

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
November 3, 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:	27 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on November 3, 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 a proclamation to the agenda. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Jenna Nees presented the contractual user agreement. Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Nees gave an update on the department events: past, present, and future.

RECOMMENDATION FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND EXPENDITURES

Jamie France was at the meeting on behalf of the JRAC committee who is challenged with the review and recommendation of the use of the opioid settlement money. They reviewed seven applications and gave the following recommendations to the board:

1) Putnam County Adult Probation	\$32,840 requested	\$32,840 recommended
2) Cummins Behavioral Health	\$31,050 requested	\$31,050 recommended
3) Putnam Co Comm Foundation	\$50,000 requested	\$10,000 recommended
4) Putnam Co Family Support Svc.	\$22,200 requested	\$20,000 recommended
5) Putnam County Sheriff's Office	\$63,000 requested	\$63,000 recommended
6) Putnam Co Youth Development	\$25,000 requested	\$10,000 recommended
7) Mental Health of America of PC	\$10,000 requested	\$10,000 recommended

Helmer made the motion to approve the recommendation for all seven applications. The monies would come from the restricted and unrestricted funds as France submits to the Auditor. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

911 DEPARTMENT: CAMERA SYSTEM, BATTERY BANK SERVICE CONTRACT & ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

Director David Clodfelter presented information for a new camera system for an amount of \$8,060.35. Current system is 17 years old and is having issues with it. He has money in his 2025 budget to pay the expense. Beck made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed.

Battery bank service contract – renewal for next year. 2027 one of the batteries will need to be replaced which would be around 10K. He will put it in his budget request in 2027. Contract starts 2/1/26. Helmer made the motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$5,850 with United Power and Battery out of Colorado. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously,

Clodfelter stated his department will have spent over 100K this year in overtime due to being shorthanded. He felt it would be more effective to have three employees on a shift; they are open 24/7. Currently there are twelve in the department including himself. He would like to hire two more employees starting January 1, 2026. The salaries would total 100K but then you would also need to budget benefits and the matching taxes.

He is currently interviewing for two open positions in his department. He has had a lot of applications submitted, a few from another 911 center. If they are viable candidates, it would cut down on the training time since they are on the same system our county utilizes.

Discussion, Helmer suggested tabling the topic to allow Clodfelter time to review his current budget and next year's budget to see if there were areas, he could shave to help offset the expense of creating two more employees. He will need to be able to show the Council these positions are not only needed but fundable.

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLATIVE CARE MONTH PROCLAMATION NOVEMBER 2025

Woodall read aloud the proclamation and made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Director Clint Maddox presented:

- 1) Contract services with Jamrr Excavating, LLC – approved already, just needs to be signed.
- 2) Gasoline Equipment – met with them regarding the replacement of tanks. Waiting on their estimate. The company can do it from A to Z. They do not have money in their budget next year for this.
- 3) Surplus equipment – passed out paperwork from FE Asset Group. Presented a consignment agreement. Ensley reviewed it. After discussion, Beck made the motion to hire the company to sell the equipment. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4) Bridges – cement plant road is now open, bridges completed. Bridge133 – hopefully starting on it November 10th. Bridge138 started today, removing the structure and replacing it with a culvert. Bridge 157 converting it from bridge to culvert. The department will be doing that themselves.
- 5) Contract with the City of Greencastle regarding Keightly Road. Ensley stated he had sent an amended contract to the city on September 15th and they have yet to respond. The current situation is that Milestone has submitted their invoice for payment, but the county does not have a signed contract. The current draft stated the county would pay for it and the city would reimburse them. After some discussion, it was determined that they would amend the draft to state the city would pay Milestone directly. It did not make sense to have the county pay for it and then the city reimburse. Woodall made the motion to approve the draft as presented by Ensley. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Paser quotes: waiting to address after their upcoming demonstration. There is a wide range in difference in the prices. After the demonstration, Director and the Asst. Director would like to have a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss it.
- 7) An employee is out on FMLA, and it is about to end. The employee brought in a doctor's note that stated he would not be able to drive a truck and could not do any physical labor. He wanted to give the board heads up because they felt there would be a request for a leave of absence.

MINUTES

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

COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Woodall said the party is usually held at the Putnam Inn, but they will be closed this year. HR Specialist Tera Stevenson contacted The Inn at Depauw and the price is comparable to what they have spent in the past. The party will be moved to this location.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Woodall stated they met with the hospital board last week. It is now in the hands of the two attorneys to wrap up the necessary paperwork for the purchase of the building. The department will remain at the hospital until the building has been remodeled. The Commissioners will start looking at the process of getting a company to handle the remodel once they reach that point after the purchase is completed.

RAZOR AGGREGATES

Woodall said in a couple of weeks they will be attending a court ordered mediation. The company took the county to court when the board denied their request for the rock quarry in a two to one vote.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Rick Woodall, President

Andy Beck

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish