

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**July 19, 2021 9:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Kristina
COUNCIL:	Dave Fuhrman Phil Gick Larry Parker
AUDIENCE:	13 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on July 19, 2021, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

**FILM PROJECT**

Beth Benedix came last month to make a request for funding for a documentary film focusing on North Putnam Community Schools and the local community. The hope was to cause a ripple effect of economic development funding. Requesting the county to help fund the project by contributing \$15,000. Dave Berry made the motion to approve and fund it through the EDIT warchest unless there was funding available from the American Rescue Plan funds. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MORRISON PROPERTY**

Rick Woodall said he had attempted to find out date of site visit. Jim Ensley stated per the court order the county could give the owner notice and just show up for a site visit and to clean up the property. Looking to do first week of August.

**ANIMAL SHELTER**

Derek Chopper came to the meeting asking for the Commissioners approval for a waiver and release of liability for a fundraiser to be held at the animal shelter. It was for animal care and control. They would be promoting the animals to try and help get them adopted. Fundraiser would be held on September 18, 2021 (rain date September 19). Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MAIL MACHINE LEASE**

Auditor Kristina Alexander submitted the lease agreement for review and approval. Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BRIDGE 276 ON SADDLE CLUB ROAD**

Highway Supervisor Mike Ricketts said last October they met regarding the construction of Bridge 276. The bridge was located on Saddle Club Road. The agreement was between the county and the property owners of 3 Fat Labs for right-of-way and temporary easement. Rick Woodall made the motion to approve the agreement. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**NOISE ORDINANCE**

Jim Ensley stated the BZA denied the concert request it at their meeting last week. Due to the request, it generated questions regarding the county having a noise ordinance. He has been researching and looking at what other counties, towns and cities have passed. Mr. Ensley said a lot of people were not against the concert itself, but they did not want it to go until 4:00 am. What did the Commissioners want him to do? After discussion, it was decided Mr. Ensley would send the board copies of the ordinances he had found comparable to Putnam county.

**AMERICAN LEGAL – ORDINANCES**

Jim Ensley said American Legal takes the ordinances approved by the county and updates. The Commissioners want to continue utilizing them.

**JC ALLEN SUBDIVISION**

Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COVID COUNTY POLICY**

Jim Ensley said the county had a policy in place last year, but it had been lifted earlier this year. There were several county employees calling into the department they work and letting their supervisors know they had tested positive for COVID. The county position last year was to pay the employee while off work. Did the Commissioners want to continue this policy?

After some discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Ensley contact other counties to see what policy they had in place. The Commissioners would review after getting this information and make-a-decision on a policy. In the interim, any employees off for COVID would get paid.

### **WEIGHTS & MEASURES EQUIPMENT**

Rick Woodall stated the county's current equipment was outdated and needs to be updated in the next couple of years.

### **READI PLAN GRANT**

Montgomery, Boone and Hendricks partnered with Putnam County. City of Indianapolis was upset because no one asked them to be included. Johnson and Morgan may become included in their region because of the power struggle. Still in process of hiring a consultant (estimated cost per county \$10-20,000)

### **ARP FUNDING**

Rick Woodall said on Friday he tried to open the portal with the help of Auditor Kristina Alexander. They were to the point he needed to do a zoom interview. The first committee meeting would be August 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss how to spend the funds.

### **CLAIMS**

July 8, 2021 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

July 15, 2021 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

July 15, 2021 (a) – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

July 19, 2021 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PAYROLL**

July 16, 2021 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

June 15, 2021 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried. Rick Woodall was not present at the meeting.

July 6, 2021 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MAIL**

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

### **ADJOURN**

Rick Woodall made the motion to adjourn. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Rick Woodall, President**

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**David Berry**

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**Thomas Helmer, Vice President**

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**Attest: Auditor's Office**