

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
December 1, 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:

21 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on December 1, 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.

ANNEX PUBLIC HEARING

Woodall opened the first public hearing for the proposed annex. The second public hearing will be held on December 15, 2025. Final cost of the project should be received by December 9th. Right now, they are working on estimates. The county will be voting on not to exceed maximum price.

Jason Semler with Baker Tilly serving as financial advisor for the project stated there is a resolution before them today for the preliminary project estimate of 17,435,000. He went over the project where we stand at this time and the finances to pay for the project. He met with the County Council at their November meeting; they voted in favor of a 10-year payment plan. Next year if a payment would be made it would be cash on hand, the first payment on property taxes would start in 2027.

Semler said local banks have reached out expressing interest in the project. He will be reaching out to them this week to see what the banks would offer the county to finance the project.

Beck questioned why it was taking so long to get a hard figure on the project. The project started before he became a commissioner. He felt if bid out the project would be lower. Dale Davis with Envoy replied that the project would be a fully bid out project. And to clarify, the design duration phase has been typical for a project this size which this phase must be done to get to the project maximum cost.

Woodall asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, the hearing was closed.

Lisa Lee with Ice Miller said no vote needed to be done at today's meeting; it would be done at the December 15th meeting. They would also need to appoint three people to the Building Corporation. Lee explained what the individuals would be doing. Lee is the bond counsel for the project. Woodall said the board would discuss and have it ready by their December 15th to vote on.

RADIO RFP PROJECT FOR 911

Terry Burnsworth with Pyramid passed out information for the amendment #2 to C103-2015 agreement for the radio system at 911 center. Burnsworth suggested making this amendment.

Tom Barnett, Jefferson Twp Trustee said chief from Floyd township fire had said they were applying for grant to buy radios. Now it looks like the county is buying. He was looking at buying radios from his budget as well. Beck said if the fire departments bought their own that would save the county some money.

Brian Williams with the health department asked if someone would be contacting departments to make sure their equipment would work with the new radios. Burnsworth said he would contact him.

Sheriff Baugh said his concern is that his old radios still work. He wanted to make sure they had capabilities for emergency situations.

Beck made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded and to request the funds from hazardous waste fund. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Director Clint Maddox presented:

- 1) Two trucks went down over the weekend, one back up and working on the other. 3 new drivers broke in over the weekend with bad weather. No major incidents. We have more weather coming and hope that the roads have enough pre-treatment on them.
- 2) New trucks should be delivered this week.
- 3) Emergency claims bridge 133 E & H \$191,784, United bridge 154 \$18,500, and Iowa farm equipment for grind demo \$3,500. Asked Commissioners to pay through emergency claims. Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) They had a sale, five pieces of equipment. Balance made \$22,500.
- 5) Complaints are down, except when it snows.
- 6) Commissioners opened the bids: Keystone Cooperative Indpls fuel, Petroleum Trading Ft. Wayne fuel and oil, US Aggregates Indpls bituminous gravel stone, Heidelberg Cloverdale gravel stone and bituminous, E3 Bridge for bridge materials, Accurate Striping Yorktown IN striping of roads, Evergreen Road Works Terre Haute bituminous and line striping, PC Aggregates Greencastle stone, Metal Culverts Inc Jefferson City Missouri drainage/pipe, Whitesville Mill Service Crawfordsville gravel stone sand, Core & Main Indpls pipe, Local Equipment Jackson Center OH, fuel oil Heritage Petroleum Indpls, Asphalt Materials liquid asphalt Indpls, Park Co Aggregates Montezuma sand & gravel, Stello Spencer signs, E & H Bridge Bedford bridge materials, Milestone Terre Haute bituminous, E & B Paving Fishers

bituminous, Martin Marrietta Cloverdale rock and gravel, Lincoln Park Stone Terre Haute rock and gravel, S & G Excavating Terre Haute rock and gravel, CivilCon Jeffersonville bridges. The Commissioners took bids under advisement. Maddox will compile all the information and present it at a future meeting. Bids are open for public to review. Jammr added to bids for review.

- 7) Fuel station replacement – Commissioners did not feel the expense should have to be paid from highway funds. Several county departments utilize it for county vehicles. Beck felt it should be paid from the interest county receives. Berish stated the interest is not “found money”. The interest every year is factored in as miscellaneous revenue for the county general fund. The Commissioners would not be asking for interest money, they would be asking for an additional request from the county general fund. Quotes received were K & W 315K and Gasoline Equipment 445K. Beck made the motion to approve K & W pending Council approving funding. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Helmer made the motion to keep all appointments the same for 2026 regarding the boards the Commissioners sit on. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Thrive	Woodall	Planning Commission	Beck
Solid Waste	Beck/Helmer	E-911	Beck
EMS	Woodall	Emergency Management	Helmer
Health	Helmer	Workforce Development	Woodall
G’castle PC Dev.	Woodall	Child Protection	Helmer
JRAC	Helmer		

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

R & D Builders management proposal for management of renovation project was submitted for review. Total cost 35K. Woodall stated an additional for services had been advertised for the December Council meeting to be paid from the 1159 health department fund.

R & D has looked at the building inside and out. They would compile a list for the board and have a price listed beside each item. It would be broken down by what must be done to what is oppositional. The Commissioners would then review and let them know what renovations they approved of to be made. He did caution that looking at the wish list from the department some of it if approved would balloon the cost because it would make it to where more renovations must be done to accomplish what they are wanting. Beck made the motion to approve hiring R & D Builders at the cost of 35K pending the Council approving the additional request. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EMS AMBULANCE

Woodall said during a call to an accident over weekend, ambulance was rear ended by an SUV. Still waiting for ambulance ordered a year ago that we have not received. Looking at legal ramifications.

MINUTES

November 17, 2025 – Beck made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Rick Woodall, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Andy Beck

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish