

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
November 15, 2021, 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
COUNCIL:	David Fuhrman Larry Parker Phillip Gick
AUDIENCE:	18 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on November 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

PANIC BUTTONS

Dave Costin and representatives from Secure Tech Systems came to the meeting. Costin said the was installed in the 1990's. They were antiquated and need to be replaced. He had offices needing additional panic button, and they cannot get one because the current system max out was 17 zones. The new system does not have a maximum. The parts for the old system were no longer available. The new system has been greatly improved for safety.

They submitted an updated revision to the current system. It was a one-time cost: \$18,950. The only other charge was a 2-year warranty. Every 2 years would be \$950. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve, pay from the cumulative courthouse. Dave Berry said he had several questions before he wanted to move forward. Rick Woodall said this was the first time he had heard the system needed to be upgraded. The motion died from lack of a second. Tabled until the December 6, 2021 meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-11-15-1 FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Jim Ensley said the law had been changed to hold virtual meetings. The resolution would allow them the capability, if it was ever needed. Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TITLE VI ADA PLAN RESOLUTION 2021-11-15-2

Jim Ensley presented resolution regarding the Title VI of the civil rights act of 1964 plan for Putnam County. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MORRISON PROPERTY

Don Richards brought pictures of more items Morrison had brought onto his property. He asked for the Commissioners to take it to bid to clean up the property. Talking to Morrison was not getting anything accomplished. He had not even listened to the Judge's court mandate.

CVB 2022 BUDGET/COUNTY PARK BOARD

Eric Freeman came to the meeting to present their 2022 budget overview. They were looking at a 5-year plan for the Park Board.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Mark Evans presented document showing what had happened in 2021 in their department. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve contractual agreement. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Plan Commission Director Lisa Zeiner on County Road 280S, she had attended the Greencastle City Board of Zoning meeting. They continued petition from Scott Williams until the county had a survey done showing where the road stopped. The county needed to contact ASA Survey so there would not be a conflict of interest. Dave Berry felt the survey should be paid from the County Surveyor's budget. Jim Ensley suggested waiting to see what the engineering company found that property owners Kayla Brennan & Scott Williams had hired to survey their property.

The Commissioners agreed with this recommendation, they would wait to see the findings and go from there.

The 2009 Tahoe the inspector uses was having issues. They knew of a vehicle sitting at EMS (Explorer) not being used. Lisa Zeiner requested this vehicle to be their full-time inspector's and the Tahoe go to the part time inspector. Rick Woodall stated the Explorer was set-up for EMS so the lights would have to be removed. EMS Director Kelly Russ thought it cost around \$275 to strip it. Tom Helmer made the motion to transfer the 2017 Ford Explorer to the Plan Commissioner Department. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Paying Board Members – Ms. Zeiner said she had been approached by one of the members to be paid for attending the meetings. He had heard of other boards being paid. When she checked her budget the maximum she could pay would be \$17 a meeting if they attended. Jim Ensley said he would need to research and see if that was allowable.

2022 APPOINTMENTS

Auditor gave a list of the board and annual appointments to the Commissioners for them to review and make motion next month.

EMS

Director Kelly Russ asked if Jim Ensley could review and step in and help them regarding the new ambulance. Since received, it has been more out of commission than working. It was down again currently. She felt they needed to take it back and give them a new one. She felt they were in the "lemon law" at this point.

Crew side of the EMS headquarter. There was a small mold problem in the laundry room. The problem needed to be remedied before it got worse. As it currently stood, they could not properly disinfect the area which was a problem. She received 3 bids ranging from \$55,000-180,000. The quote included other items besides fixing the mold. The Commissioners would review.

They need 3 full time EMT's. Currently interviewing to fill the positions.

HIGHWAY

Town of Russellville update on removal of the structures. They did hit a water line and had to deal with that. Two structures remained to tear down.

ISSUES TO ADDRESS

Rick Woodall said he knew of the following items the Commissioners needed to review:

IT proposals

Internet for county research

Maintenance on clocks at courthouse

Manhattan Road (dead man corner) a pole gets taken out by accidents. Duke Energy did a study if it could be moved. Per the study, they could not move it. Corporate & Study asked if the county could put up a sign showing dangerous curve ahead. Mike Ricketts said he would have to research and see if they could put up a sign. He did bring up the pole was on the inside of the corner not the outside.

CLAIMS

November 4, 2021 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

November 10, 2021 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PAYROLL

November 5, 2021 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

October 12, 2021 (ARP) – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.

October 26, 2021 (ARP) – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

November 1, 2021 – change Tom Helmer to Rick Woodall on open meeting. Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

November 1, 2021 (Board of Finance) – 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 a motion to adjourn. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

Dave Berry

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish, Auditor**