

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
August 18, 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:

35 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on August 18, 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 HEARING - REZONING

Plan Commission Director Lisa Zeiner said two petitions withdrew. Zeiner explained the rezone request for Schmitz. Plan Commission gave favorable recommendations. And no one showed up for or against it. Commissioners asked questions. No comment from the public. Beck made the motion to approve ordinance 2025-8-18-1. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Janie Fry commented about the UDO and how to develop a subdivision. And she understood someone buying 10 acres to put a house on but then it is too much to upkeep. This is not saving farmland, it really is wasting land. It is short-sighted with the 10-acre rule. Zeiner addressed that and it is done by people not wanting to go before boards. It is a way around it. They can have smaller acreage but must minor plat it. Woodall said current UDO gives people a loophole. Zeiner said during the public meetings some farmers suggested it, and no one opposed it. Woodall said this may need to be something the county needs to go back and address.

Zeiner explained request from Grimes. No comment from public. Woodall made the motion to approve ordinance 2025-8-18-2. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BZA APPOINTMENT

Zeiner said Commissioners need to make an appointment. Zeiner and Ensley explained to the Commissioners why there was an appointment needed. Kate Skirvin is basically only option they have. Helmer made the motion to appoint. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COORDINATOR POSITION

Director Kelly Russ said they are bringing home health care to the community. They have a 370K 4-year grant to pay for it all. They want to hire a director. Salary of 70K. Asking the Commissioners to approve the position. And she will be going before the Council.

Helmer asked about when this person is off who will fill the position. Russ and Taylor are the back-up. They are part of the program. This will be a position fully paid for by the grant. No grant, no position. Beck made the motion to approve the position. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. They will be utilizing a Tahoe they already have for this position. Russ also asked for this position to receive benefits, such as health insurance. All benefits would be paid for by the grant. Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

THRIVE

Ryan Keller, CEO, went over the 2024 annual report and some of the benefits they offered to the county. Keller also submitted the 2026 request for funding.

SHERIFF

Sheriff and Becky Bailey came to the meeting to discuss the purchase of a Charger. They had asked three local banks for quotes on finance options: First National Bank offered 3-year 3.5% interest rate, North Salem Bank 3-year 4.2% interest rate, and First Financial Bank 3-year 5.98% interest rate. Helmer made the motion to approve First National Bank. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD 675 MITCHELL

She had been to a previous meeting to discuss the drainage situation. Beck apologized for not getting back to her. He did look at it and it is in a flood plain. This has existed for a long time. Mitchell disagreed; the said neighbor's culvert caused the flood issue. After some discussion, Ensley stated this was a private matter between neighbors and the county could not do anything.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Director Clint Maddox reported:

- 1) Heritage Lake request from previous meeting regarding the 3-way stop. Bliss McKnight said they do not think the county should do anything. This is due to lack of any accident reports. Said one thing county could do is on CR 500 N remove sign. The signs can be clearly seen. He said the person was on a golf cart and wasn't seen which they were not supposed to be on a county road.
- 2) Update on vehicles purchased.
- 3) Update on roads. Discussed airport road. It is in the top 10, maybe top 5 of highest traveled road. 45K looking to spend on airport road and Manhattan Road. 25K in the budget already to spend. White lines on edge and double yellow center lines. Maddox recommended doing them both. Issues with sight in dark and rain. Commissioners want airport road completed and they will research to find the additional funding needed to do Manhattan Road.
- 4) Update on grinder demo next month
- 5) Fuel conversion update happening this week. Discussed funding for it. 125-130K

- 6) Update on road salt to prepare for winter 1000 tons total is what they are looking to have in stock
- 7) Spray schedule for brush for fall
- 8) Bridge 191 1000S in Cloverdale Twp has a September 1st start date
- 9) Bridges 122, 123, and 124 no firm start date probably next month, starting on 123. Will take approximately 10 days for each bridge
- 10) Bridge maintenance update per findings from bridge inspector
- 11) Bridge 154 update
- 12) Roachdale police dept had requested the road north out of Roachdale be posted to 35 mph. Ensley will look it up and see if it can be changed.

MINUTES

August 4, 2025 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

WTH MAP

Woodall said CoreLogic submitted an agreement to receive the GIS data. They do this annually. Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AIR EVAC

Tabled from last meeting. Asked if the Commissioners wanted to offer the benefit to the county employees. Woodall said budget hearings are this week and not ready to make any decision.

BEYOND HOMELESS

Tabled from last meeting. Woodall met with them last week. It is a shelter for women only. There is no shelter in any of the surrounding counties. They had also asked the city and have not heard back on additional funding. 20K county gives already. Woodall advised them to go before JRAC and apply for opioid money. They have a thrift store but don't generate a lot of money. Woodall asked them for more information before they decided. No funding from other counties. Very few across the state. And no shelter for men.

ANNEX

Woodall said they had a meeting last week. 12.5M building costs, all total at 15.9M.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Woodall said 3 of the 4 appraisals were back and talking to banks for finance options. Once all numbers are received will hold a joint meeting.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail. Razor Aggregates suing since county denied their request. Ensley has paperwork.

ADJOURN

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

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Andy Beck

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish