

COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 17, 2023
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Stephanie Campbell, President
Jay Alcorn, Vice President
Danny Wallace
Larry Parker
Wayne Huffman
Phillip Gick
Keith Berry

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Kristina Berish

AUDIENCE:

11 Individuals

The Putnam County Council met on October 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Stephanie Campbell opened the meeting with a pledge to the flag.

2024 BUDGET ADOPTION

Campbell read the following budgets to adopt: Putnam County, Greencastle Community School Corporation, Putnam County Airport Authority, Roachdale Fire Protection, Walnut Creek Fire Protection, Floyd Fire District, West Central Solid Waste Management. Asked if there was any discussion of changes needing to be made, hearing none, Wallace made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERIOR COURT ADDITIONAL

Court Reporter Tamila Shrum presented:

\$12,000 request from county general fund for pauper counsel expenses.

Alcorn made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ASSESSOR ADDITIONALS

Assessor Don Badolato presented:

\$31,500 request from county general fund for Nexus contract 2023 payment.

Gick made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

\$20,000 request from reassessment fund for Nexus contract 2023 payment.

Wallace made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AIRPORT ADDITIONAL

Cathy Tipton presented:

\$145,572 request from Airport operating fund for capital outlay.

Alcorn made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL TRANSFER

\$10,000 move from building to misc. services from the animal control fund. Gick made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Probation Officer Samantha Richardson came to the meeting stating in July they applied for a JDAI grant. They were awarded the grant. Herself and Renee Marsteller are coordinators and receive an additional salary stipend for 2023 in the amount of \$7,692.30 each.

Gick stated coming to the Council now is cleaning up their salary ordinance because this should have been done prior to receiving the stipend. Gick made the motion to approve the stipend and to add it to the 2023 salary ordinance. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EMS TRANSFER, ADDITIONAL AND BUDGET REDUCTION

Director Kelly Russ presented:

\$14,500 transfer from property & casualty insurance to overtime from the EMS fund (1151).

\$8,300 transfer from property & casualty insurance to operating supplies from the EMS fund (1151).

Berry made the motion to approve the two transfers. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

\$30,000 additional request from LIT public safety fund to cover the cost of repairing ambulance.

\$22,000 additional request from LIT public safety fund to cover the cost of replacing equipment.

Alcorn made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

-\$52,000 reduction request from county general fund due to the above two requested additionals from the LIT public safety fund.

Alcorn made the motion to approve. Gick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CIRCUIT COURT - RAISE REQUEST FOR PART TIME HELP

Campbell said the Judge had contacted her and was unable to make it to the meeting, requested to move it to November. Parker made the motion to table. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Auditor Berish asked when the Council wanted to have their regular meeting in August 2024 since it will fall on the same date they typically hold budget workshops. Discussion, decided to keep it on August 20th at 6:30 pm. Berry made the motion to approve the schedule. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

September 19, 2023 – Huffman made the motion to approve. Parker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Berish said she had spoken with the county’s DLGF representative and was told if the county wanted a tax levy for the bond -s they were discussing they would need to have the bond in place by no later than January 1, 2024. The amortization schedule would need to be submitted to DLGF and to upload the information to the debt management area in gateway. This gives the county a small window of time to get things accomplished. Otherwise, they can go through the bond process and the tax levy would not start until 2025.

Gick stated he had questions about bonds for bridges regarding payments. Discussion, it was decided to ask Jason Semler with Baker Tilly to attend the November meeting.

Trudy Selvia asked for clarification of what the Council wanted her to research regarding the hazardous waste fund law. Gick stated several years ago they asked legislation to be changed to allow part of the money each year to be put towards the upkeep of the county roads. He knows the law has changed, but they need it clarified. Selvia will research and get back to them.

MAIL

Board acknowledged their mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Campbell said herself and Wallace attended the Association of Indiana Counties conference and got a lot of good information. Board members gave their committee reports.

ADJOURN

Gick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Attested by Auditor’s Office
Kristina Berish**