

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
October 4, 2021, 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry James Ensley
ATTORNEY:	Evelyn Williams
AUDITOR:	David Fuhrman, President
COUNCIL:	Larry Parker
AUDIENCE:	10 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 4, 2021, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

MORRISON PROPERTY

Don Richards came to the meeting presented two letters written by the Planning & Zoning board in 2017. Mr. Richards went on to state Judge Kirkley had ruled the property was not in compliance. Mr. Richards read the court order from 2017. He went into detail of his unhappiness with the progress of cleaning the property up. Rick Woodall stated their goal was to have an inspection by the end of the month.

MENTAL HEALTH OF PUTNAM COUNTY

Representative was present emphasizing the importance of Mental Health awareness and the funding to do so. They requested funding from the County. Mr. Woodall stated he was putting the request in with the ARP Funds. The request was for \$100,000. Discussion was made on the increase of the need.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Supervisor Mike Ricketts stated all 21 projects were done. Trying to ditch north of county line. Would like to discuss the road list with the Commissioners to get more of an idea of where the most need is. Any gravel roads not hit should be by the end of next week. Rick Woodall asked how the new trucks were holding up. Mr. Ricketts stated they have only had minor but normal flukes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Kristen Clary was present with a list of community development projects that were in the works. She stated they were getting a lot of local support from several different businesses. Ms. Clary stated they were working hard to get surrounding county's support for economic development. They were requesting \$7500 to pay for the plan's developer. City of Greencastle was covering the fees for the video presentation. She gave an extensive list of several projects going on in surrounding towns. Rick Woodall made a motion to pay \$7500 to IWAC for the engineer from the Economic Development (Warchest) Fund. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Berry asked about the IAC factory. Ms. Clary stated the IAC plant manager was no longer there. Not sure what that means. She's talking to union president. Currently have 250 employees and plan on keeping doors open. They usually have around 450 employees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jim Ensley stated Mike Ricketts sent him information from the state regarding the transition plan. They were requesting an update. Dave Berry stated he would meet with Mr. Ensley to discuss.

Mr. Ensley stated he has had several questions from employees regarding the county's Covid policy. They mostly were questioning not being able to work from home. Mr. Helmer stated he stands by the policy. If you're sick, you usually are unable to work.

EMS Department – Director Kelly Russ and Assistant Director Anthony Taylor have been recognized by the National EMS Society as the Top 40 Under 40. They will be attending the conference in Texas in a few weeks.

Discussion was made on the deplorable condition of the Annex building. They were still looking into finding a storage building for all the records.

CLAIMS

September 23, 2021 – David Berry made the motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

September 30, 2021 – Thomas Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

October 4, 2021 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

September 24, 2021 – David Berry made the motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

Thomas Helmer made the motion to adjourn. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

Attest: Auditor's Office