

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 18, 2022 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
COUNCIL:	David Fuhrman Larry Parker
AUDIENCE:	11 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

2022 EDIT PLAN

Commissioners discussed draft presented and proposed changes. Tabled until next meeting.

CELL PHONE MONTHLY PER DIEM

Currently \$30 a month, discussion on increasing it. Tabled for further research.

MEAL DAILY PER DIEM

Currently \$35 a day. Discussion to increase. Rick Woodall made the motion effective immediately to increase it to \$50 a day. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY CLAIM RESOLUTION

Discussion on revising. Kelly Russ, EMA Director asked if some of their departments' claims be changed to emergency. Commissioners questioned how long she had to pay the invoices in question. Ms. Russ replied 30 days from date of supplies delivered. She said with her other job responsibilities she gets behind filling out claims. Claims are paid twice a month; this gives you plenty of time to submit during regular claims process. Request to move to emergency claims denied. Russ asked about the Superfleet claims (gas card). The Commissioners tabled for further research.

COVID POLICY & MASKS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS

Tom Helmer said Dr. Amos (Health Department Director) had suggested the Commissioners set a mask policy in place again due to the numbers rising. Health Department said approximately 70 positive cases a day in Putnam County. The county is back in the red zone along with every county in the state. Dave Berry was not in favor of implementing masks. Discussion. Rick Woodall made the motion effective January 19, 2022 masks would be required for anyone entering into county buildings while the county is in red zone. Employees need to wear masks in the office where social distance can not be practiced and when they are helping customers. While employee on the clock interacting with someone that you cannot practice social distancing wear a mask. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried. Masks would be at the entrance to the courthouse for the public to have if they do not have a mask.

COVID policy – the Commissioners asked Jim Ensley to revise to have it reflect the new CDC guidelines. The Commissioners approved dropping the quarantine period from 10 days to 5 days. This would be effective immediately, revision of policy at the February 7th meeting.

PUTNAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Rick Woodall said the Fair Board had contacted the Commissioners because they had never received payment from the State when they used their facility for a COVID clinic. Brian Williams said the Fair Board had submitted a claim in the amount of \$13,000 to the State but it was denied. There was not an agreement to pay the Fair Board beforehand. The Board billed the State after the fact. There is currently a clinic again at the fairgrounds without an agreement to pay them for the use of the building. Commissioners tabled.

HIGHWAY

Clint Maddox acting Highway Supervisor gave an update on the department.

Rick Woodall said they were working on a contract with Mike Ricketts to do the grant submittal for the Community Crossings. Ricketts had successfully gotten the county the grant each year. Woodall made the motion to pay Ricketts a flat amount of \$4,000 with a completion date of January 20, 2022. While working on the application he was training Robyn Hughes at the Highway Department so she would know how to do it next year. Jim Ensley would draw up the contract. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE RANGE

Jim Ensley submitted agreement for the Commissioners to review and approve from Guardian Arms. It is the same agreement he submits every year. Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

THRIVE APPOINTMENT

Dave Berry made the motion to appoint Samantha Cooper to take the open position of Ken Eitel who had resigned. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ARP

Rick Woodall said the county had decided to hire Barnes & Thornburg to be the manager of the ARP funds. Payment would be \$2,500 a month.

AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Jim Spore resigned from the board. The Commissioners had asked any interested party to submit a letter of interest by January 12, 2022. They received two letters: Steven Wise and JR Scott (who has served on the board in the past). Discussion. Tom Helmer made the motion to appoint Steven Wise. Give someone who had not been on the board a chance to serve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Woodall will notify him of appointment.

MEETING RECESS

Rick Woodall made the motion to recess. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners held an executive session.

Rick Woodall made motion to adjourn. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN MEETING BACK

Rick Woodall made the motion to open back their regular session meeting. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

January 6, 2022 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

January 13, 2022 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

January 18, 2022 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

January 14, 2022 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

January 4, 2022 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

January 7, 2022 (Joint Session) – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

Dave Berry made a motion to adjourn. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

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

Board of Finance meeting

Attendance:

Commissioners: Rick Woodall, President
Thomas Helmer, Vice President
David Berry

Council: David Fuhrman, President

Treasurer: Kathy Minnick

Auditor: Kristina Berish

Dave Fuhrman made the motion to appoint Kathy Minnick as the secretary. Kathy Minnick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Minnick submitted paperwork from the banks regarding what they could offer the county. After reviewing, Old National Bank is not doing the county any favors. The only plus with them is location conveniency.

First Financial is based out of Terre Haute. Not sure constituents would feel comfortable with that. North Salem does not have a lock box.

Further research needs to be done before deciding on what to do. Minnick did think opening a money market account with TCU was a good idea due to the interest rates.

Rick Woodall

Thomas Woodall

David Berry

David Furhman

Kathy Minnick, Secretary