

**PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 19, 2025
COUNTY POLICY CHANGE**

Woodall opened the public hearing for the county policy change on bereavement leave. He asked for public comments. Hearing none, Helmer made a motion to approve the policy. Beck seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Rick Woodall, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Andy Beck

Attest: Auditor's Office, Evelyn Williams

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
May 19, 2025
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:

Rick Woodall, President
Tom Helmer, Vice President
Andy Beck

ATTORNEY:

Jim Ensley

COUNCIL:

Stephanie Campbell, President

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Evelyn Williams

AUDIENCE:

27 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on May 19, 2025, at 9:00 AM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. The pledge to the flag was given. Woodall opened the meeting.

Woodall made a motion to add EMS to the agenda. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Brian Williams stated they received the space study back and there is adequate space for the Health Department to use the medical building next to the hospital. They will meet with the

Hospital Board next week to discuss it further and hope to get numbers for remodeling and purchase price.

WILDLIFE PERMISSION

Michelle Lucas, Heritage Lake resident, stated she was present because Heritage Lake POA wanted her to come to the Commissioners regarding her wanting to care for and rehabilitate injured wildlife at her house. She would need to have a temporary structure in her backyard. Ensley stated that she may need to speak with Lisa with Planning & Zoning. Lisa stated they have no control over her private property.

HAYMAN HOLDINGS – RAZOR AGGREGATES

Greg Gould stated they are on a course for legal action, and they really don't want it to go that far for the 249-acre development. Gould went through his interpretation of the law regarding mineral resources. They believe the county cannot stop them from developing the quarry.

Helmer asked if they would widen the road. Gould stated that they would assist in widening the road, whether that be with rock or money. Woodall asked if anyone else had questions. No one responded. Ensley stated the county ordinance does not prohibit the action of mining the property. He believes Hayman will have to legally challenge the county in court. Woodall asked if they could hold an executive session to discuss. Ensley stated if they are threatening legal action, they absolutely could. He believes they can't go against the ordinance because they threaten legal action. The Commissioners agreed to hold an executive session to be held Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

EMS

EMS Director, Kelly Russ stated the AC unit went out at the Greencastle station. They hired a local company to look at it. That company stated the whole unit needed replaced. She asked someone else to look at it and it turned out it was only a part that was not working. She's no longer using the local company. She presented the Commissioners with a maintenance contract with the company she wants to use, Ace Mechanical Service, at all three stations. Beck made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Director Clint Maddox reported the following:

1. Storm cleanup this week. Madison Twp. Had a possible tornado at Thomas Lake. 50-60 trees were knocked down.
2. Brush mowers are out working countywide.
3. Freightliner and Clark Equipment – asked for quotes to outline the trucks for snow removal
4. Bridge quote from Collin Escavating

5. Concerns about local roads getting torn up. The Commissioners would like Maddox to request a meeting with INDOT and Greencastle Mayor. Since the city has kept all dump trucks off the detour route, they are tearing up the county roads.

MINUTES

May 5, 2025 – Helmer made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Woodall stated they have received several letters of interest concerning the appointment. Beck made a motion to reappoint Dillon Sutherlin to the Airport Board. Helmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY

Helmer stated he would like to bring in another part-time person for Courthouse security. Deanna Bratcher is a bus driver and would cover the current security staff when they are on vacation or leave. Beck made a motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

Helmer made the motion to adjourn. Woodall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Tom Helmer, Vice President

Andy Beck

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