COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
August 3, 2026
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:	
COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President
	Tom Helmer, Vice President
	Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kindria Martin
AUDIENCE:	11 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on August 3, 2026, at 6:00 PM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Beck opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

Extension Office

Jenna Nees stated their current building lease is up December 2026. She is asking the Commissioners what kind of lease they want her to renew since the annex is scheduled to be completed in August 2027. It was agreed to sign a 1-year lease to allow time for the Extension office to get moved into the annex.

Jenna also introduced Dee Nicely. Dee is now Putnam County's Regional Operation Leader. Putnam County is labeled as Region 5. Dee said that there are 8 counties in region 5 that share the same shared services model. Rick asked what this entails and Dee stated that it is healthy human and science services, food safety, master gardeners and ect. 4-H will stay county based.

Jail – Bids for water heater/softener

The county had advertised for bids to be submitted by today at 3:30 pm, no bids were received. Jail Commander JT Chadd said he called Sycamore to have their bid resubmitted, but they failed to do so. Sheriff Baugh asked if the bids must be mailed. Jim Ensley said no that it does not have to be mailed, it can be hand delivered. Rick asked Jim where to go from here. The whole process would have to be done again. Due to advertising timeline, the next bid deadline would need to be September 8th Commissioner meeting with the deadline to submit bid set at 4 pm that day.

Office of Community & Rural Affairs

Molly Marcuson came to the meeting to introduce herself as the new contact for Community and Rural Affairs. She was available to assist with OCRA grants.

Assessor – PTABOA Board Members

Don Badaloto, county Assessor, requested approval for the PTABOA Board members for 2026.

- Virgina Whipple
- Lisa Sink
- Alexandra Mohringer
- Brandon McKinney
- Chris Skillern

Rick asked how the board is made up. Don said that all the members have some sort of Real Estate experience. Tom made the motion to approve. Rick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Keeping Putnam County Beautiful

Rick Beach was not present. Jim Ensley spoke a little on his behalf. Beach sent a summary email to Jim about illegal dumping that happened on his property. He has ideas of possible ordinances that can be made and put into place and how to enforce them. Jim said he will forward the email from Beach to the Commissioners.

Highway Report

Assistant Director Robyn Hughes presented:

1) Oakalla Bridge 121 filed permits. Due to construction starting in October 2026
2) I-beams for Bridge 154 roll at the steel mill September 18th
3) I-Beams for Bridge 211 will not be able to be run until January 2027
4) CivilCon bid for $32,626.70. Rick made the motion to approve. Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This will be 3 weeks versus the E3 Bridge bid for $30,822.25 taking 6 weeks.
5) Roads 375 N between 1000 N & 1100 N and 1000 N between 375 N & 550 W are gravel roads. Robyn asked for it to be chip and sealed. Andy made the motion to approve. Tom seconded. Rick voted against it. The motion passed.
6) Andy asks about putting a weight limit sign and a speed limit sign on 700 S for the rock quarry. Rick made the motion to approve. Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Internet Service complaint

Rick wanted to document that he received a phone call from a taxpayer regarding internet on CR 75 S into 450 W. Frontier is stopping overhead services in September and Spectrum is underground but stops at the 2nd house on the street. Leaving the rest of the road without internet or TV services. The taxpayer was asking what could be done. Andy suggested they investigate Starlink. Rick agrees too that Starlink is worth looking into.

Tom said the dispatch center had experienced lack of service 4-5 recently. He wondered if Starlink would be a good idea for the center. Rick said he is not sure if Starlink works with government entities.

Minutes

July 20, 2026 (executive & regular) – Tom made the motion to approve both meetings. Andy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail

The Commissioners acknowledged the mail.

Adjourn

Tom made the motion to adjourn. Andy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Andy Beck, President **Tom Helmer, Vice President**

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Rick Woodall **Attest: Auditor's Office, Kindria Martin**