

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
October 15, 2024
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:

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

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Evelyn Williams

AUDIENCE:

8 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on October 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Stephanie Campbell opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

Gick made a motion to remove EMS and Wheel & Surtax from the agenda and add the Sheriff's Department Resolution. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2025 BUDGET ADOPTION

Campbell individually reads the Ordinance/Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the following entities:

Putnam County – Alcorn made a motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Putnam County Airport Authority – Gick made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Roachdale Fire Protection – Huffman made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Walnut Creek Fire Protection – Gick made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Floyd Township Fire District – Alcorn made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

West Central Indiana Waste Management – Gick made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Greencastle Community School Corporation – Gick made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF – ADDITIONAL AND RESOLUTION

Tresha Clearwaters, Sheriff Matron, presented:

Additional: \$15,825 County General

Reason: To pay last installment of vehicle insurance.

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

Clearwaters stated the property owners behind the jail are willing to sale the property for a reasonable amount and the Sheriff would like to pay for the use of a building on the property until the sale goes through. They would use the building for storage of

lawn mowers and equipment. The Council must approve through a resolution to spend the commissary funds on this purpose. Selvia stated she has spoken with the Sheriff and believes this is an appropriate use for commissary funds. The jail has a huge issue with storage. Gick made a motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CLERK – ADDITIONAL AND REDUCTION

Clerk Tracy Bridges presented:

Additional: \$1,800 County General

Reason: Delivery and pick up of election equipment.

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

Additional: \$12,000 County General

Reason: To pay Voter Registration part time and temporary part time.

Berry made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Reduction: \$12,000 County General

Reason: Move to part time in Voter Registration.

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

Bridges stated she found out through the Clerk Association that she is eligible for a \$2,500 stipend and feels that as much work that she does for election alone she deserves it and wanted to know why they had not approved it previously. Bridges stated that it's not any different than the auditor stipend they have got for years. Alcorn stated they were looking at next year and there's not an election. Discussion was made. Campbell stated she would like to investigate and get more information.

COMMISSIONER ADDITIONALS

Evelyn Williams presented:

Additional: \$143,000 County General

Reason: To cover social security, Medicare and Perf for the rest of the year.

Alcorn made a motion to approve. Gick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$59,526.80 County General

Reason: Health insurance reimbursement.

Parker made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$2,679 Community Corrections

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Alcorn made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$805.61 Highway

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Parker made a motion to approve. Gick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$13,048.31 EMS

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Gick made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$3,337.13 Health Department

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Alcorn made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$16,530.42 Highway

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Huffman made a motion to approve. Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$736.85 Planning and Zoning

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Gick made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$2,600.32 Assessor

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Parker made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$5,894.55 E-911

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Parker made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$736.85 Health Department

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Alcorn made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$1,005.11 Community Corrections

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Parker made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$1,473.68 Adult Probation

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Huffman made a motion to approve. Gick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional: \$736.85 Health Department

Reason: Health Insurance Reimbursement.

Parker made a motion to approve. Gick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSOR – LAND SOFTWARE

Don Badolato stated with the reorganization of the Plat Office, his office will be performing the land work they should have been doing all along. With doing so, he will need new software. He has submitted a transfer for the purchase of it. Gick stated it's been before the commissioners. Gick made a motion to tentatively approve the transfer of \$3,100. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION – PROBATION OFFICER'S SALARIES

Teresa Parrish stated she is looking to get her probation officers a salary increases above the mandates. They do their own drug screens, and they have increased their collections for the user fee fund. She asked why they decided not to give an additional \$5,000 per officer during the budget process. Campbell stated it was discussed and they looked at the years other employees didn't receive increases, but the officers did because of the mandates. Alcorn stated he believes the salaries are in line. Campbell suggested looking at other counties our size and do comparisons. Gick agreed.

2025 MEETING DATES

Alcorn made a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Dates. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

September 3, 2024 – Gick made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

September 17, 2024 – Alcorn made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. Gick and Parker abstain. The motion carried unanimously.

OVERTIME/COMPTIME

Campbell stated they received an estimation of annual comp and overtime from the auditor's office. This information is if the Commissioners decide to take away accumulating comp time and instead pay it out. Discussion was made.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HFI match funding for Informational purposes only.

MAIL

The Council acknowledged the mail.

MISC. DISCUSSION

Discussion was made on the Annex and the committee.

Discussion was made on the Opioid Settlement funds.

Board of Health-Commissioners approved getting two appraisals on the old Feld's building.

ADJOURN

Parker made the motion to adjourn. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

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Attest: Auditor's Office
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