

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**February 9, 2022 9:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

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

**2022 DUST BOWL**

Plan to use the same roads as last year. Opened registration on January 1<sup>st</sup> and all 600 spots were taken. They are working with Chief Deputy Simmons for road control. Rick Woodall made a motion to approve the Dust Bowl on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRAVELERS CYBER RISK RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Rick Woodall stated the County's cyber risk policy is due March 1<sup>st</sup>. He will finish filling out the application and get turned in to Mr. Parmley.

**MORRISON LITIGATION**

Trudy Selvia stated since the Executive Session she has drafted an agreement for the Commissioners to approve. Discussion was made. Tom Helmer made a motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY**

Clint Maddox stated they have had a lot of compliments on snow removal and the cooperation the community has received. He stated the Highway is in desperate need of radios. Discussion was made. Mr. Maddox stated they would need around 25 to 30 units.

They are expecting the new mower this week to be delivered. All the Russellville debris is removed. The only thing left to do is leveling. The department has excess old equipment they are planning on selling or auctioning off. They would like to use the money received to purchase updated equipment. Clint provided a list with dollar amounts. Discussion was made. David Berry made a motion to approve the selling of property. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick stated applications for the Superintendent position has closed. They will be conducting interviews soon and hope to have someone in by March.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

COVID Policy – Rick stated the CDC has changed the number of days to quarantine from 10 to 5 days after symptoms subside. Discussion was made. Tom Helmer made a motion to approve following the new CDC guidelines for the County policy. Rick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EDIT Plan – Rick stated they have a new invoice from THRIVE. Discussion was made. The plan includes money for the website and e-mails, highway equipment. They have a request from Mental Health America for \$12,000 for operational means. A representative, Mrs. Martoglio, President was present and discussed what they do for the community. Discussion was made. Tom Helmer believed it is needed. Dave stated he was in favor as well. The Commissioners decided to approve \$9,000 to go to Mental Health America.

Rick stated the county's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming and would like to set aside \$30,000 for the celebration. David Berry would like to appoint Phil Gick to head up the committee. Mr. Gick stated there was a similar process with the Centennial Celebration. Rick stated that he will work with Mr. Gick on coming up with a committee.

Updating GIS – Currently the state updates it every 5 years for free. The Commissioners have a proposal for updating annually. The new technology has found millions of dollars' worth of improvements that were not being assessed. Discussion was made. The Commissioners agreed to budget it in the EDIT plan (\$101,643.50) but also have the company come and present their proposal more formally with the Plat Deputy present.

Rick made a motion to approve the 2022 EDIT Plan with the remainder of the balance going to the Warchest fund. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick made a motion to add EMA to the agenda. Dave Costin presented the order officially putting the county under the emergency travel advisory. The Commissioners signed the order.

Discussion was made on the Emergency Claims policy. The Commissioners agreed to leave the policy as is.

ARP – Contract with Barnes and Thornburgh for \$2500/month for services assisting in the ARP Plan. Discussion was made. Rick made a motion to hire Barnes and Thornburgh monthly. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cell Phone Reimbursement – Rick will do more research on government plans versus the cost of reimbursement.

Capital Asset Policy – Mr. Ensley stated this has been an issue for several years. The county does not have a policy in place. It is required by law. Discussion was made. He will send the Commissioners copies of sample policies from other counties.

ADA Title VI Policy – Mr. Ensley stated him, and Mr. Berry have been working on updating the list of items completed and things that still need finished.

Tom Helmer stated EMA is having issues with the county fairgrounds not being reimbursed for a testing site. Mr. Ensley stated he has spoken with Lee Fordice and working on the issue currently. Discussion was made.

Rick stated the READY Grant Committee is meeting next week. Discussion was made.

Rick stated he has met with companies and has received proposals for a storage building that would be located at the Highway Department. Discussion was made on how to move forward.

Planning & Zoning – Comprehensive Plan and new zoning ordinances. Lisa Zeiner stated they have advertised requesting proposals.

Rick brought up the issue of the County owning several properties that will not sell at Tax Sale. He has learned other counties will offer the property to adjacent property owners for a low dollar amount in order to get them back on the tax roll. Discussion was made.

Rick stated the Commissioners have spoke with Clint Maddox about paving the county roads instead of hiring out. The County has acquired newer equipment and believe it's a possibility.

Tom Helmer stated with the County employees that were off due to the weather emergency that the essential employees that worked should get something for doing so. His suggestion would be a day off that they must use within 6 months. Discussion was made.

### **CLAIMS**

January 20, 2022 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

January 27, 2022 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

February 2, 2022 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

February 7, 2022 – Tom Helmer made a motion approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PAYROLL**

January 28, 2022 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

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

Board of Finance January 18, 2022 – Rick Woodall made a motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MAIL**

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

**ADJOURN**

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

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**Rick Woodall, President**

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**Thomas Helmer, Vice President**

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**David Berry**

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