

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**April 4, 2022 9:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

COMMISSIONERS:	Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Evelyn Williams
COUNCIL:	David Fuhrman Larry Parker
AUDIENCE:	22 Individuals

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CUMULATIVE FUNDS**

Cumulative Capital Fund will take place over the Courthouse Cumulative Fund and Jail Cumulative Fund. Public was asked for any input. David Berry explained that the rate does not affect the levy. David Berry made a motion to create the Cumulative Capital fund at a rate of .015 in place of the Cumulative Jail and Cumulative Courthouse Funds. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

Thomas Helmer made a motion to close the public hearing. David Berry seconded. The motion carried.

**1150 SOUTH & 1175 SOUTH**

Richard Gardner stated he has a mile of gravel road and would like to pay for it to be paved and possibly get help from the county. David Berry stated that the road is not currently on the road plan for the Highway Department. He stated the Commissioners would look over the information provided by Mr. Gardner and get back with him next week.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Scott Monnett stated they were present to discuss the month of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month with a proclamation. Mr. Monnett gave National, Statewide and County statistics of child abuse.

**DRAINAGE ISSUE**

Jon & Shawna Young were present to discuss his road, Medallion Drive that has a drainage issue. He stated they are on a septic system and the issue is causing it to not drain properly. Discussion was made. Jim Ensley stated that since it's in between the church and the property owner's property line they would have to contact the church.

**FIRST FRIDAY REQUEST**

Mike Richmond stated they were seeking permission to use the Courthouse stairs for the Annual First Friday's. David Berry made a motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

**EMS – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Kelly Russ stated she was seeking permission to hire an administrative assistant to help her and her chief deputy. She gave a handout with details of the need and cost. Discussion was made. Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve pending Council funding approval. David Berry seconded. The motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Clint Maddox gave updates on department and the roads.

Thomas Helmer made a motion to appoint James M. Peck as Highway Supervisor. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**JONES SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Mr. Ensley stated an appraisal will need to be done in order to sell.

### **MOWING COVERED BRIDGES**

Newgent Landscaping did the mowing around covered bridges in the county. Discussion was made on the jail inmates helping with trash removal and weed eating.

David Berry made a motion to approve Newgent Landscaping to mow around County covered bridges. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

Thomas Helmer stated they received a draft of the County American Rescue Plan from their attorneys. Premium Pay for Essential Workers section was read aloud. It would be up to each department on how to distribute the allotted amount. Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve this section. David Berry seconded. The motion carried.

South 43 Water Project – David Berry made a motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

Reelsville Water Project – David Berry made a motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

Clear Creek Heritage Lake – David Berry made a motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

Russellville Water Tower – Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried.

Health Department Medical Trailer and Truck – Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried.

### **PHONE SYSTEM**

Tabled until next meeting

### **COUNTY WIDE E-MAILS**

Tabled until next meeting

### **DLZ PLANNING STUDY**

Tabled until next meeting

### **MILEAGE RATE INCREASE**

Mr. Ensley stated the County Council, according to the handbook, determines the mileage rate.

### **CAPITAL ASSET POLICY**

Mr. Ensley stated he has been working with John Parmely to put a list of county assets together. Discussion was made.

### **GIS**

Received a request for information on the County GIS for voting data. Mr. Ensley stated the information is limited use and suggested all requests be handled the same way. Discussion was made whether to charge for the data.

### **HIGHWAY BIDS**

DC Construction Services, Noblesville  
Milestone

David Berry made a motion to accept the bids as presented. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLAIMS**

March 24, 2022 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

March 31, 2022 – David Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

April 4, 2022 – David Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PAYROLL**

March 25, 2022 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

March 7, 2022, Board of Finance and Regular Session–David Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

March 7, 2022, Special Session – David Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

March 21, 2022 – David Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

**MAIL**

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

**ADJOURN**

Tom Helmer made the motion to adjourn. David 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**