COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
October 5, 2026
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:	
COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President
	Tom Helmer, Vice President
	Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Jody Cope
AUDIENCE:	6 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on October 5, 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.

Drainage Board

- There are two options: 1. Board is made up of the 3 commissioners which is currently how it stands; or 2. The board can be a 3 or 5 member with one of the members being a county executive;
- Andy will reach out to a couple of companies to inquire about the cost of searching and establish the drainage map as we need to start from scratch as the research done found no regulated drains
- There are a couple of constituents with current drainage issues that need to be assessed so they will revisit this in November or December.

Certificate Sale – Auditor's Office

- 8 properties left from the 2026 tax sale with a total of taxes owed of $26,501.40
- Several properties have carried over from several taxes sales. Rick made a motion to move forward with a certificate sale with a minimum starting bid of $50. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Auditors' office will move forward in getting the sale set up with SRI

Highway Report

Director presented the bids for a new excavator:

- Current excavator is down and getting repaired; the backup is only for spare parts
- Two bids received:
    1. Caterpillar – 344,620.00
    2. John Deer/Westfield - $321,345.10
- Clint would like to do a 4-5 yr finance, and the cost was figured into next year's budget
- They will keep the current excavator and use it as a backup and for other projects

- Clint would like to go with John Deere due to the cost difference
- Rick made motion to approve the John Deere quote pending council approval of funds. Andy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Next step is getting the bids to finance. This will have to wait for the November council meeting.
- Clint stated there is a stone shortage currently and some projects are on hold.
- Rick received an email from DePauw regarding a dispute on a road that he has forwarded to Clint and Robyn for assistance.
- The intersection at VanBibber discussed at a previous mtg: need to research before making it 3- way.
- Bridge 78 on shortcut road is now a culvert.
- Traffic cams report presented. Once the box was put up on the road, it did seem to reduce traffic, there is a lot of speeding, and many vehicles that are more than 20ft going down this road. There is a sign posted stating no semi traffic on CR 150.
- The grader lease is up in a few months, and he is in process of getting quotes for this.

Dunbar Bridge

Due to a subconsultant meeting which resulted in an extra fee of $10,000. Andy made motion to approve the additional fee. Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

September 21st regular & executive and September 28th executive - Tom made the motion to approve all meetings. Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail

The Commissioners acknowledged the mail.

Statflight

Rick may have an idea of how to pay for the contract. Tabling to next commissioner meeting on October 19th (council meeting is 10-27-26).

Annex

Rick updated on the most recent meeting to discuss furnishings; next meeting is set for October 14 to discuss video and other things so all in all the annex is moving along.

Weights and Measures

- 2026 Chevy Silverado (reg cab, ½ ton, 8 ft bed) for $5,000 down, $777.93/month for 60 months. Commissioners feel it is not ideal to have a monthly payment
- No budget is in place so funds would need to come from somewhere else to cover this.
- Andy made motion to increase the amount spent on a vehicle to $25,000. Rick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Rick made the motion to adjourn. Tom 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, Jody Cope**