

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**August 16, 2021, 9:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Evelyn Williams
COUNCIL:	Dave Fuhrman Phil Gick Larry Parker
AUDIENCE:	14 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on August 16, 2021, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

**FLOYD TWP FIRE BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The Floyd Township Fire Board had a member resign that's term is up December 31, 2021. Thomas Helmer made a motion to appoint Mike Hildebrand. David Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**MORRISON PROPERTY**

Don and Pam Richards were present regarding the Morrison Property court order. Rick Woodall stated that himself, Thomas Helmer, and Justin Vaughn with the Planning Department met at the Morrison property on Friday to tour it. They will meet this week to go over what they saw and have an answer for the Richards by August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNTY ROAD 225 WEST**

Erica and Brandon Debord were present to bring attention to the road they had recently bought property on. Mrs. Debord stated that the patching done in spring only lasted a month. Thomas Helmer stated he was familiar with the area. Rick Woodall asked Mike Ricketts if it was on the road plans for the Highway Department. Mr. Ricketts stated it the road needs trenched and ditched but is not on plans until 2023. He will send crews out to temporarily fill in holes.

**COUNTY E-MAIL AND NETWORK MAINTENANCE**

John and DJ Hendricks of Air-Linx were present to propose an agreement for the County Offices to have an e-mail domain across the board and for maintenance of the Courthouse network. John Hendricks stated that it had been four years since the network had been addressed and a maintenance agreement is warranted. He has fixed several issues throughout the years without charging. Rick Woodall asked if the county had a central contact if it would interfere with each offices software vendors. DJ Hendricks stated that they already work well with all the vendors. They have been doing work with the Highway Department and Sheriff's Department for years. They will put together a proposal for the next meeting. The e-mail domain would be \$5/person per month and there are around 250 employees. Discussion was made.

**HIGHWAY**

Mike Ricketts, Highway Supervisor said Bridge 172 completion date was moved back 7 days due to double the issues that were projected.

Crews are patching and south of Greencastle is completed.

Three graders have been ordered but won't be delivered until December. Mr. Ricketts asked them to supply the department with at least one to get them by. The company was happy to comply without charge.

Mr. Ricketts stated he would like to have a monthly meeting with the Drainage Board. There is water backing up to some properties. He would like the County Surveyor to come out and look at it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mark O'Leary was present to present the Commissioners with the turnout of the 2021 Dust Bowl that supports youth cycling. They had 400 participants from 18 states. Discussion was made

on the economic impact it has on Putnam County. They are looking at July 23<sup>rd</sup> for next years event.

The 2021 Pedal Putnam is a new event that will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9a.m. to 3p.m. It will be more of a recreational ride with 12, 40 and 62 mile options.

COVID Pay was discussed. Mr. Ensley stated that the Commissioners needed to take action and have a current policy. Mr. Woodall stated he had contacted several counties on their policy. The majority were treating it as any other sickness. Discussion was made. Mr. Woodall asked Mr. Ensley to draft a policy.

Jim Ensley spoke about the noise ordinance that was discussed at an earlier meeting. David Berry stated some counties don't address the agricultural side of it. Rick Woodall wasn't sure if the county wanted one. Thomas Helmer stated he liked Monroe County's ordinance. Jim Ensley will do some more research.

Jim said that if in the future the county wants to be able to hold meeting via electronics or virtually, we must have a county policy. Jim will draft the ordinance.

Brian Smith, Custodial Supervisor will be retiring at the end of October. He has volunteered to help in the replacement process and has already put together a job description.

Rick Woodall said that since the County owns People Pathways now there is a need to keep the brush from overgrowing. The County Park Board is looking into buying machinery to help in this. Mr. Woodall stated he would volunteer a couple of Saturdays to help.

Mr. Woodall stated that the first ARP meeting they received requests totaling around \$5 million. The next meeting in September there will be more requests. The county has received the first installment of \$3 million.

#### **CLAIMS**

August 5, 2021 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

August 12, 2021 –Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **PAYROLL**

August 13, 2021 – David Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **MINUTES**

August 2, 2021 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.

#### **MAIL**

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

#### **ADJOURN**

David Berry made the motion to adjourn. Rick Woodall 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**