access
Jail – 1 badge with normal business hours access
EMS – 1 badge with normal business hours access
Extension – 1 badge with normal business hours access
Highway – 1 badge with normal business hours access except for Tuesday nights
Soil & Water – 1 badge with normal business hours access
Title IVD – 1 badge with normal business hours access
911 – 1 badge with normal business hours access

SUPERIOR COURT PROPOSAL

Office Manager Tamila Shrum came to the meeting regarding proposals for the Superior court: \$1,378.61 for gooseneck microphone and \$29,151.46 for additional gooseneck microphones, mics, speakers, etc. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DATA USE AGREEMENT

Robbie Cudnik presented agreement, standard agreement for their information from GIS. Sharing it with the City of Greencastle for work they are doing with American StructurePoint. Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PIE COALITION

Shannon Detro came to represent the county comprehensive community plan. Here to formally ask for approval of their claim in the amount of \$40,350. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Jim Peck Highway Engineer presented report:

- 1) CCMG – INDOT to issue a purchase order.
- 2) Asphalt paving operation – CR 900 S – 2 miles.
- 3) Bridge 288 critical findings guardrail – replace with INDOT standard guardrail and obtaining quote from Drew Corporation.
- 4) FBI Buildings anticipate starting July 15th. Request emergency claim \$8,488. This is a partial payment. Auditor let him know if making a partial payment there is a form and process, he will have to do. This is a state requirement that we learned about at our State called Auditor's conference. He will need to contact the Claims deputy to get the required document, fill it out and it must be approved by the Council before payment can be made. Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Radios – asked for status. Woodall said he would research and get back with him.

MINUTES

June 17, 2024 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail. Phil Gick said they would like to have a Commissioner representative at the ceremony where the 9 covered bridges will be made officially historical. A certificate will be issued.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT

Berry said the previous appointment had been inaccurate in how it was handled and that has been resolved. After receiving recommendations, Helmer made the motion to appoint Wendell Underwood, which is their original recommendation. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Woodall said our insurance will be renewed August 1, 2024. 2023/2024 has been the highest claim year in the last 20 years. We have exceeded the cap on our maximum deductible. We will have runoff claims that will have to be paid. The estimated cost is 500K. Once the county knows for sure the amount of the claims, we will be going to the Council with an additional to pay for it from the health insurance trust fund.

This is looked at as an anomaly of a high year. They do not foresee this as ongoing, so our rates did not increase accordingly.

RESOLUTION 2024-7-1

Ensley said they made a motion at the last meeting to approve the 2013 Dodge Charger transferring from the Sheriff's department to Van Bibber Lake Conservancy. Berry made the motion to approve the resolution. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AIC AGREEMENT

1 year agreement \$5,100 with AIC with the county as our budget advisor. Woodall made the motion to approve and pay from the Council budget. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Berry made a motion to adjourn. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David Berry, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

Rick Woodall

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