

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 16, 2024
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Wayne Huffman Larry Parker Danny Wallace Keith Berry
ATTORNEY:	Trudy Selvia
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	11 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Stephanie Campbell opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

Campbell said they needed to make some changes to the agenda, add the Sheriff's Department and move public hearing to the beginning of the agenda. Berry made the motion to change the agenda. Parker seconded. The motion passed.

FLOYD TWP FIRE DISTRICT – PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:31 pm Campbell opened the public hearing. Selvia said it was advertised in the Banner Graphic. Hearing no comments, Campbell called for a motion to close the public hearing. Wallace made the motion to close hearing. Parker seconded. The motion passed.

CORONER ADDITIONAL

Todd Zeiner presented:

\$10,000 County General Fund

Reason: to repair transmission on both vehicles in his department.

Parker made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

JUVENILE PROBATION ADDITIONAL

Renee Marsteller presented:

\$17,296 JDAI Grant Fund

Reason: appropriate grand funds received.

Wallace made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

FLOYD TWP FIRE DISTRICT

Tiffany Deer along with two members of their board and the fire chief came to the meeting to answer any questions the board may have regarding their request to create a tax rate for cumulative fire. It would take effect January 1, 2025. This will help them to not continue to have debt to pay for capital outlay. Deer said the estimated 3.3% would annually give the district 100K. It would be roughly 4,000 tax parcels this would be added to. This would be approximately \$12.50 bi-annually added to their property tax bill.

Campbell asked if the board had any questions. Berry said it was a good idea to think ahead of the equipment needs for the fire department.

Campbell said the county was going into budget hearings and wanted to be sure with their budget advisor that it would not affect the county. She was still waiting for a response back from the advisor. Wallace made the motion to table it. Berry seconded. The motion passed. May need to have a special meeting to hit the May 31, 2024, deadline.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Tom Sutherlin came to the meeting to discuss the recent raises given by the Council. Campbell said during the raises it was not addressed on the Matron being paid the rate of the Sheriff deputy. Wallace felt the board needed to discuss this further. Need time to research. Sutherlin passed out information to the board.

Campbell asked for an explanation of how the Matron compares to a deputy salary regarding job description to warrant the same rate of pay. Sutherlin said in the paperwork he passed out it explains the Matron's responsibilities. If someone was not there, she would have to step in. Are her responsibilities the same as a deputy? No, it is not.

Wallace made the motion to table it. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

COMMISSIONER ADDITIONALS

\$1,954.79 Various funds

Reason: to appropriate a reimbursement of insurance claims paid since employees went over the stoploss.

Huffman made the motion to approve. Campbell seconded. The motion passed.

\$371,836 EDIT Fund

Reason: to appropriate the 2024 EDIT plan approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Parker made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

\$53,769 EDIT Warchest Fund

Reason: purchase radios for the Highway department.

Parker made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

\$10,336 ARPA Fund

Reason: equipment for the Coroner department.

Berry made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

\$215 New Annex Fund

Reason: rezoning of annex site, pay for letters of intent to property owners and legal publication fee.

Wallace made the motion to approve. Campbell seconded. The motion passed.

\$1,270 County General Fund

Reason: pay legal fees for the Morrison case.

Parker made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

MINUTES

March 19, 2024 – Wallace made the motion to approve. Parker seconded. The motion passed.

April 4, 2024 – Parker made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

RAINY DAY RESOLUTION

Campbell read aloud the resolution, moving 1M from the county general fund to the rainy-day fund. Wallace made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

MAY MEETING

Campbell reminded everyone of next month's meeting on May 28th.

ADJOURN

Huffman made the motion to adjourn. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

Stephanie Campbell, President

Danny Wallace

Wayne Huffman

Larry Parker

Keith Berry

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish