

COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 15, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

David Fuhrman, President
Stephanie Campbell, Vice President
Phillip Gick
Danny Wallace
Larry Parker
Jay Alcorn
Keith Berry
David Berry
Thomas Helmer
Trudy Selvia
Evelyn Williams
5 Individuals

COMMISSIONER:

ATTORNEY:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

AUDIENCE:

The Putnam County Council met in Regular Session on June 15, 2021, at the Putnam County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. Dave Fuhrman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Danny Wallace volunteered to serve on Operation Life Board. Keith Berry made a motion to appoint Danny Wallace. Phillip Gick seconded. The motion carried.

Danny Wallace made a motion to appoint Phillip Gick to the Economic Development Board. Dave Fuhrman seconded. The motion carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH PREPAREDNESS POSITION

Joni Young informed the Council that an employee resigned. The Preparedness Coordinator, Brian Williams has been doing her job on top of his normal duties. The Health Department was asking permission to move the money from the former employee's appropriation to the Preparedness Coordinator position to pay for his additional duties.

Phillip Gick made a motion to approve. Keith Berry seconded. The motion carried.

E911-2022 BUDGET

David Costin explained this year he expects to spend more than the 911 PSAP Fund has by \$35,000 or more. Public Safety LIT fund has served its purpose. He anticipated to spend ¾ of its cash balance. Most of it is used to pay for the software and hardware debt. To keep the 911 fund in the black he would like the Council to consider moving some appropriations from there to another fund during the budget process. Discussion was made.

Mr. Costin asked the Council to consider increasing part time help pay by \$1/hour. Right now, he only has 1 part time employee. The department needs 6 to keep from paying so much overtime. Summertime he is 20% busier. Makes it hard to train anyone. Discussion made. The department has been losing employees due to lack of pay for the required work. Mr. Costin is considering retirement in a few years and is looking to close the gaps in pay for his deputy director, supervisor, and senior dispatcher. Mr. Fuhrman said to make a bullet list and present it at the upcoming budget meetings.

PUTNAM COUNTY PARK BOARD

Trudy Selvia has asked to table to next meeting. The Council appoints 2 to the board from the community. The matter was tabled.

READI PROGRAM AND PARTNERSHIP

The READI Program is additional money from the state to self-described regions. Surrounding counties will join and be able to access funding. Mr. Fuhrman went into details. He stated that right now Putnam is looking to partner with Boone, Morgan, and Hendricks.

ADULT PROBATION TRANSFER

TRANSFER – Pre-Trial Services moving money to have a defense attorney.

Tabled due to lack of explanation. A department representative was not present.

COMMISSIONER ADDITIONAL

The Auditor presented an additional appropriation for Bank Connect Fees. Danny Wallace made a motion to approve. Phillip Gick seconded. The motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW HIRE

Lisa Zeiner, Director of Planning & Zoning stated they currently have 2 part time inspectors. Since April they have had only 1. She has had to pick up easy inspections to help. They would like to hire 1 full time at \$38,000 and keep the 1 part time. She presented the dollar amounts collected so far this year and it more than covers the full-time position. Discussion was made. Keith Berry made a motion to approve a part time since a full-time person had already been budgeted. Jay Alcorn seconded. The motion carried.

MINUTES

May 18, 2021 – Larry Parker made the motion to approve. Danny Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

BOARD UPDATES

Council members gave updates on the board meetings they attend.

ADJOURN

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

David Fuhrman, President

Stephanie Campbell, Vice President

Larry Parker

Phillip Gick

Danny Wallace

Keith Berry

Jay Alcorn

Attest: Auditor’s Office

