

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
DEPUTY AUDITOR:	Evelyn Williams
COUNCIL:	David Fuhrman Larry Parker Phillip Gick Stephanie Campbell
AUDIENCE:	15 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on September 6, 2022, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Brian Williams – gas card request at Highway Department. The Health Department received a vehicle through grants. Discussion was made. Commissioners agreed to allowing.

WILLIAM MORRISON PROPERTY

Williams Morrison presented paperwork from the latest hearing for the Morrison property litigation. He stated it's been almost 9 years since it first started. Mr. Morrison stated he is petitioning the court in allowing Mr. Richards' attorney access to buildings on the property.

INSURANCE POLICY – AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Lorie Talbert, Auditor's Office stated they are having issues with the effective date of health insurance or supplementals. When they sign up, they are effective 30 days after sign up. However, the payroll system does not have two pay deductions in order to pay the policy. She is asking that the Commissioners make a policy that new employees have 7 days to sign up in the EASE program when they receive the e-mail instead of 30 days. Discussion was made. Jim Ensley stated they could do an amendment to the policy manual. Rick made a motion to change the policy from 30 days to 7 days after receiving email from EASE. Dave seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EDIT WARCHEST - HIGHWAY

Rick stated the Highway and Commissioners have been discussing mowing roadsides. Looking at funding a piece of equipment that will assist. Jim Peck got three quotes. Rick stated he had Jim Ensley advertise for the funding through the EDIT money. Discussion was made as to whether they should purchase through a lease, loan etc. Jim Peck went into detail on how the equipment will be much more productive than current equipment. Rick asked if he included the amount of equipment in next years budget. Mr. Peck stated no but they have been able to drop down current loan payments with some equipment being paid off. Dave Fuhrman stated that budgets haven't been approved but the Highway Department was not fundable as presented. Rick asked Jim Peck to look into financing options.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jim Peck Highway Engineer gave updates:

- 1) Paving projects – hoping to finish up today. Running short on millings.
- 2) Bridge 276 – existing bridge deck has been removed and starting on removing bridge beams
- 3) Bridge inspections continuing
- 4) Emergency vehicle signs are put up

Discussed different funding options for bridge projects. Dave made the motion to approve the agreement with United Consulting up to \$25,000. Rick seconded. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ARPA – Beyond Homeless & Putnam County Library. Dave Berry stated they had not allocated any money from ARPA for Beyond Homeless. Total request is \$150,000. He believes they can cut out \$65,000. Rick stated that he and Tom Helmer agreed to go with Dave's recommendation. Discussion was made. Dave made a motion to give them \$100,000 split into two payments. Rick seconded. The motion carried.

Rick stated he has received several calls about when entities will receive their second payment of ARPA money. He stated he will have to request the money and will start doing so soon.

Jim Ensley stated he has 5 sub-recipient grant agreements for ARPA funds.

Rick stated the Commissioners asked DLZ to do a study on space for the County offices. He stated they presented several options along with estimated cost of each. He stated he would like to set up a joint meeting with the County Council.

Rick stated there were 3 interested parties in the current Annex property. Discussion was made.

Rick stated that EMS's building now has a sewer line that is in the process of collapsing. They had flooring that was ruined from the last sewer issue. Discussion was made.

CLAIMS

August 18 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried.

August 26 – Berry made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried.

September 1 – Berry made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried.

September 2 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried.

September 6 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

August 26 – Berry made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

August 15 – Woodall made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried.

5006 EAST CO RD 375 SOUTH

Damon Firtsinger stated the weeds need mowed. Has almost been hit several times. Jim Peck stated he would take care of it.

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

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