

**COMMISSIONER MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
July 7, 2025  
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Andy Beck
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	17 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on July 7, 2025, at 9:00 AM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT BIDS**

Woodall said they had received bids for the tower. Terry Burnsworth with Pyramid, who is the county consultant on the project, opened the bids:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Package</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Super Crete Inc	Cloverdale IN	31	\$116,768
Midway Electronics	Rensselaer, IN	31	\$131,488
		32F	\$ 26,000
		35TL	\$ 92,320
		35TM	\$100,948
		Overall bid amount	\$443,271
MPX Solutions	Anderson, IN	31	\$ 64,000
		32F	\$ 24,000
		35TL	\$ 72,000
		35TM	\$ 82,000
JDH Contracting	Plainfield, IN	VOID did not have proper documentation	
Worldwide	Newburgh, IN	35TM	\$159,086
K&H Construction	Ligonier, IN	32F	\$ 32,800
Allstate Tower	Henderson, KY	35TM	\$128,670

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the bids. Burnsworth will review and come back with recommendation later in the meeting.

## **REASSESSMENT BIDS**

Assessor Don Badolato stated they had advertised cyclical reassessment 2026-2030 and annual adjustment. The county received one bid from Nexus. This is the company that currently works for the county. Badolato said “their department in the past did everything in-house. However, Nexus can do it better. Since hiring them they have found a lot of errors made in the past by the county and correcting the assessed values.”

The summary of the cost for the four years is:

\$155,000	annual trending/ratio study of all property classes & all related duties
\$365,000	field reviews of all parcels in specified property classes (includes all annual assessments reports and equalization studies)
<u>\$155,000</u>	new construction for all parcels (including data entry as applicable)
<b>\$675,000</b>	

Badolato assured the Commissioners he already allotted the funds in his budget to pay for the contract. When he had two people leave employment, he did not fill the positions. Instead, he is utilizing those funds to pay the contract to outsource the work. Helmer made the motion to approve contingent on legal reviewing and approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HIGHWAY**

Director Clint Maddox gave an update on the following:

- 1) Purchase of three tandem trucks
- 2) Tanks at the department. Commissioners told him to get bids.
- 3) Demonstration scheduled for August as approved last month for \$3,500
- 4) Paving is starting tomorrow on CR 550 S
- 5) Hired two truck drivers

Woodall asked for an update on the repairs and maintenance account. Assistant Director Robyn Hughes said they would be fine if the Council approves the 100K additional request at their July meeting.

## **COUNTY ROAD 325 N**

Beck said due to the amount of dump trucks on the road daily it has been destroyed. He asked if it would be advisable to ground the road up, lay down gravel, and then put dust control on it. He knows the homeowners would not love the idea of reverting it back to gravel but the paved road is ruined, and it will continue to be with the truck traffic. Maddox agreed that unfortunately this is really the best option the county has. Woodall questioned if the property owners should not be notified of what was going to be done. It was agreed by the board that they should be notified. There was discussion on the legal avenue the county has regarding destruction of roads due to continuous traffic from a business.

### **COURTHOUSE OFFICES LUNCH HOUR**

Auditor Berish stated more than half of the courthouse has closed their offices from 12 – 1 pm for lunch for years. It makes it to where an office can run more efficiently. Foot traffic in the building has changed dramatically over the years. We do not get customers in our offices on a regular basis anymore due to technology. A lot of it is done online now. A consensus was done with other offices on how many people come in during 12 – 1 pm and it is minimal per month. There are also offices with small staff so if someone is gone, they cannot have lunch hour. This accrues unnecessary compensatory or flex time.

If the board approves it, an article will be put in the newspaper, hours added to the county website and posted on the East side door of the courthouse to inform the constituents. The courthouse itself would not be locked. People could still get into the building; this would still enable people coming for court, for example to arrive early and be waiting in the hall as they have always done. Security would still function as it has and not be closing. It would only be the offices themselves closed.

Woodall made the motion to approve the offices closing from 12 – 1 pm for lunch. If they have a lot of complaints about offices being closed, then they reserve the right to change the hours back. Helmer seconded. Beck opposed. He was concerned about anyone using their lunch hour to come to the courthouse. The motion passed.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT BIDS CONTINUED**

Burnsworth reviewed the bids opened earlier in the meeting. They had estimated 300K for the two tower locations. He is recommending the board accept the bid from MPX who submitted all packages except the electrical. The county did not receive a bid for the electrical work. The total bid amount is 242K which is below the estimate. Helmer made the motion to accept the bid from MPX. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously. They will need to hire a company for the electrical work.

### **MINUTES**

June 16, 2025 – Beck made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

June 20, 2025 Executive – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

June 26, 2025 Special – Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously

### **ON CALL ENGINEERING AGREEMENTS**

Woodall said the county had approved the agreements from engineering companies but did not sign them. Ensley said he would forward the agreements to the Auditor.

**MAIL**

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

**APPRAISALS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1275 N JACKSON ST., GREENCASTLE**

Beck made the motion to get two appraisals for the property. The county is looking at this building for the health department. They want to weigh their options. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The county would be contacting Freije and Dave Masten for the appraisals. The Commissioners asked Ensley to see if this was something that would be allowable to pay from the hazardous waste fund. If not, request it from the EDIT warchest fund.

**ADJOURN**

Helmer made the motion to adjourn. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Rick Woodall, President**

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**Tom Helmer, Vice President**

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**Andy Beck**

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**Attest: Auditor's Office**  
**Kristina Berish**