

COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 19, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

David Fuhrman, President
Stephanie Campbell, Vice President
Jill Bridgewater
Phillip Gick
Danny Wallace
Stephanie Campbell
Rick Woodall
Trudy Selvia
Kristina Alexander
10 Individuals

COMMISSIONER:

ATTORNEY:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

AUDIENCE:

The Putnam County Council met in Regular Session on January 19, 2021 at the Putnam County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. Dave Fuhrman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS

Danny Wallace made the motion to appoint Dave Fuhrman. Jill Bridgewater seconded. Nominations closed. The motion carried.

Jill Bridgewater made the motion to appoint Stephanie Campbell. Danny Wallace seconded. Nominations closed. The motion carried.

ADULT PROBATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

Probation Officer Garrett Nichols stated in 2013 the law was changed to allow high risk to be on probation. In 2016 and 2018 the county received grants that allowed them to hire two more probation officers. In 2019 they created a Pre-Trial Release Program which has been a benefit to the county. They would like a County Council member to sit on their board. They meet every quarter. The Council will address the request later on in their meeting when they do board appointments.

ROACHDALE-FRANKLIN LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Kara Magill fulfilled the maximum term limit as a member. They are recommending Jerry Richard be appointed. Keith Berry made the motion to appoint Jerry Richard. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Jill Bridgewater thought they had already made the appointment last October. Jill Bridgewater made the motion to reaffirm the appointment of Barbara Boese. Phil Gick seconded. The motion carried.

COUNCIL BOARDS

Cemetery	Dave Fuhrman
EMA	Dave Fuhrman
LEPC	Dave Fuhrman
Community Corrections	Dave Fuhrman
Operation Life	Jill Bridgewater & Danny Wallace
Commissioner's Board	Larry Parker
Put Co Comm Foundation	Keith Berry
E911	Phil Gick
Humane Society	Danny Wallace
W Central Solid Waste	Stephanie Campbell
Pre Trial Release Program	Danny Wallace
G'castle/Putnam Ec Dev	Jill Bridgewater
Plan Commission	Jill Bridgewater
Health Board	Stephanie Campbell
Thrive West Central	Phil Gick

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL

The additional they approved at the January 4, 2021 Council meeting was advertised again to give the Council more options where to pay the two part time positions from since the hazardous waste fund is close on their allowable expenditures for the year.

The \$38,000 additional for two part time employees was re-advertised to pay from the rainy day fund or the COVID Cares fund.

Phil Gick made the motion to approve the additional to be paid out of the rainy day fund. Keith Berry seconded. The motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Administrator Joni Young stated she had attended the Commissioners meeting earlier in the day to ask for their approval regarding the usage of grant funds. She is now coming before the Council to get their approval.

Their department will be receiving another grant due to COVID in the amount of \$40,083. They want to use this money to offset the overtime they will have to work instead of banking compensatory time. The State dictates their hours now, which means they are open later in the week now, on Saturdays and working at least some of the holidays. In one month, they are projected to do more vaccinations than they did the entire year of 2020.

Phil Gick made the motion to allow the department to use the grant money to pay for overtime. Keith Berry seconded. The motion carried.

RUSSELLVILLE AND JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Commissioner Rick Woodall was at the meeting to represent the requests from the two departments. The departments are now requesting money from the COVID Cares Act fund. Russellville has submitted 3 bills that total \$392.67. They purchased tyvek suits, gloves, face piece respirator and filter. Phil Gick made the motion to approve. Jill Bridgewater seconded. The motion carried.

Jefferson is requesting the money to purchase the following equipment: \$35,000 for turnout gear and \$20,295 for radios. Mr. Woodall recommended to the Council to table this request until he has time to go through the ledger. He wants to make sure all expenditures already approved have been paid. The county will then have a true number of the balance of monies left in the fund. Danny Wallace made the motion to table. Jill Bridgewater seconded. The motion carried.

LONGEVITY FOR MATT DEMMINGS

Sheriff Scott Stockton requested Matt Demmings longevity to be reinstated. He had worked for the county for 13 years before he quit. It was not an issue now since he is his Chief Deputy. But in the future when he is no longer Sheriff and if Mr. Demmings changed positions his longevity would matter on his salary. Past Auditor Lorie Hallett-Talbert commented the County had allowed this request in the past for Kristin Seahorn and Josh Boller. After some discussion, Phil Gick made the motion to approve. Keith Berry seconded. The motion carried.

QUALITY TITLE INVOICES

The Commissioners are trying to clean up county owned properties and get it straight with the insurance company as well. Commissioner Rick Woodall said they have found where the county is being charged for vehicles we no longer have and property we do not own anymore. During this process they had two title searches done by Quality Title in the amount of \$250. After some discussion it was suggested to be paid from the EDIT warchest. The invoices will go to the next Commissioners meeting for approval to be paid.

EMS RECAP FOR 2020

Commissioner Rick Woodall came to the meeting to give the Council a recap of EMS since they became part of the county. He went over their annual financial report, operational annual report and the vehicle maintenance report.

MINUTES

February 18, 2020	Phil Gick made the motion to approve. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried.
May 12, 2020	Council sent back to be amended. The Council members that attended the meeting by phone were not added to the minutes.
July 21, 2020	Jill Bridgewater made the motion to approve. Keith Berry seconded. The motion carried.
August 18, 2020	Jill Bridgewater made the motion to approve. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried.
August 25 & 26, 2020	Danny Wallace made the motion to approve. Phil Gick seconded. The motion carried.
September 15, 2020	Jill Bridgewater made the motion to approve. Phil Gick seconded. The motion carried.

MAIL

The Council acknowledged receiving the Cummins mental health annual report.

SHERIFF BUDGET

It is on the next month’s agenda, during budget hearings last year it had been proposed to increase the Matron, Jail Commander and Assistant Jail Commander salaries and make them salary. They would not earn compensatory time. To offset the increase, they reduced their overtime line item by \$8,000. Clarification needs to be made since it is unclear from minutes and what is in the system as to what the Council approved. It needs to be clarified for payroll purposes.

The Council asked for the necessary paperwork to be submitted for their next meeting for them to review and make decision.

ADJOURN

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

David Fuhrman, President

Stephanie Campbell, Vice President

Larry Parker (not present at meeting)

Phillip Gick

Danny Wallace

Keith Berry

Jill Bridgewater

Attest: Auditor’s Office