

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 20, 2023
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:
COMMISSIONERS: Thomas Helmer, President
David Berry, Vice President
ATTORNEY: James Ensley
AUDITOR: Kristina Berish
COUNCIL: Stephanie Campbell
Larry Parker
Phillip Gick
AUDIENCE: 15 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on June 20, 2023, at 9:00 AM. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Tom Helmer opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

VACATE AN ALLEY

Benny Payne had asked for an alley to be vacated. GIS Deputy Robbie Cudnik came to the meeting to explain where the alley was in Carpentersville on the West end of Jefferson Street and South of lot 4. Payne owns both sides of the alley. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed. The County Attorney will advise of the next steps that need to be taken.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Engineer Jim Peck presented a report:

- 1) Landfill – had asked for topographic survey proposals. The County Surveyor had sent him a letter stating they did not have the equipment to do it. Presented an agreement from Align CEC in the amount of \$12,000. Would like to have it done by September to report back to IDEM. Berry made the motion to approve pending approval of money appropriated by the Council. Not to exceed \$12,000. Helmer seconded. The motion passed. County Attorney will see if it is an allowable expense from the hazardous waste fund.
- 2) Bridge 276 – CSX said they would have a flagger on site for 100 days. Due to delays it took 170 days. Based on contract they are requesting a change order of \$124,962 for the additional days. The highway did track the days the flagger was present. Commissioners questioned the order since a lot of the delays were due to CSX. After some discussion, Berry made the motion to approve, pay it from cumulative bridge. Helmer seconded. The motion passed. Peck will draw up the additional to submit to the Council.
- 3) Discussed at the last meeting the 245K loan they paid for equipment for 2023 to Tri-County Bank. It came from the 300K the Commissioners had appropriated for the Highway out of EDIT. Woodall had asked him to find alternatives where they could reduce to make up for the reduction in money for road projects.

Peck suggested three different alternatives in a reduction of 6.6 miles in the mill/chip/seal or 20 miles of chip/seal. It is either reduce miles or do an additional from the highway fund, there is 500K still available. But Peck wanted to use it for community crossing project and purchase a new truck.

Berry said this information should have been provided prior to the meeting this morning to give them time to review all options. They should not be seeing it for the first time now. After some discussion, it was decided to have a special meeting this Thursday at 1:00 pm at the Highway Department.

- 4) Dunbar Covered Bridge – do they want to re-submit in November or self-fund the engineering fees. Need to decide in the next couple of months what the Commissioners want to do.
- 5) Working on the 2024 budget request.

NEW ANNEX SITE – DLZ PROPOSAL

Laurie Christie with DLZ stated they had presented a proposal for a scope of work to review the potential site for an annex. She was at the meeting to answer any questions. Proposal in the amount of \$10,000. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed. Pay it from the annex fund pending approval of appropriation from the Council.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Kevin Cook with McGowan Insurance came to the meeting to answer any questions. Cook gave a brief presentation of the renewal for health insurance. He recommended doing the self-funded option with a 75K stop loss. Helmer made the motion to approve the recommendation which is option A1 of the different plans submitted. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

Berry made the motion to leave the employee payroll deduction for health insurance, HSA county contribution, clinic, and the life insurance the same as it is now. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

Berry made the motion to continue with Guardian for all supplemental benefits. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

MINUTES

May 22, 2023 – Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

June 5, 2023 – Helmer made a motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

June 6, 2023 – Helmer made a motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

June 9, 2023 – Helmer made a motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

SWITCH OFFICE SPACE – SURVEYOR AND PLANNING

Surveyor Greg Williams stated the cost to switch offices is just under \$1,300. Berry made the motion to allow the switch in office space and to pay up to \$1,300 in moving costs. Pay it from the cumulative courthouse fund. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

HERITAGE LAKE & HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Helmer said there needed to be a meeting between Heritage Lake and the Health Department. He will attend it. It was decided to hold the meeting on June 28, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Room.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged the mail.

ADJOURN

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

Thomas Helmer, President

David Berry, Vice President

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish