

COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 21, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

David Fuhrman, President
Stephanie Campbell, Vice President
Danny Wallace
Larry Parker
Jay Alcorn
Keith Berry

COMMISSIONERS:

Rick Woodall, President
Thomas Helmer, Vice President

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Kristina Berish

AUDIENCE:

11 Individuals

The Putnam County Council met in Regular Session on June 21, 2022, at the Putnam County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. Dave Fuhrman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

ADD ON AGENDA

Fuhrman stated the Commissioners had asked to add insurance topic on the agenda. Berry made the motion approve. Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS ADDITIONALS

Rick Woodall presented:

1170-20203-0157	\$50,000
Fuel	
1170-20201-0157	\$2,000
Office Supplies	
1170-10112-0157	\$16,000
Part Time Help	
1170-20206-0157	\$36,000
Operating Supplies	
1170-30372-0157	\$219.50
License Requirements	
1170-20201-0157	\$2,655
Office Supplies	
1170-30303-0157	\$35,000
Repairs & Maintenance	

Berry made the motion to approve all the above listed additional. Wallace seconded. The motion passed (Berry, Wallace, Alcorn & Parker).

E911 ADDITIONAL

Dave Costin presented:

1235-30303-156	\$76,750
Repairs & Maintenance	

Alcorn made the motion to approve. Larry Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMA ADDITIONAL

Dave Costin presented:

1000-30360-0361 \$5,000
Miscellaneous Services

Campbell made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Joni Young came to discuss the preparedness grant. The grant pays for half of an employee's salary and the other is paid from the county. Due to the way the grant works the employee did not get the full 5% raise given to employees in 2022. He only received 2.5%. She would like to correct and give him the full 5%. Council gave consent.

SHERIFF ADDITIONAL

Tresha Clearwaters brought paperwork regarding purchase of vehicles. The vehicles would be purchased out of commissary.

Sheriff Scott Stockton presented:

1000-10117-0005 \$15,000
Attorney

Campbell made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Clerk Heather Gilbert said she had a job opening due to terminating an employee. The current staff was absorbing the responsibilities through the end of the year. She did not want to hire a person since a new Clerk would start on January 1, 2023, and the employee may then be terminated. She did not feel this was fair to the individual. Gilbert asked about using monies this year to give a bonus. Fuhrman said it would not be unfair if the individual knew upfront the circumstances and chose to accept the job. Discussion. Council felt the position should be filled or eliminate the position and come back to them about the restructure of the office and salaries. Gilbert said if it was not for a new Clerk coming into the office in January, she felt comfortable eliminating the position. However, with new office holder she did not feel right eliminating it.

Gilbert stated she would be looking to reduce one of her Chief Deputy's salaries in the 2023 budget. She did not feel a new person should start out making what Debbie Ensor did because they would not have the 29 years of experience. She would be looking to take the difference and distribute it between other personnel in the office. Danny Wallace abstained since he had a conflict of interest. Discussion, Council felt this should be addressed during budget time for year 2023.

Gilbert said she was working on a project scanning documents. She wanted to hire a past employee to do the work. The person would do it from her house. Discussion. If the individual was not a county employee Gilbert could not take county equipment to this person's house. A contractual person would not be covered under the county's liability insurance if something happened to the equipment. Discussion. Council told Gilbert to rethink how she wanted to get the documents scanned.

6TH MURAL

Tabled

LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR FILLMORE

Jerry Huff said they have a problem with lack of law enforcement in the town. He had been advised to come to the Council with their predicament to see about getting more of the LIT money. Discussion. Huff was given the Department of Local Government Finance number to discuss with them.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jim Peck said he had been working for the county for 2 months now. There was a foreman position he did not wish to fill. Peck wants the title of Engineer and to create a Highway Director position that would be filled by Clint Maddox. He would run the operations.

Peck went over job descriptions for the two positions in the office: track all materials that go into a road for historical value, track all equipment and repairs, decommission equipment, use program Charts for accounting, annual highway report, prepare annual bid documents, working with Peck on budgets for 2023, tracking accident reports and seeking some insurance reimbursements, work on the GIS program, track all accidents by highway personnel, R/O/W permits, get bonds from utility companies, handle phone calls, write up workorders, clean part of the building since they do not have custodians. The Administrative Assistant use to be the county's designated ERC but Peck has taken that over. It is a position that should never have been hers due to what it entails. She would just be assisting Peck, as needed.

The Commissioners had met with Peck and Maddox about the restructure and proposed salary changes. Discussion. Council felt some of the proposed changes were job restructuring but there was a couple that would just be a raise in salary. It was something they felt should be addressed during budgets workshops In August for 2023. If they wanted to rethink their request and give the Council information, then they could come back before them.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Woodall came to the Council to inform them about the information they had received so far regarding health insurance. And the county would be switching from MetLife to Guardian for all supplemental benefits offered to employees.

ABATEMENT

Kristin Clary gave updates about the POET abatement and about interest in solar.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE 2022-06-21

Fuhrman read ordinance. The rate would increase from .485 to .50 per mile. Effective July 1, 2022. Campbell made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

May 17, 2022 (Executive) – Parker made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

May 17, 2022 – Wallace made the motion to approve. Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

Members gave reports from the boards they sit on representing the Council.

ADJOURN

Berry made the motion to adjourn. Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

David Fuhrman, President

Stephanie Campbell, V. President

Jay Alcorn

Larry Parker

Keith Berry

Danny Wallace

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish