

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**June 20, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Darrell Thomas, President (arrived at 7:00 PM)  
Keith Berry, Vice President  
Jill Bridgewater  
Dave Fuhrman  
Phillip Gick  
Larry Parker  
Gene Beck

**ATTORNEY:**

Trudy Selvia

**AUDITOR:**

Lorie Hallett

**AUDIENCE:**

11 individuals

The Putnam County Council met in regular session on June 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Keith Berry opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given. Mr. Berry explained that Mr. Thomas was going to be late so the agenda will be out of order.

**AIC CONTRACT**

The Council AIC contract for budget consultation was presented for comments. The Commissioners wanted Council comments before they signed.

Mr. Fuhrman made a motion to approve the contract to be signed by the Commissioners and Phil Gick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**CLERK-VOTE CENTERS**

Clerk Heather Gilbert said that the Commissioners gave their approval to use 8 vote centers instead of our current 31 precincts, which will save the county money. Now she is seeking the Council's approval.

Discussion was held about the locations of the vote centers. Ms. Gilbert informed that they were chosen based on vicinity to a main road and access to parking.

David Fuhrman made a motion to approve moving to Vote Centers and Phil Gick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SHERIFF**

Chief Deputy Phil Parker said that the department has a substantial amount of military surplus equipment. They have returned numerous pieces of equipment to the Federal Government; however, the remainder no longer qualifies as inventory required for reporting. The Federal Government has given permission for the department to handle the remaining equipment at their discretion.

Phil told the Council that they have approval from the Commissioners to hold an auction. Auditor Hallett and Phil have been in touch with State Board of Accounts. They have advised that revenue from the auction shall be receipted into County General and then the Sheriff will have to go before the Council for an additional approval to spend any of the revenue.

Phil said that one piece of equipment is an inflatable boat and they are currently using it to patrol the lakes. This piece of equipment is becoming very expensive to operate and they would like to use it as a trade in for a new boat. The expense is \$12,000 initially, with a trade-in of \$3,500. This leaves a total of \$8,500 to be paid through a series of four payments by their department through the Marine Patrol Grant. The bank has approved the payment plan.

Phil said that there are also four patrol vehicles to auction. Mayor Bill Dory said that the Area 30 Vocational School is looking for vehicles for training purposes.

Phil presented the Council with two proposals to replace the Jail control panel. The panel operates the doors and cells and needs replaced. The portion of the estimate for the video recording is not necessary, as it has already been replaced. The Sheriff would like to have the bid by Security Automation Systems with the audio portion if possible. This matter will come before the Council next month.

David Fuhrman made a motion to tentatively approve \$152,400 to come from the Cumulative Jail Fund, and have the Sheriff come back after the additional has been advertised. Gene Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER ADDITIONAL FOR OPERATION LIFE**

The Commissioners approved two additional appropriations to come from the Hazardous Waste Fund, one for \$137,000 for operation expenses and one for \$60,000 for the remount of a wrecked ambulance. Director of Operation Life (O.L.) Eric Claflin was present to answer questions.

Larry Parker asked who was at fault when the ambulance was involved in a collision with a Sheriff's vehicle. Eric explained that the driver is no longer with O.L.

Phil Gick asked if they had a rotation plan in place for replacement of ambulances on a regular basis. Eric said not at this point, but they are trying to get on track to do this.

Larry Parker asked why O.L. could not work with Putnam County Hospital. Eric said that the runs they were doing for the hospital cost O.L. \$274,000 but they were only reimbursed \$195,000. In addition, the runs were taking ambulances away from portions of the county for emergency services.

Eric was asked how O.L. has stayed in business so long after showing a deficit each year. Mr. Fuhrman explained that the county could not keep giving money to a service that is unsustainable. Eric responded that the County pays O.L. \$80,000, but most counties pay at least four times that and some have a tax rate for the county’s portion.

**RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Kathy Deer, Walnut Creek Fire Protection District, was present for the public hearing for an additional appropriation request for \$11,500 for turn-out gear and \$43,000 for a new truck.

Darrell Thomas asked for public comment. No comments were made.

David Greenburg, Floyd Township Fire District, was present for the public hearing on the establishment of the Fire Protection Territory Equipment Fund. The fund will be established with a rate not to exceed \$.0425 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Darrell Thomas asked for public comment. No comments were made.

**RECONVEIN REGULAR SESSION**

The Council approved the ordinance to establish the Floyd Township Fire Territory Equipment Fund on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Keith Berry. The motion carried.

It was discovered that an advertising error was made on the additional appropriation request from Walnut Creek Fire District and will be re-advertised and brought back to the Council meeting in July.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

The Planning and Zoning Department needs salary adjustments due to the hire of a new Department Head that can perform inspections. While he will be continuously out of the office for inspections, the Office Manager will handle the workload alone.

The Commissioners approved salary increases in the amounts of the Director from \$35,986 to \$51,000 and the Office Manager from \$25,704 to \$29,000. Phil Gick made a motion to approve the salaries and Dave Fuhrman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The additional appropriations will be brought back to the Council meeting in July due to advertising constraints.

**BUDGET HEARING DATES**

Budget hearing dates for 2017 were set for September 20, September 21 and if time is needed, September 22. The meetings will start at 9:00 AM.

Budget hearing dates were approved on a motion made by Gene Beck and seconded by Keith Berry. The motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting held on 4-18-17 were approved on a motion made by Phil Gick and seconded by Dave Fuhrman.

**ADJOURN**

Phil Gick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gene Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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**Attest: Auditor**