

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
November 19, 2024
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Jay Alcorn, Vice President Wayne Huffman Larry Parker Phillip Gick Keith Berry Danny Wallace
COMMISSIONER:	Rick Woodall
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	14 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on November 19, 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.

CLERK - TRANSFER

Transfer: \$1,071 Printing of forms to Conference/Per Diem
Requesting to pay for conferences. Gick made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSOR – TRANSFER & NEXUS CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Transfer: \$3,100 Think GIS Editor license installation
Transfer was tentatively approved at the October 15th meeting. Final approval motion was made by Gick. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Badolato stated the first year of the Nexus contract found over \$80 million in inventory. He will be losing a field officer to retirement next year and Nexus wants to hire the other field officer so he wouldn't have to be laid off due to the contract. Badolato stated he wants to use the employees' salaries to pay for the contract. This is all for 2025.

E911 - ADDITIONAL

Gick stated 911 is getting new towers. An RFP went out for the equipment. The committee opened them on Monday. Pricing on pagers and radios were not what they were looking for. Additional was tabled.

TITLE IV-D – NEW POSITION

Needs to fill 2 positions. Make one caseworker position a secretary. Need to figure out a salary for secretary and new case worker. Gick stated she was looking for having the position paid as "up to".

EMS - TRANSFER

Transfer: \$18,245 From Equipment to Vehicles
UTV Purchase
Transfer: \$690 From Hardware & Tools to Vehicles

UTV Purchase

Commissioner Woodall stated that EMS came to the Commissioners to ask for approval for the purchase of a UTV for emergency use at special events and in rescues. UTV's are a lot quicker than an ambulance in crowds. The money was in the budget due to overestimating this year's budget. They received 3 bids and went with the lowest with comparable equipment. Huffman made a motion to approve the transfer. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SURVEYOR

Additional:	\$1,000	Section Corner Perpetuation
	\$20	Medicare
	\$62	Social Security

County Surveyor Greg Williams stated he learned at a conference that there is an Indiana Code that allows the surveyor to receive \$2 per section corner. Increasing this line item because they are getting so much done. Alcorn made a motion to approve. Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

KEIGHTLY ROAD

Commissioner Woodall stated the property on Keightly Road behind the jail is land locked and the Sheriff's Department would like the county to purchase it. The property owners are willing to sale. The owner was informed that the county cannot pay more than the amount of what an appraisal comes back. Woodall stated he would like the council approval to move forward and get two appraisals done at a cost of around \$2500/piece. Woodall suggested using the EDIT fund to pay for appraisals. Campbell made a motion to move forward with appraisals not to exceed \$6,000 out of EDIT funds. Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – SICK HOURS PAYOUT

Tresha Clearwaters, Sheriff Matron, stated with the new time policy at the end of this year that she has four employees with excessive time and would like to pay them out. The money is currently in the budget due to not being fully staffed for so long. Clearwaters stated she is asking if the Council is ok with doing it this way. The council agreed that it would be the best way to handle it.

JUVENILE PROBATION – ADDITIONAL

Samantha Richardson presented:

Additional:	\$2,335	IT bill that was paid twice. Putting money back into the account
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Berry made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional:	\$2,000	PIE Grant
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Alcorn made a motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL – TRANSFER

Terry Eastham presented:

Transfer:	\$10,000	Misc. Services/Charges for vet bills
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Gick made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS – ADDITIONAL

Commissioner Woodall presented:

Additional: \$44,000 Cum Courthouse/Repairs & Maintenance
Atlas Buildings – courthouse outside building repairs
Additional: \$7,945 Rain Day/Equipment
Sheriff's Dept lawnmower purchase
Wallace made a motion to approve both additional. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CUSTODIAL – TRANSFER

Evelyn Williams presented:

Transfer: \$570 County General/Retirement Payout
Wallace made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING & COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Alcorn made a motion to add the Health Department and Commissioner Woodall to the agenda. Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woodall stated that \$815,000 was approved at the Commissioner meeting to come out of Annex Fund for the design portion of the new annex. Thursday and Friday of this week the architects are meeting with department heads and elected officials. Woodall is wanting to bid out the project this winter in hopes of getting better pricing. Paying cash for design fees so a bond will not have to be sought until next summer.

Woodall stated that there was an IT position that was approved for next year. Incoming council and commissioners would like to know everyone's opinion on how to fulfill. He had a meeting with the judges about their IT. Superior and Circuit Courts paid out \$38,000, other county offices, inside and outside the courthouse, spent around \$221,000. That amount includes equipment such as servers, computers, etc. Woodall stated they may have to work into the position and not go full force right off the get go.

Woodall stated the building that the Health Department is looking at purchasing on Bloomington Street (old Feld's building) has had two appraisals done. One by Freije Appraisals and the other by Lawson & Co. They have signed a purchase agreement in the amount of \$700,000. Woodall has spoken with the county surveyor about surveying the property and a 2-lot subdivision would have to be done to get the storage part removed off of the property and only include the office building. January 31st is the closing date of the purchase. The Health Department has money to help pay for renovations and the purchase of property.

Woodall stated they had two options, finance the entire project or pay cash. Woodall stated the Health Department has money from HFI to use. If the project is financed, they can only pay \$71,836/year but payments would be over \$100,000. The county would have to put in the rest. To pay cash, there must be an agreement between the county and the health department. MOU must be done. Per square foot it's a lot less with the purchase of this building rather than moving them to the annex: \$186/sq ft vs over \$400/sq ft. Discussion was made on financial proposals presented. Woodall would hate to see the department's funds drained without the county putting something in. Campbell and Selvia stated they should have a special joint meeting to

do research and further discuss. The Council and Commissioner Woodall decided to meet on Monday, November 25th at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

October 15, 2024 – Gick made a motion to approve. Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OVERTIME/COMPTIME

Woodall stated that they had not made a final decision.

MAIL

The Council acknowledged the mail.

ADJOURN

Gick made the motion to adjourn. Parker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Campbell, President

Jay Alcorn, Vice President

Wayne Huffman

Phillip Gick

Keith Berry

Larry Parker

Danny Wallace

Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams