

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
October 18, 2021, 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

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| COMMISSIONERS: | Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry |
| ATTORNEY: | James Ensley |
| AUDITOR: | Evelyn Williams |
| COUNCIL: | David Fuhrman, President Larry Parker |
| AUDIENCE: | 13 Individuals |

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 18, 2021, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

PUTNAM COUNTY HOMEMAKERS' WEEK

Kelly Robertson – November they will be honoring 21 Veterans. There will also be a lunch tomorrow at the Putnam Inn. She gave several updates on their various projects. Rick Woodall read the proclamation for Putnam County Homemakers' Week out loud. Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve the proclamation. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD 225 WEST

Jerry Holmes stated the road was to be blacktopped 13 or so years ago. Instead, it was chip and sealed. He described the various potholes that cause issues for vehicles. Mike Ricketts with the Highway Department stated his road plans have 225 West to be addressed in 2023. Mr. Woodall stated that he would have the Highway Department come out and fill the potholes until then.

COUNTY ROAD 280 SOUTH

Rick Parrish stated he was working with Board of Zoning appeals for land use and handed out aerial maps. He stated there were county roads that come into play. He went into detail of the land/road history and has continuously been used. Since it's not a right of way, it creates a land lock issue. Discussion was made. Robbie Cudnick, Plat Office, stated that none of the deeds for the north side reference a county road. Mike Ricketts stated they treated it as a county road until they discovered it was not deeded as a county road. It's considered a driveway. Rick asked how many homeowners live on this north side of land/road. Discussion was made and they came up with 5 people. Scott Zimmerman, City Board of Zoning, went into detail how the issue came about. Detailed discussion was made. Mr. Woodall stated they will try to have a plan by their next meeting in November.

SMITH'S BELL & CLOCK SERVICE

Rick Woodall stated the Courthouse clock does not keep correct time. Smith's Bell & Clock Service presented a maintenance agreement that would solve this problem. Discussion was made. Mr. Woodall stated he would do more research.

HIGHWAY

Mr. Ricketts stated he would like the Commissioners to appoint an administrative assistant. Had nine candidates, narrowed down to four. Mr. Ricketts stated he would also like for the position to be under his supervision and not an appointed position. Rick Woodall made a motion to hire Mary Nichols. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mike state she would start on the 25th. Mr. Berry stated they addressed the salaries during the budget process.

Mr. Ricketts stated so far this year they have done 31.8 miles of chip n seal, 25.82 miles of grinding, 10.38 miles of hot mix for a total cost of \$2,379,268.81. He went into detail for this upcoming years' plan for roads. Discussion was made.

Mr. Ricketts stated that Bridge 279 is currently closed. CSX said if the county gave up the right of way, they would take the bridge out. He is waiting to hear back from them. Discussion was made.

Raab Road and 1200 South – he has it being done next year; road is in awe full shape. He would like permission to put dura berm on it. David Berry said he would like for him to move forward with doing so. Thomas Helmer agreed.

Discussion was made on Hines property and the ditch that runs up to the road.

Russellville – discussion was made on a condemned building

Uniform allowance - half the employees don't use it. They would like to receive an annual allowance to purchase uniforms themselves. Discussion was made.

Mr. Ricketts stated that he has sold more equipment to Gut Deals. If the Commissioners want anything else sold, he will need the titles signed off on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

David Berry stated Brian Smith, Head Custodian is retiring. He would like to hire Michael Mitchell to take the position. Discussion was made. Mr. Woodall stated that he would like to have Brian stay on as hourly contractual for a couple of weeks to train Mr. Mitchell. Rick Woodall made a motion to offer the position to Michael Mitchell. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall made a motion to keep Brian Smith on as contractual not to exceed 25 hours a week. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

American Rescue Plan Committee had a meeting last week. They will meet the 26th of October to present a list of people and entities they would like to benefit from the plan.

Rick Woodall stated that he has reached out to the banks within the County to present the Commissioners with proposals to handle the County's money.

CLAIMS

October 7, 2021 – David Berry made a motion to approve. Thomas Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

October 14, 2021 –Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

October 18, 2021 –David Berry made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

September 20, 2021 – Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve with road correction. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

October 4, 2021 – Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

October 4, 2021, Board of Finance – Rick Woodall made a motion to approve. David Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

October 8, 2021 – Thomas Helmer made a motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

Attest: Auditor's Office