

**COMMISSIONER MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 20, 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	Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE:	19 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on October 20, 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.

Helmer made the motion to add the Sheriff to the agenda. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Woodall made the motion to add the Cemetery Board. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HIGHWAY REPORT**

Director Clint Maddox presented report:

- 1) Application for Community Crossings
- 2) Dunbar, Cornstalk and Edna Collins bridge painted
- 3) Dunbar, Cornstalk and Edna Collins have new roofs
- 4) County Road 300 N shoulder work complete
- 5) Looking forward to getting notices sent out for the annual bids
- 6) Bridge 133 at County Road 500 E closed November 10<sup>th</sup> for replacement
- 7) Bridge 122 – half the structure is in place; other half will be replaced soon
- 8) Gasoline Equipment will be coming to the department to figure out what their fuel needs are
- 9) Timeclock concerns
- 10) Graters out on roads after rain this past weekend
- 11) Replaced pipe on County Road 500 N
- 12) Pipe ordered for County Road 1000 N

**F.O.P. CHRISTMAS AT THE COURTHOUSE**

Darrell Bunten was present to ask permission to use the courthouse rotunda on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 for the annual F.O.P. Christmas event. He asked if they would be able to come in on Friday evening to set up. Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' PROCLAMATION**

A representative of the Extension Homemakers Association stated they have 532 members including all the surrounding counties. She went into detail about some of the work they do and provide. Presented a proclamation for the board to approve. Woodall made the motion to approve the week of October 29<sup>th</sup> Indiana Extension Homemakers Week. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PTO POLICY**

Ensley stated a year ago there was a policy change. When that was done there was a section for 24-hour shift workers that was not updated. Beck made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **WALNUT CREEK APPOINTMENT**

Beck stated Adam Logan is currently a resource officer in Avon. Beck made motion to appoint Logan to the Walnut Creek Fire Board. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **SHERIFF**

Baugh stated Putnam County is ranked the 9th county in the state of Indiana for suicides. He went into detail on the procedures they must follow for these calls. He stated the deputies' psyche is tremendous on these calls. He stated there has supposedly been help coming to the county for three years now.

Woodall stated the county pays over \$200,000 to Cummins Mental Health but they do not provide help with these calls. Baugh presented an Opioid Settlement Funds Proposal Application. He would be able to provide a special deputy, and the funds would be guaranteed for a year at least. If the position is approved by Commissioners and Council, he can provide a vehicle and equipment. It would be a social worker with law enforcement privileges. Discussion was made on the cost of benefits.

Baugh stated the EMS MIRS Grant would not be able to provide this service. Beck made a motion to tentatively approve the Putnam County Sheriff to apply for the opioid settlement funds. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CEMETERY BOARD GPS**

The Cemetery Board is looking at hiring Banning Engineering to GPS to mark all cemeteries within the county at a cost of \$2,750 for the first year and then a monthly fee of \$750. The Commissioners decided to give the board their blessing for the project. Funding is approved by the County Council for the cemetery budget. The board would need to go before them with this request.

## **MINUTES**

October 6, 2025 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

October 6, 2025 (special) – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **EMA VEHICLE REPAIRS**

Helmer stated the Director informed them the EMA vehicle furnished for the department needed repaired. Commissioners instructed the Auditor's Office Deputy to do an additional to cover the current bill of \$3,551. Discussion was being made regarding upgrading the vehicle since it is over 10 years old.

## **PLAN COMMISSION MORATORIUM**

Beck made a motion to do a one-year moratorium for the Plan Commission for UDO's. Discussion was made. Helmer seconded. Woodall opposed. The motion passed 2 to 1.

## **BRIDGE 45**

Beck stated he and Helmer spoke with a Commissioner from Hendricks County and they would like to meet to discuss help with bridge 45 on the east county line. The bridge is currently closed. After discussion it was decided that Beck would set up the meeting.

## **ROAD CLOSURE**

Helmer stated he received more calls regarding the strip of road that runs from State Road 75 to State Road 40, and its proposed closure. Woodall's concern is following the proper procedure. Ensley suggested speaking with Hendricks County during the Bridge 45 meeting.

## **ANNEX UPDATE**

Beck asked for update on the annex. Woodall stated the technical review meeting went well and they are making headway. They received a few samples of wall covering. He has an application in for design with the State of Indiana.

## **BRIDGE 146**

Ensley stated bridge 146 back acreage is in a permanent conservation easement. He stated they could sell it back, but the easement would still apply. Beck will contact the realtor.

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICER**

Woodall stated the Veterans Affairs Officer resigned. The Commissioners would like the HR Deputy in the Auditor's Office to advertise the position in the Banner Graphic for two weeks.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

Woodall stated they have been on the Health Department's new home path for some time now. They have looked at two different buildings. The Hospital recently quoted a price of \$700,000 for the building on Medic Way. Helmer stated he was ok with the price. Beck stated he thinks it is too much, but they need a place to go. He asked if there would be a possibility of moving the coroner there. Woodall stated that it is an option.

Woodall made a motion to purchase 309 Medic Way from Putnam County Hospital for \$700,000. Helmer seconded. Beck declined. The motion passed 2 to 1. Woodall stated they should put firm dates for moving out to get the renovations done in a timely manner. Woodall stated they would need to get bids from local banks to get the best interest rate and to get the renovations done. Beck suggested using hazardous waste funds.

### **MAIL**

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

### **ADJOURN**

Beck made the motion to adjourn. Helmer 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**  
**Evelyn Williams**