

COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 19, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

David Fuhrman, President
Stephanie Campbell, Vice President
Phillip Gick
Danny Wallace
Larry Parker
Jay Alcorn
Keith Berry

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Kristina Berish

AUDIENCE:

5 Individuals

The Putnam County Council met in Regular Session on April 19, 2022, at the Putnam County Courthouse at 5:00 p.m. Dave Fuhrman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

POET TAX ABATEMENT

Greencastle Putnam County Development Kristin Clary presented new abatement. The company was looking at three different locations, highly competitive to have them select our county. Abatement request was for real and personal property. Two-step process: 1) is it available for a tax abatement 2) if eligible then it would be put in the newspaper and follow proper steps for it to be at a future meeting to approve. Attorney Trudy Selvia read 2022-04-19 Resolution into the minutes. Currently they employ 6-8, if they choose this location it would increase to around 50 employees. POET said at least half of the employees would be from Putnam County. Keith Berry made the motion to approve. Phil Gick seconded. Jay Alcorn abstained. The motion carried.

TREASURER – FUNDS

Treasurer Kathy Minnick said during the 2020 State audit they found a reconciliation issue between the bank fund and the Treasurer's book. This difference was in the amount of \$215,464.84. The difference happened before Minnick became Treasurer but the State up until this point had not allowed the county to do anything with it.

State suggested one way to resolve the difference was to distribute it to all the taxing units. Minnick submitted a proposed distribution that would be done during the June 2022 settlement. Commissioners approved at their meeting yesterday. Jay Alcorn made the motion to approve. Larry Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously

CUMULATIVE FUNDS

Auditor Kristina Berish updated Council; the Commissioners had held a public hearing on April 4th to establish a cumulative capital develop fund. Resolution was signed at their meeting yesterday. The proper paperwork will be sent to the State to establish the fund. The Council will then approve rate during the budget hearings.

EMS PART-TIME POSITION

Director Kelly Russ requested hiring a part-time position to help do administrative duties. One thing this individual would be focusing on is the TRECS program that would bring back money to the county. Russ said she did not have the time to keep up with it.

Russ requested to pay the position at \$15/hr for 19 hours per week which would equal \$16,000 a year. She would also need some office supplies/equipment for the position, one time cost of \$1,600.

Russ said she was hoping she could pay for it through a grant she was going after, or it may pay for itself in the money they would receive by actively using the TRECS program. Commissioners approved the request pending Council's approval at their meeting yesterday.

After some discussion, consensus of the Council was to move forward. Russ will submit additional at next month's meeting from her EMS user fee fund.

ROACHDALE LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

Keith Berry made the motion to appoint Charetta Coffman per the letter from the library to replace Jerry Richard who had resigned. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION ADDITIONALS

Teresa Parrish represented the additional:

Received 5 grants, \$1,000 each. Asking to appropriate the funds.

4901-20217-152	SATP Drug Screening	\$1,000
2000-20217-504	Adult Drug Screening	\$1,000
4901-30308-152	SATP Education	\$1,000
4901-30360-152	SATP Misc. Services	\$1,000
2000-30303-504	Adult Probation Support	\$1,000

Larry Parker made the motion to approve the additional. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MILEAGE RATE INCREASE

The County Assessor had submitted request to the Commissioners and Council asking if the county mileage rate could be increased from the .485 per mile. It was found the Council approves rate increase and would do a resolution. After some discussion the Council requested Trudy Selvia to draw up a resolution increasing it to .50 per mile.

RAINY DAY ADDITIONAL

Kristina Berish represented additional.

1186-50503	2018 & 2019 error in payroll	\$4,110.75
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Victims Assistant Grant

In 2018 & 2019 the payroll deputy accidentally gave this position the county percentage raise. The employee at the time did not bring it to the payroll deputy's attention. This additional will correct the salary plus benefits erroneously given to employee causing a shortage in the grant fund.

Berish informed the Council there would also be an additional next month for 12K to pay for the overage in salary given from 2018-2021 due to the employee at the time submitting a payroll status change form giving herself a raise.

The county match being shorted due to claims being submitted incorrectly for several years will be corrected by the Prosecutor.

Phil Gick made the motion to approve the additional. Stephanie Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ARPA ADDITIONAL

Kristina Berish represented additional.

9143-50631-000-0068	ARPA Distribution	\$3,649,348.50
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ARPA Distribution

To appropriate the first half of the ARPA funds given to the county.

Larry Parker made a motion to approve. Jay Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HAZARDOUS WASTE ADDITIONALS

Kristina Berish represented additional.

1221-10121-000-0007 FICA matching benefits \$248

1221-10128-000-0007 Medicare matching benefits \$58

Accounts needed due to Council approving \$4,000 for the Coroner's office for uniforms since it is a taxable fringe benefit.

Phil Gick made the motion to approve. Stephanie Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RAINY DAY/HEALTH ADDITIONALS

Kristina Berish represented additional.

1186-10121-000-0801 FICA matching benefits \$1,177

1186-10128-000-0801 Medicare matching benefits \$275

The Health department was not asking for any additional money. This ties into the 18K approved earlier in the year. The matching taxes accounts should have been appropriated at that time.

Larry Parker made the motion to approve. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JUVENILE PROBATION ADDITIONAL

No representative present at the meeting.

2050-20217-000-0503 P.I.E. grant \$1,000

Drug Screening

Phil Gick made the motion to approve. Larry Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADDITIONAL

No representative present at the meeting.

1122-40401-000-0133 purchase and install computers \$4,600

Equipment

Danny Wallace made the motion to approve. Jay Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMA ADDITIONAL

No representative present at the meeting.

1000-30360-000-0361 grant money \$7,500

Miscellaneous Services

Phil Gick made the motion to approve. Keith Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

Members gave reports from the boards they sit on representing the Council.

MINUTES

March 15, 2022 – Phil Gick made the motion to approve. Stephanie Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Phil Gick made the motion to adjourn. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

David Fuhrman, President

Stephanie Campbell, V. President

Jay Alcorn

Larry Parker

Keith Berry

Danny Wallace

Phillip Gick

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