

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 20, 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:	16 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on June 20, 2022, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

SHERIFF VEHICLES

Matt Demmings wanted to inform the Commissioners they would be purchasing a Tahoe and 2 Traverse vehicles. And the equipment for them would be paid from commissary fund. They have money in the budget to pay the first year so it would only be a 2-year lease. They would be going before the Council. They were looking to take 5 out of commission, various vehicles.

PHI AIR MEDICAL

Jill Spaulding came to discuss a countywide agreement with them for medical air flights. Current counties they work with are Fountain and Warren. Commissioners tabled to research. Spaulding will check back in a couple of weeks.

THRIVE 2023 FUNDING REQUEST

They received \$12,097 in 2022, requesting \$18,309 for 2023. Jim Ensley put it in the file for next year's EDIT plan to review. Tabled request.

COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Auditor Kristina Berish submitted for signature. Berry made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD TO FAIRGROUNDS

Jim Smith stated the main entrance to the fairgrounds needed to be done. It had been proposed the Fair Board would pay for the material and the Highway Department would do the work. July 22-29, 2022 fair.

Woodall said his concern was getting it done before the fair this year. Jim Peck said they would be able to do some of the work before and then finish it after the fair week. Woodall made motion to enter into agreement Fair Board pay material county pay for labor. Contingent upon the fair board approval and timing worked out between the Highway Department and the Fair Board. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY UPDATES

Highway Engineer Jim Peck:

- 1) 2022 paving projects
- 2) Additional appropriation requests that would be going before the Council
- 3) Highway personnel structure would go before the Council tomorrow night
- 4) Bridge 276 construction update
- 5) 2023-2026 Bridge inspection inventory, received 7 RFP's, rating sheets given to Commissioners
- 6) Dust control – on hold due to issues
- 7) State audit
- 8) Whispering Winds drainage discharge
- 9) Fueling station
- 10) Radio/AVL equipment, evaluating quotes

VAN BIBBER ORDINANCE – SECURITY

Jim Ensley said there was an Indiana code (9-21-18 Indiana Code Subsection 4.3) passed July 1, 2021, stating an entity could adopt ordinance and then a governing unit could approve and enforce security. If an agreement is approved, it would give authority to law enforcement to treat the roads in Van Bibber like they were county roads and could write tickets. It was unclear from Van Bibber and the Sheriff’s Department what they were hoping to accomplish. Commissioners voted against until further clarification.

WEST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FUNDING REQUEST

Tabled

HEALTH INSURANCE

Woodall said Anthem originally submitted an overall premium increase of 10.48%. Keystone Insurance requested it be reduced to 5%, request was approved. He would be talking to the Council tomorrow night at their meeting.

200 YEAR CELEBRATION

Woodall tabled from last meeting. He spoke with the museum, and they were 100% against putting a mural on the side of the building where the barber shop was located due to what was on the wall already. It would cover over the history, there were some faint letters still showing. Mural tabled.

CLAIMS

June 9, 2022 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 16, 2022 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 20, 2022 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

June 17, 2022 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

May 16, 2022 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

May 17, 2022 (Executive) – Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

May 19, 2022 (Executive) – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 6, 2022 – Helmer made the correction to Eric Freeman. Helmer made the motion to approve with the correction. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

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