

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**JULY 5, 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 Stephanie Campbell Phil Gick
AUDIENCE:	7 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on July 5, 2022, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Woodall asked about the repercussions of the Commissioners allowing First Friday to also utilize the courthouse property. People are leaving a mess on the property that the custodians are having to clean up. Jim Ensley said there was an annual agreement signed, he would research the agreement. He thought there was verbiage in it that stated the grounds would be left as they found it.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

Director Lisa Zeiner was at the meeting to discuss changes to the zoning ordinance in A1 and A2. It would change it from 5 acres to 2 acres for properties that contain or would contain a house. Ensley questioned making this huge change in the middle of the entire zoning and planning being reviewed by HWC Engineering that was hired by the county. This was something that has been a problem for quite some time, but should we make the change now or wait until HWC has completed their work to make all the changes. Discussion. Helmer made the motion to approve Ordinance #2022-7-5-1. Berry seconded. Woodall opposed; felt we should wait for the new plan. The motion carried.

Rowings Conservation Subdivision – it was approved in August 2020 by Plan Commission. It had not been brought before the Commissioners. This was done before Zeiner started so she does not know a lot about the subdivision located in Madison Twp. Commissioners did not feel comfortable approving something they knew nothing about. However, Berry said the Plan Commission had reviewed and approved it already. Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY ROAD 1050S & 225 W**

Jerry Holmes said he had been told the roads would be resurfaced by Spring. It had not happened, so he was checking with the county on status of the roads. It was where the Blackhawk campgrounds is located. Jim Peck said it was on the road plan to be done this year.

**PAVING A ROAD**

Woodall said he had received a phone call from resident over the weekend. Ensley said he had an agreement drawn up and was waiting for names to include, and no one had contacted him to give him the names. It was a group of residents that had come to the county stating they would pay for the road to be paved but it had been delayed due to previous administration at the Highway department. It should have been completed last year. The county would give them a discount for the inconvenience. Tom Helmer said he would contact Dawn Hicks and get the names to Ensley.

**COUNTY ROAD 300 S**

Woodall said it was scheduled to be chip & sealed. He had driven the road after getting complaints from three of the residents on the road. Where the culverts were put in, the road was extremely uneven. Needed to be fixed.

## **HIGHWAY UPDATES**

Engineer Jim Peck gave the following updates:

- 1) 2022 paving projects
- 2) Additional appropriations request for July Council
- 3) Highway restructure
  
- 4) Bridge 276 construction update
- 5) 2023-2026 bridge inspection/inventory
- 6) Dust control program completed
- 7) Summary: State audit wrapping up for 2021, 2022 federal internal controls to the Auditor by end of the year, stormwater drainage ordinance committee met on June 21<sup>st</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup>, fueling station certification being transferred to Clint Maddox, Matt Kirkham and Jim Peck, received quote for the radio/AVL equipment, and Ross Davies is retiring July 5<sup>th</sup>, Matt Kirkham has been promoted to Shop Foreman and Ben Mitchell to Operator.

## **CAPITAL ASSET POLICY**

Woodall made the motion to approve Ordinance #2022-7-5-2 which would make the threshold 5K. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AGREEMENTS**

Ensley sent out the agreements and when he gets all of them back will bring to the meeting for the Commissioners to sign.

Clinton Township volunteer fire department has been closed by the advisory board due to not having the personnel to run it.

## **STORAGE FOR COUNTY RECORDS**

Helmer said he had found a place where the county could store records until they figured out the storage/annex. Property was owned by Todd Oney. He had a building and would charge the county \$500 a month. Woodall said he had been approached about the vital records stored at the annex, could be moved to the basement at the Putnam County Public Library. They would need to buy the shelving for the records. No charge for storing the documents. Woodall would contact them and express their interest and have them come to a future meeting to discuss.

Woodall said there were three people that have expressed interest in the Jones School property. Should they proceed or tell them we were not interested in selling. The county is currently doing a space study for an annex. Discussion. This was the best option the county had for where to build an annex.

## **MUSEUM**

Woodall said he had originally been told it was a two-sided document (2 pages), now he has been told it was a five-page document. It was at the museum. They were wanting to keep it for a long-term loan to display. He felt it was a good idea. He would also like a copy for the courthouse that would cost approximately \$2,000. Woodall made the motion to take it out of the celebration fund from EDIT for the document copy. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 8/1/22 – 7/31/23**

Woodall said the Commissioners need to make some decisions:

Emergency room visits (currently \$250 deductible to \$500) – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

\$100 a quarter for clinic incentive – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HSA - \$500 start, \$1,000 up to match – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee portion premium – Woodall made the motion to pay the increase from health insurance trust 8/1 to end of the year and starting 1/1/23 the different funds will need to pay the additional increase in premiums. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **CLAIMS**

June 21, 2022 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 23, 2022 CASA – Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 23, 2022 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 29, 2022 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 30, 2022 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

July 5, 2022 – Berry made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL**

July 1, 2022 – Berry made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

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

**MAIL**

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

**ADJOURN**

Berry made the motion to adjourn. Woodall 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**