

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**MAY 19, 2022 10:30 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	2 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on May 19, 2022, at 10:30 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

**SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS**

Woodall informed the other Commissioners about the problems the county has had since entering a contract with Metlife. After meeting with representatives of Brackney Insurance and going over proposed numbers from Metlife vs. other companies, he recommended the county switching to Guardian. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Woodall said the county has provided 10K life insurance to the employees for years. Unfortunately, this no longer covers expense of a funeral. He would like to see the county increase it to 25K. He would get the figures of what we pay now vs. increase to provide 25K and bring it to their next meeting.

Woodall said Anthem was to provide numbers to the county last week in regard to the premium amount starting 8/1/22. However, they were still waiting.

**ON CALL ENGINEERING CONTRACT**

Tabled from May 16 meeting. After discussion, Helmer made the motion to approve the contract with USI. Not to exceed 50K. 1-year contract. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**DRIVEWAY**

Tabled from May 16 meeting. Woodall questioned if county needed to implement a policy. It was decided to handle case by case since this rarely happened per Clint Maddox.

Highway Engineer Jim Peck stated his opinion was that there were no issues with the road. If a homeowner or property causes damage to a county road, then they were liable for the damage. The county should not pay for something that was not the cause of the county on private property.

Clint Maddox cautioned the county starting precedence of fixing drive culverts. This was not the county's responsibility, once you start, they would get a lot of calls.

Berry questioned if the waterflow from the hill does not make it the county's responsibility. Peck replied if they took that into consideration it would only impact a small section and not the entire section which the homeowner was asking the county to fix.

After more discussion, Berry made the motion to inform homeowner it was their responsibility to fix and not the county. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**DUMP TRUCK – POWER POLE**

One of the county trucks hit a power pole causing 2K in damage. Did the Commissioners want this turned into insurance? The Commissioners said anything under 4K to pay it from the budget. Anything over 4K would be submitted to insurance.

**TOWN OF RUSSELLVILLE**

The county received a tort claim in the amount of 40K. Jim Ensley will forward it to the insurance company.

**ADJOURN**

Woodall made the motion to adjourn. 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**  
**Kristina Berish**