

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
January 4, 2022, 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE:	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	11 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 4, 2022, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

APPOINTMENT - COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner President & Vice President – Thomas Helmer made a motion to keep Rick Woodall as President and David Berry as Vice President. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – K9 TRANSFER

Deputy Demmings presented the Commissioners with a Canine Retirement Agreement between the Sheriff's Department and Deputy Kyle Lee. The current K9, Caine, has exceeded his service value. Deputy Lee also signed an Affidavit to Transfer Ownership of Caine. David Berry made a motion to approve the Affidavit. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Deputy Lee introduced the new K9 in training, Boone.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Lisa Zeiner presented an ordinance for solar and wind power. Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS – THRIVE & AIRPORT

Rick Woodall stated the Thrive Board and Airport Board are still looking for individuals to fill vacant positions.

CELL PHONE & MEAL PER DIEM

David Berry stated the cell phone and meal reimbursement for employees needs to be updated. Currently the cell phone reimbursement is \$30/month and meals for conferences etc. are \$35/day per person. Jim Ensley stated that an ordinance amending the employee handbook would have to be done. The Commissioners decided to address the issue at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY UPDATES

Rick Woodall stated that the Highway Department is going through major changes. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent resigned. Clint Maddox is the acting Superintendent until the position can be filled. Woodall stated he has reached out to other counties and after doing some research he feels it's in the county's best interest to hire a Superintendent/Engineer.

Mr. Woodall gave updates on projects the department is working on.

MINUTES

December 30, 2021 (Executive) – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

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