

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
December 20, 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
AUDIENCE:	13 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

ELECTION REDISTRICTING

Jim Ensley had sent a document to the Commissioners and Council to review before today's meeting. He said the Commissioners and Council can separately approve or the Commissioners can pass them both. President of County Council Dave Fuhrman said they had no problem with Commissioners passing them both.

Commissioners districts – staying the same, recertify. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
Council districts – staying the same, recertify. Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT

Sheriff Scott Stockton presented firearms he requested to transfer to retirees of the department. The two retirees were: Phillip Parker 2018 & Sheriff Stockton 2022. Jim Ensley advised he had a visit in the past from the FBI questioning this type of transaction. They need to make sure everything was documented. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION – FULL TIME EMPLOYEE REQUEST

Teresa Parrish came to request their part time employee; Ashley Underwood be moved to a full-time position due to her job description. The request was due to the time it takes to prepare and keep track of the grants. The position was paid from user fees and grant funds. If the grant funds were ever gone the position would go back to part time and paid from user fees. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION – CREDIT CARD LIMIT

Teresa Parrish said the limit currently was \$2,000 and some months it was not high enough due to continuing education classes they are required to attend. They also purchase all the office supplies and equipment on the credit card. Rick Woodall made the motion to raise limit to \$4,000. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EPIC INSURANCE

John Parmley presented some changes to the Commissioners that would save the county money. A questionnaire will need to be filled out on the county buildings if they switch. Must be done before the end of the year. The switch would save the county \$25,000 a year. Rick Woodall made the motion to switch to Hanover for building coverage insurance. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Effective January 1, 2022.

Cyber insurance: the Commissioners have until March to decide what direction to go. The Commissioners will be on the January Council meeting to discuss.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Brian Williams submitted a letter of request and went over it with the Commissioners. Rick Woodall made the motion to approve the new full-time employee for County School Liaison and a part time position requested that would be fully paid from the grant. When the grant goes away, it was understood the positions would be eliminated. 2-year grant in total of \$440,000. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

Vacant position of Health Environmentalist is being filled by Sara Owen. Start date January 4, 2022.

With COVID still an issue they were requesting to continue paying out the overtime in 2022 instead of receiving compensatory time. This has been getting paid out of the CARES act fund and Rainy day fund the Commissioners and Council approved. They are requesting the remaining balance at the end of the year be submitted in an additional appropriation in January 2022 to the Council to continue paying them overtime. Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BRIDGE 276

Mike Ricketts said all bids submitted were over the engineer's estimate. Lowest 23% over. INDOT said they would still do the 80/20 split. The county would pay the increase of the 20% portion from the cumulative bridge fund. Projected to start spring of 2022 and have 160 days to complete.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BOARDS 2022

Thrive	Dave Berry
Solid Waste	Dave Berry & Tom Helmer
EMS	Rick Woodall
Health Dept.	Tom Helmer
Greencastle Putnam County Dev.	Rick Woodall
Planning Commission	Rick Woodall
E911	David Berry
Emergency Management	Tom Helmer
Workforce Development	Tom Helmer
Child Protection	Tom Helmer

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

2022 BOARDS APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONERS

Airport	Cathy Tipton
Dave Berry made the motion to appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.	
Airport	Bill Newgent
Tom Helmer made the motion to appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried.	
Cemetery	David Heavin
Rick Woodall made the motion to appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
Cemetery	Jon Rice
Dave Berry made the motion to appoint. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
Visitor's Bureau	Laura Monnett
Rick Woodall made the motion to appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
Visitor's Bureau	Kit Newkirk
Dave Berry made the motion to appoint. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.	
Floyd Fire	Mike Hildebrand
Dave Berry made the motion to appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.	
Board of Health	Ruth Ralph
Rick Woodall made the motion to appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
Board of Health	Dr. John Scamahorn
Tom Helmer made the motion to appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried.	
Hospital	David Bray
Tom Helmer made the motion to appoint. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.	
Board of Zoning	Kevin Scobee
Dave Berry made the motion to appoint. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.	
Planning Commission	Wendall Underwood
Rick Woodall made the motion to appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried.	
Roachdale Fire Protection	Wendall Underwood
Dave Berry made the motion to appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.	
W Central Solid Waste	Bryan Allen tabled til 12/30/21
THRIVE	Ken Eitel
Ken resigned, will need to find a replacement.	
Airport	Jim Spore
Jim resigned, will need to find a replacement.	

Interested parties need to submit letter of interest to the Auditor's office by January 12, 2022.

2022 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission Lisa Zeiner
Rick Woodall made the motion to re-appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor Tom Gilson
Tom Helmer made the motion to re-appoint. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.

Courthouse Head Custodian Michael (Andy) Mitchell
Dave Berry made the motion to re-appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

Courthouse Custodian Michael Phillips
Rick Woodall made the motion to re-appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried.

Part Time Custodian Jenny Kersey
Tom Helmer made the motion to re-appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried.

Veterans Officer David Heavin
Dave Berry made the motion to re-appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Mike Ricketts
Rick Woodall stated Mike had let them know he was resigning from his position.

Weights & Measures David Wilborn
Dave Berry made the motion to re-appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

GIS Director Robbie Cudnik
Commissioners tabled until December 30, 2021 meeting

EMA Director Dave Costin
Tom Helmer made the motion to re-appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried.

E911 Director Dave Costin
Tom Helmer made the motion to re-appoint. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried.

County Attorney Jim Ensley
Tom Helmer made the motion to re-appoint. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried.

EMS Director Kelly Russ
Rick Woodall made the motion to re-appoint. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

2022 EDIT PLAN

Jim Ensley will advertise the plan for the second meeting in January 2022.

MUSEUM EXTENSION ON PAINTINGS

Jim Ensley presented document allowing the museum an extension on the paintings.

JOINT COMMISSIONER/COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY

Rick Woodall stated he would like to have a joint meeting in January to discuss a storage building and/or annex. Also, to further discuss the ARP funds. The Commissioners have decided it was in the best interest of the county to hire a company to help manage the funds and reports.

CLAIMS

December 9, 2021 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

December 20, 2021 – Tom Helmer made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

December 17, 2021 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

December 6, 2021 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE FOR SOLAR & WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS

Tabled

READI GRANT

Rick Woodall said it was granted last week. Our region received 20M, they had submitted 47M in projects. They are waiting to see who has authority to decide how the 20M will be utilized.

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

Dave Berry made a motion to adjourn. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

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