

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
September 16, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

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

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on September 16, 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.

PROPERTY FLOODING

Property owner, Debbie Mitchell and friend Jake Moss were present to discuss the flooding issue at 6527 North County Road 725 East. Mitchell purchased the property in 1989. She presented pictures of before and after the county put a culvert in. The water has eroded the property. All of the runoff from the farm ground across the road comes over to her property. Mitchell stated she has lost trees due to the flooding. Discussion was made. Clint Maddox, Highway Supervisor, stated he will come and look at it to see if he could come up with a solution.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Jim Ensley stated a department head wants approval for an employee that has not been employed long enough to qualify for FMLA to be able to take a leave of absence. Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Helmer made a motion to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MUSEUM PAINTINGS

Gwen Morris stated they finished the project of reprinting the Courthouse paintings at a cost of \$1,348 for the Commissioners. Morris stated she would like to do a brochure with the history of the paintings.

Morris stated she would like to restore the mural in the courtrooms. She believes she can get grant money to help pay for it. She knows people that would come in to give estimates, but she believes they will be over \$50,000. Ensley stated they have talked about doing fund raisers as well. Berry made a motion to allow the museum to get an estimate for the costs and go after grants. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Clint Maddox, Highway Supervisor presented:

1. All paving projects are complete for the years
2. Haven't heard anything from the city regarding Keightly Road.
3. Dulton Vegetation is working on the grass control
4. ECS has done a great job on Rolling Stone Bridge.
5. Graters and patch crews running all summer.

Berry asked how the county was set for the winter. Maddox said they are doing well and will probably order more sand.

MINUTES

September 3, 2024 - Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

David Berry, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Rick Woodall

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