

COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOPS
AUGUST 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

AIC:

Evelyn Williams
Jacque Clements

The Putnam County Council met on August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Stephanie Campbell opened the meeting recessed from yesterday.

GREENCASTLE SCHOOLS

Superintendent Jeff Gibboney and Kellie Romer presented a presentation with the school's financial information.

SURVEYOR

Greg Williams – Added more to the contractual labor because the corner perpetuation is going so well.

FIRE DISTRICTS

Tiffany Deer, CPA:

Roachdale Fire – No changes.

Floyd Township Fire – Debt for the tanker. Added an appropriation for run incentive.

Walnut Creek Fire – The Board has decided to centralize the funds.

AIRPORT

Brandon, Baker Tilly - Presentation of the airport's fund balances and the 2025 budget.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Amos, Joni Young, Brian Williams

1159 – Took a position out and moved to HIF. Joni stated they are paying more out of the HIF than 1159 in 2025 for positions. The council feels the health insurance \$129,888 should stay in the 1159 fund. 30360 – reduced to \$5,000. Discussion on fund 1161 and it's \$700,000 limit. She stated her insurance could also be moved. 4926 Preparedness – miscellaneous services went down to supplement officers' salary increase.

1161 – insurance change to \$72,000

RECORDER

Heather Gilbert – No changes

VETERANS

David Heavin – reduced per diem and moved it to office supplies and miscellaneous services. He stated they do not hold as many conferences since the pandemic. 2,500 veterans in the county.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Jamie France – 95% of the salaries come out of the grant received from DOJ.

CUSTODIAL

Cliff Ross – increased repairs and maintenance by \$14,000 with the cost of everything going up. He has noticed a lot of band aid fixes and is trying to clean them all up.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING

David Costin & Debra Simmons – 4942-033 no changes

E-911

David Costin & Debra Simmons

PSAP LIT 1235-156 – Discussion on the need for radios and the cost.

E911 1222-156

PROSECUTOR

Tim Bookwalter, Austin Malayer, Teresa Pingleton, Vickie Patterson –

Prosecutor – Potential Retirement Payout added

Pre-Trial Diversion - nothing

Discussion of the Recovery Raw Program

Title IV-D - nothing

SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Bridges and Tamila Shrum:

Bailiff uniform allowance increased, pauper counsel increased, law books no longer used.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Headley and Cassie Stacks:

Discussion on cost of juvenile detention. Combined pauper counsel and conflict of interest line items. Discussion on IT personnel. Received a quote from IT Resource for \$80,000/year for the court offices.

Facilitation – Susan Clark asked for \$1,000 more in office supplies.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Renee Marsteller – discussion on IT personnel, juvenile detention, JDAI grant

ADULT PROBATION

Teresa Parrish and Garret Nichols:

User Fees – Teresa discussed the letter she submitted asking for the probation officers to receive an additional \$5,000 on top of their mandates. She has spoken with several other counties that provide this.

Parrish stated all her probation officers evaluate their clients for alcohol and drugs. She stated she is around \$25,000 ahead of collected fees this year compared to last year. She stated they received a grant to pay all of Tiffany Boswell and Ashley Underwood's salaries.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Increased phone line items because the Commissioners are increasing the stipend and decreased repairs and maintenance because a server was purchased this year and does not need as much money for next year's budget.

COUNCIL

Gick stated the president and vice president should get slightly more for the added responsibilities. Alcorn agreed. Suggested \$500 and \$250.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Clerk

1000-20201-001 Leave at \$8500, no increase
1000-30303-001 Leave at \$10,000, no increase
1000-30362-001 Leave at \$2,000, no increase

Election

Taking absentee board, election travel team, election night workers, election precinct workers, and meals and moving to Council budget as a holding line for budget purposes.

Assessor

Repairs & Maintenance taking down to \$5,557

Taking maps & printing forms out of County General. Adding to Sales Disclosure fund \$3500.

Reassessment 4928 - Add \$1,000 to Equipment line item for iPads to use in the field.

Office Supplies 20201 leaving at previous year amount, \$6615. As well as 30303 leave \$39,927. 30362 - taking the \$58 off.

Treasurer

Eliminate second deputy, add \$15,000 for part time.

Extension

Office rent add \$1,200

Coroner

Cut Mileage in half

Took Per Diem to \$0

Sheriff's Department

Attorney Salary – Take out of fund 1170 and move to fund 1000

Keep salaries in fund 1170

Take the 2000,3000 and 4000 series out of fund 1170 and put in County General.

In-depth discussion regarding the request for two new deputies. Fund 1170 is not sustainable after 2025. Gick suggested moving overtime and police pension to county general. The council agreed.

Shift differential down from \$20,000 to \$12,000.

Jail LIT 1233

Taking courthouse deputy (\$47,597) back to the jail officer. Creating one new sergeant position instead of four. Cutting uniform allowance by three positions.

Reduce shift differential by \$10,000

Add \$52,624 for one jail sergeant, take out 4 new positions

Removing civil deputy position

Take out raise request \$279,607 (includes the 4 new positions)

Remove \$5,000 - 30376 Uniforms

Cum Jail

Repairs & Maintenance reduce to \$67,700

Animal Control

Reduce utilities down \$24,000

EMS

Fund 1151 - In-depth discussion made on Chief and Deputy Chief salaries. Chief \$90,000, Deputy Chief \$85,000.

Commissioners

Leave Highway insurance in county general.

Move Health Department insurance to fund 1159.

Courthouse security – 4 part-time \$95,000

Highway

1173 MVH Restricted – no changes

1176 MVH – Take off health insurance \$515,000

1135 Cumulative Bridge – Take off health insurance \$40,000

4951 Wheel/Surtax Bridge – zero out

Health Department

Put health insurance back in fund 1159 - \$129,000

30360 Misc. Services - reduce from \$40,000 to \$5,000

Adult Probation

Discussion on request for 5% more on top of mandates. The council agreed they need more information.

Salary Discussion

Salaries – Everyone 3%, need to address the positions that have current salary over the 3% pay increase on the salary structure for 2025.

Discuss part-time rates later.

The Auditor's Office will make the changes to the budgets and send out updated information to the Council. The Council will meet on September 3rd to further discuss budgets after they have reviewed the revised information.

ADJOURN

Wallace made a motion to recess the meeting. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Attest: Auditor's Office
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