

COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
July 6, 2026
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	12 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on July 6, 2026, at 6:00PM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Beck opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given. A moment of silence was given in remembrance to past County Councilman Keith Berry.

ARCHITURA CORP ARCHITECTS

Michael Conly came to the meeting to introduce the company. As architect for the company, he briefly went over some of the projects they have done for other counties.

JAIL PLUMBING ISSUES

Chief Deputy Tom Sutherlin, Jail Commander JT Chadd, and Maintenance Tony Burney came to the meeting to explain the plumbing issues they are having at the jail. Chadd passed out information. It is estimated that it would take ten days to do the project. The jail cannot go without hot water for ten days which adds an additional cost for a temporary water heater. They received quotes from Sycamore and A.A. Huber & Sons. They recommended going with Sycamore option CQT800's. The total cost would be \$227,309.98.

Woodall questioned the 21K cost of having someone come to jail to fill the tank on the temporary water heater. That seemed excessive, could we not fill it ourselves and save this cost. It was worth asking the company.

The county would want to utilize the balance in the cumulative jail fund of \$84,792.87 to help pay for the project. Beck wanted to check with the county attorney to see if the remaining balance could be paid from the hazardous waste fund. Beck made the motion to approve the bid from Sycamore pending Council approving the funds:

Q14142	\$145,754.44	Hot water system/pipe replacement
Q14186	\$ 69,681.54	Temporary water heater
Q14152	\$ 11,874.00	Water softener resin replacement

After some discussion regarding the funding of the project, Chadd was asked if he advertised this project for bids since it appeared to be over the threshold. Chadd said he did not. It was suggested to maybe break it up into separate projects which would keep it under the threshold. Chadd said when they did a project a couple of years ago the county attorney advised that it was a total project cost and to break it up was not transparent.

Auditor Berish said, searching for it just now, it is stating a county's threshold is \$150,000. This project in total is over. If they are to treat it as a total project, then they did not follow proper protocol, and will need to start the process over. They would need to advertise it for bids. The county attorney would need to give guidance.

The Commissioners added to their motion, approve the project pending the county attorney saying they did not have to advertise it. If they do, then the motion is not valid. Chadd would need to get it advertised and bring to them the bids they receive at that time to review and approve.

The board stated if the plumbing fails before the proper channels are followed to get bid approval and funding, let them and the Council know. It is apparent that the plumbing needs to be replaced. If the boards need to hold special meetings to get approved, then they will do so.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Deputy Director Robyn Hughes presented:

- 1) Update on hot mix and chip seal
- 2) Bridge 95 – starting July 10th, estimate of 30 days to fix it
- 3) Bridge 154 & 211 – ordered but waiting on I-beams. Estimated time to receive is August
- 4) Huffman bridge – Put it out for bid and received one bid from Collom Excavating in the amount of \$482,632. This will repair it to allow traffic to cross it. Recommend paying it from the bridge surtax fund. Woodall made the motion to approve the project for 2027. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AIC CONTRACT

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

MINUTES

June 15, 2026 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed.

Woodall was not present at this meeting.

June 17, 2026 executive – Woodall made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

June 26, 2026 executive – Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

July 1, 2026 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ANNEX PROJECT

Woodall said while digging dirt they came across an old system and the company went through the proper channels to get it cleared by IDEM.

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