

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
March 3, 2025
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Andy Beck
ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Wayne Huffman
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	29 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on March 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

CEMETERY BOARD

Wayne Huffman stated the Cemetery Board is looking at purchasing a brush mower. He stated they have priced them through local businesses, but they are above the amount the board is willing to pay. They found one in Terre Haute. Huffman stated the board would like the Commissioners to pay for it and use their current funds for restoration. Beck asked if it would be used in all the cemeteries in the county. Huffman stated on all the ones that are not maintained by the township. Discussion was made on where the funds would come from. Beck suggested they go before the other trustees and ask for them to help on the cost. Helmer made a motion to approve the Complete Outdoor Equipment in Terre Haute quote and funds to come out of EDIT Warchest. Beck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING TEMPERATURE WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE

Public Hearing was opened for the Temperature Weight Limit Ordinance on county roads for 90 days. Woodall asked for any input from the audience. The weight limit would be 10 tons. An audience member asked if there were any exceptions for hauling grain. Woodall stated there are no exceptions, including his feed hauling truck that is over the limit. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Clint Maddox stated that the school buses and trash trucks would be affected. Woodall asked if there was a list of roads that would not be included. Discussion was made to not do a straight 90 days but do 5-10 days at a time. Beck made a motion to table the ordinance for further research. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JRAC

Helmer stated the JRAC committee met last week regarding the second round of Opioid funds. Jamie France presented the entities that were approved by the committee for funding. Cummins is doing an overdose program, Putnam County CERT to purchase 6 receivers for lifesaving equipment, Putnam County Teen Court, Putnam County Sheriff's Department for DARE program at South Putnam, Putnam County Adult Probation to purchase two new vehicles. Beck questioned the picking up of clients for court. Teresa Parrish stated they pick them up or transport them for court ordered programs. Helmer made a motion to approve the proposals totaling \$142,931. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIN STREET GREENCASTLE USAGE OF COURTHOUSE FOR FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS

Kate Nol was present to ask permission for the use of the northside of the courthouse to use on First Friday events. She has given Ensley the certificate of insurance. Helmer made a motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING REZONE REQUESTS

Lisa Zeiner presented a rezoning request for Aspire Building Group for south side of South Street to put in a subdivision, 91 blocks. The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation. It would contain single-story Duplex and Triplex. Woodall asked if anyone in the audience had any comments. There were none. Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Howard and Cheryl Thomas were requesting changing 20 acres from R1 to R3. The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation. Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Matthew and Tina Sillery were requesting rezoning of an existing building just outside of VanBibber Lake. It's currently zoned residential R2 and they are requesting it be zoned to commercial C2 for a pizza shop. The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation. Woodall made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS ASSET TRANSFER

Kelly Russ stated they have a 2013 Ambulance that they would like to transfer to EMA for fireside rescue and a mobile command unit for CERT. EMS will be getting a new ambulance. Discussion was made. Woodall made a motion to transfer the ambulance from EMS to EMA. Beck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD 1100 N & 750 E

Eric Davis stated he has lived on county road 750 East for three years and there have been several new houses built since. It's a heavily traveled road with school buses. Once they put gravel on, with the first rain they have potholes.

County road 1100 North is the road he is asking if the county could do chip and seal. Woodall explained they have a policy to not turn a gravel road into chip and seal due to struggling with funds to maintain the roads. They usually have the homeowners pay for oil to be spread.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Supt. Clint Maddox presented:

- 1) Quotes for fuel system at the Highway Department. He hasn't received any quotes for the new tanks. Midwest – \$18,053 and Gasoline Equipment \$19,702. Beck suggested each department pay for their own fobs. Woodall asked where the funds to pay for the system would come from. Woodall made the motion to table. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Jon Ayers from Hendricks County has contacted Maddox regarding the road that runs east and west at 75 and 240 (200 South due to the number of accidents). The county owns 200 S. Woodall made a motion to close county road 200 South. Beck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

Jim Ensley presented a Highway Department employee leave of absence request. Helmer made a motion to approve through the last day of June 2025. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF ROACHDALE CANINE REQUEST

Adrian Lepine, Roachdale Town Marshall stated they just started a canine program. They received a trained one year old German Sheperd last year. He will be used county wide to aid police, fire and emergency services. The Plainfield Police Department canine coordinator presented information that stated how they help police departments get canines for free or at the lowest possible cost. They have partnered with Roachdale. The annual upkeep is just under \$3,000. They are asking for \$2,500 to help offset the cost until they can get the program running. Town Marshall Ping has been reaching out for donations. Helmer made a motion to approve donating \$2,500 and for the funds to come out of Warchest EDIT. Beck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

February 17, 2025 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

February 18, 2025 – Beck made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

February 26, 2025 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Beck stated they had a 911 meeting last week with the topic of new radios that will be in operation by next month. The Greencastle Fire Chief is writing a grant for the volunteer fire departments to get radios, but the county would have to come up with 20% for match.

Beck met with the Hospital Director regarding keeping the Health Department housed at the Hospital. He will be meeting with Health Department Administrator Joni Young to discuss it further.

Helmer stated they need to figure out what company to use for the video system for county meetings. They received two presentations from companies interested in it. Councilman Campbell stated she visited a county that doesn't pay anything for maintenance. The company is Indy Sound and Stage.

Woodall stated that they have a verbal agreement with the Keightly Road property owner's daughter for \$120,000. The property owners are in the process of dividing up their properties within the US. The official purchase order can't go forward until that process is settled.

Woodall stated a special meeting was held regarding bridges. They brought engineering firms and county officials in for discussion on coming up with a bridge plan. He would like to set up meetings to meet with the firms, March 26th and 27th from 8-12.

ADJOURN

Woodall made the motion to adjourn. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Andy Beck

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams**