

COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
July 18, 2017 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Darrell Thomas, President (arrived at 7:00 PM) Keith Berry, Vice President Jill Bridgewater Dave Fuhrman Larry Parker
ATTORNEY:	Trudy Selvia
AUDITOR:	Lorie Hallett
AUDIENCE:	11 individuals

The Putnam County Council met on July 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Putnam County Courthouse for a Public Hearing to discuss an additional for Walnut Creek Fire and a Cumulative Capital Development Fund and to conduct the scheduled Regular Session. Darrel Thomas opened the Public Hearing and the pledge to the flag was given.

PUBLIC HEARING

WALNUT CREEK FIRE ADDITIONAL

The Walnut Creek Fire District requested an additional in the amounts as follows:

9500 Building/Equipment Depreciation Fund	
Capital Outlays – Machinery, Equipment & Vehicles	\$11,500.00

8691 Special Cumulative Fire Fund	
Machinery, Equipment & Vehicles	\$43,000.00

No public comment.

Keith Berry made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Walnut Creek Fire District and Jill Bridgewater seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Public Hearing was opened for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, with a rate not to exceed \$.0167.

No public comment.

David Fuhrman made a motion to close the Public Hearing and Keith Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

WALNUT CREEK FIRE DISTRICT ADDITIONAL

Ordinance 2017-7-18 was approved for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$54,500 on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Keith Berry. The motion carried.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Jacqueline Clements, Consultant for the Council, advised the Council that this subject was discussed at budget time last year. The fund with a rate not to exceed \$.0167 would generate an estimated \$259,000. She reminded the Commissioners that in 2017 the rate for the Cumulative Bridge Fund was reduced to reallocate the funds to County General. The rate for the Cumulative Bridge Fund will be reestablished for 2018, leaving a shortfall in County General at a rate of approximately \$600,000.

Jacqueline also told the Council that they could establish the fund and rate but not fund it at budget time; this would not increase the taxes for the taxpayers in the county. The deadline for establishing the fund is August 1, 2017, and establishing a cumulative fund has a 30-day remonstrance period.

Keith Berry said he does not want to raise property taxes and asked if they had an alternative.

Jacqueline told the Council that the Income Tax revenue can be adjusted until November 1, 2017.

Dave Fuhrman made a motion not to establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and Larry Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GREENCASTLE PUTNAM COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Director Kristen Clary presented the Council with the Resolution of Compliance for the existing tax abatements.

Resolution 2017-7-18-A Buzzi Unicem (aka Lonestar Industries) was approved on a motion made by Keith Berry and seconded by Dave Fuhrman. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-B Cash Concrete Products was approved on a motion made by Jill Bridgewater. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-C Mark and Phyllis Legan was approved on a motion made by Keith Berry and seconded by Dave Fuhrman. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-D Legan Livestock was approved on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Jill Bridgewater. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-E Midwest Calcium Carbonate was approved on a motion made by Jill Bridgewater and seconded by Dave Fuhrman. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-F NALC was approved on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Larry Parker. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-G POET was approved on a motion made by Larry Parker and seconded by Dave Fuhrman. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-H POET was approved on a motion made by Keith Berry and seconded by Larry Parker. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-7-18-I Scorpion was approved on a motion made by Larry Parker and seconded by Keith Berry. However, the Council members had questions as to why the numbers of employees are not at the number they said they would have or the salary is not where it should be. Dave Fuhrman voted against approving the resolution and Larry Parker said he would want to review next year to see if the number is up to what they are supposed to be.

Resolution 2017-7-18-J #1 and Company (Spear Corporation) was approved on a motion made by Keith Berry and seconded by Jill Bridgewater. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER ADDITIONAL

An additional in the amount of \$2,500 was requested to update the ordinance codification book.

4944-30407-068

The additional request was approved on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Keith Berry. The motion carried.

SHERIFF ADDITIONAL

An additional request in the amount of \$28,721.72 was requested to the line item Property and Casualty Insurance.

1170-30329-005

The additional request was approved on a motion made by Keith Berry and seconded by Jill Bridgewater. The motion carried.

An additional request in the amount of \$152,400.00 was requested to replace the jail control panel.

1142-40401-0308

The additional request was approved on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Larry Parker. The motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING ADDITIONAL

An additional request in the amount of \$9,270 was requested as the Commissioners increased the salary for the new director of Planning and Zoning.

4906-10115-401

The additional request was approved on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Larry Parker. The motion carried.

REASSESSMENT ADDITIONAL

An additional request in the amount of \$6,000 was requested to purchase a new server.

4928-40401-105

The additional request was approved on a motion made by Larry Parker and seconded by Jill Bridgewater. The motion carried.

CORONER TRANSFER

Coroner Dave Brown requested to transfer \$3,000 from 1000-10175-007 autopsy fees to equipment rental. Dave told the Council that his caseload is higher than last year and it is needed to transport Coroner cases to Putnam County Hospital or Regional Hospital for autopsy.

Dave Fuhrman made a motion to approve the transfer and Keith Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UPDATES FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Rick Woodall told the Council that they had three options on what to do with Health Insurance this year.

- 1. Do nothing and change nothing.
- 2. Lower premium paid by the employees.
- 3. Leave the plan the same and employee premiums the same, however anyone who is currently on or goes on the HSA plan the county will match their contributions up to \$1,000.

The Commissioners chose option three since there has been a reduction in premiums because of the change in habits of the employees.

Rick also told the Council that they are currently having the Employee Handbook rewritten. Waggoner, Irwin and Skeel is the firm that is going to do the new handbook at a cost of \$13,000.

Jim Ensley told the Council that the bids for the sale of the Annex property will be opened on 7-21-17 at 4:15 PM.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 6-20-17 were approved on a motion made by Dave Fuhrman and seconded by Larry Parker. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

Keith Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jill Bridgewater seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Darrell Thomas, President

Keith Berry, Vice President

Phil Gick

Larry Parker

Gene Beck

Jill Bridgewater

Dave Fuhrman

Attest: Auditor