

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
April 20, 2026
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	27 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on April 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Beck opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

REZONING

Director Lisa Zeiner:

- 1) Vertical bridge rezone A1 to A2 on county road 525W. They requested continuance until May 18th to allow time for engaging legal counsel and getting materials gathered. The request was due to short timeframe between the Plan Commission meeting to Commissioner meeting. Woodall made a motion to allow continuance. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Sam Shafer rezone 6282 E CR 950 S Cloverdale A1 To A2 allows for minor plat for son to build a house. Received a letter not against it but that they allow rezoning across the board and not "pick and choose". Neighbor at the meeting for it. Helmer made the motion to approve ordinance 2026-04-20-1. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TUCKPOINTING ON COURTHOUSE

Head Custodian Cliff Ross came to talk about the tuckpointing on the courthouse. He had reached out to three companies: one passed on submitting a bid, one replied but never got back with him with a price, and the third is the company we have used in the past. They said it would take two weeks at \$24,773 per week. They will inspect the limestone and make repairs. Woodall made the motion to approve and request it to be paid from the cumulative capital development fund not to exceed 50K. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross also brought up that this past Friday when they came into the courthouse it was hot. Upon inspection one chiller works at 25% and the other one is down completely. He contacted company to come and look at it. He is waiting on pricing. This would also need to be requested from the cumulative capital development fund to be paid. Depending on what company says repair vs. replace Ross is guessing anywhere from 30K to 100K.

DUKE ENERGY – UTILITY WORK ON COUNTY PROPERTY

Tyler Humphries with Duke did not show. Lisa Zeiner said she could shed some light on what he wanted since he had called her office. Duke will be working on power poles near Fillmore that are located on county property. In case something happened, he wanted a point of contact. Woodall was volunteered.

ANNEX ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC PRIVATE AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL OF FINAL PROJECT BUDGET

Mitch Hannum Garmong Construction said amendment to the PPA had been sent to the board and county attorney prior to today's meeting for review. He was at the meeting to address any questions. The guaranteed maximum price given December 2025 was still being honored. There had been some changes, but Garmong decided to absorb it. Woodall made the motion to approve. Price is \$15,459,666. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Once all the financing has been completed, they will need notice to proceed.

POSTAGE MACHINE LOCATED IN COURTHOUSE

Joe Baker Pinnacle came to introduce his company. Local family business. The county's lease is up in November 2026. The proposal he submitted is very similar to what the county currently has. Commissioners thanked him for the information and his interest. When it comes time, they will put it out for bid.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Director Clint Maddox presented:

- 1) Need signature on state and federal permits for Oakalla bridge
- 2) Bridge 152 has started
- 3) Bridge 78 is due to be replaced with pipe soon. Road will be closed for a week. Waiting until school is out.
- 4) Milestone asked if the county was willing to sell their large pile of millings. Maddox told them they would.
- 5) Dust control – Maddox would like to get out of it. It takes away from the manpower and equipment during their busiest time of year. He lives on a gravel road too so he can relate. Woodall understood it takes away from the department's resources, but it is helping our constituents with helping keep the dust down. Is this not a service we should give them since we do not have the funding to convert it to chip & seal or paved road. He struggled with getting rid of the program.
- 6) Paving will start in the next week to two weeks
- 7) Met with Enterprise last week. Waiting for the quote. Possibly replace 4 vehicles and they said it would save money.
- 8) Submitted 8 items to be sold from their back lot they are not using.
- 9) Tree trimming and roadsides – they are working on it and looking good. Part time resigning at the end of the month. After that, they will be utilizing their two operators to do the work.

MINUTES

April 6, 2026, April 6, 2026 executive, April 7, 2026 executive, April 13, 2026 executive, and April 15, 2026 special - Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

CHIRP GRANT

Sheriff Baugh stated it was time for the new year on the CHIRP grant. The grant awarded from the state is 31K. It does not cover employee benefits. He was requesting to pay for the benefits (\$2,023.43) from his budget. He looked at his overtime account and feels he has the money in it to cover the benefit expense. Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AIR EVAC PROPOSAL

Andy Yenchochic said he had approached the county a couple of times before asking if they would be interested in this benefit. They are offering it to the county employees. At 150 employees, it would be \$10,500 a year. Helmer brought up this would only benefit the employee if their company was available. If another company came to airlift the employees, they would not receive this benefit.

Beck said it would be more beneficial if it was all county residents like they had talked about before. Yenchochic said they stopped offering that benefit because frankly the company was losing money. If they did offer it, the cost of the program would cost substantially more than what is presented today for just the county employees.

The Commissioners will discuss and get back with him in the next week.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Baugh said the numbers brought up at the last meeting for fleet management are being revised slightly. The equipment account in his budget had been factored in and that needed to be removed. Woodall made the motion to table. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUZZ BOMB

Woodall said this was brought up at the last meeting, they were working on getting that transferred over.

HEALTH INSURANCE MEETING

We have a meeting this week to get an update on where we are at in claims. Last year we had a high claims year unfortunately.

MET WITH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Commissioners had a meeting. Waiting to get answers from the state before proceeding.

ADJOURN

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

Andy Beck, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Rick Woodall

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish