

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
December 16, 2025
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:

Stephanie Campbell, President
Jay Alcorn, Vice President
Wayne Huffman
Kerry Williams
Amanda Brown
Brian Berry

COMMISSIONERS:

Rick Woodall, President
Tom Helmer, Vice President
Andy Beck

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Kristina Berish

AUDIENCE:

20 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on December 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Campbell opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL

Brian Williams presented:

\$50,000 Misc. Services & Charges

Reason: to pay for scope of work for the 309 Medic Way property.

Williams stated they will only need 35K, additional was an estimate before receiving the official quote. Brown made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

SHERIFF ADDITIONAL

Sheriff Baugh presented:

\$500 Misc. Services & Charges

Reason: to pay for supplies

Alcorn made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

\$20,000 Repairs & Maintenance

Reason: aging fleet causing repair costs to rise.

\$40,000 Inmate Medical

Reason: unexpected medical expenses and cost of prescriptions.

\$10,000 Repairs & Maintenance

Reason: repairs to building.

Brown made the motion to approve the three additional requests. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

EMS ADDITIONAL

Campbell presented:

\$120,000 Insurance

Reason: cover remainder of the year. Health insurance premium higher than anticipated.

Huffman made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed.

AUDITOR ADDITIONAL

Berish presented:

\$10,000 Repairs & Maintenance

Reason: digitizing transfer books.

Williams made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

EMA ADDITIONAL

Campbell presented:

\$3,551 Repairs, Parts & Service

Reason: cover repairs on vehicle.

Alcorn made the motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL

Campbell presented:

\$26,400 Property & Casualty insurance

Reason: cyber security policy.

Williams made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

PIE COALITION ADDITIONAL

\$151 Contractual Labor

Reason: monthly payment increased.

Brown made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

ANNEX

Dale Davis with Envoy gave presentation. Etica and Ratio designed the building. Mitch Hannum with Garmong represents the development team. He went over the timeline from start through today.

Brown asked about the sewage issue, has that been addressed. Hannum said there will be a dry retention area. It has been factored in. City of Greencastle has approved the design, and they have issued the building permit.

Jason Semler with Baker Tilly as financial advisor for the county passed out updated paperwork regarding the finance options. He had updated the figures now that they were working with a guaranteed maximum cost. At the November meeting the Council had indicated not wanting to go longer than ten years on payment for the project. He has reached out to the four local banks that had expressed interest in financing the annex.

Brown said she felt the consensus at an earlier meeting was to not go over 13M, but we are at 14M for the loan. She had a problem with it being 1M over what was agreed upon. After some discrepancy as to the amount, Auditor Berish pulled up the minutes from the April 2, 2025 joint meeting held to discuss the proposed annex project. There was a lot of discussion regarding the annex and dollar amounts; however, on page 4 Woodall asked each member to please give an amount they think the project should be set at. The answers were the following:

Huffman – 15M	Beck – 10M
Helmer – 16M w/ basement	Wallace – 16M w/ basement
Brown – 14M w/ basement	Alcorn – 16M w/ basement
Campbell – 16M w/ basement	

Hannum went over the bid process they have done already. They had a lot of interest in the project. Local contractor participation. Gick said that is a measure of certainty of cost of the project.

Phil Gick (member of the annex study committee) said there is certain process of how to get a guaranteed price. It was decided after several talks with both the Commissioners and Council to go through the design process to get the best guaranteed maximum price for the project. They made choices to not build a pole barn which would not meet requirements of the city but to also be conscious of the cost. To give a building that will stand the test of time as a government center but not trying to compete with the design of the courthouse. In the price before them tonight, it has 500K for contingencies that would only be used IF the county approved it. And another 280K for furniture, again this is just an estimate, and the county would authorize the furniture that is bought for the building. A lot of offices already have desks that would be moved over to the building. Any of this money not used would revert to the county. This is potentially 780K reduction in the price given tonight.

Woodall said the county needed to look to the future. The need for an annex has been there for years. We knew it and have been putting back money into a fund for several years now. It had a little of 2M in it. The county does not need to pay the loan amount solely from property taxes. We can choose each year to take funds available from other resources to offset what, if any would go on property taxes.

Woodall said a study was completed several years ago reviewing whether it was more cost effective to build a judicial center or an annex. A judicial center would cost a lot more than an annex. He knew some individuals wanted to pursue a judicial center/new jail. This would be more than double the cost of an annex. And the county would need to find land because the property where the jail is now does not have enough room.

Beck asked if this was an all in number. Something changes, they can come back to the county asking for more money. Hannum said this is a guaranteed maximum price. If something happens, they eat the price, it does not go to the county.

Beck asked about added expenses of having two buildings such as security, custodial, and utilities. Campbell said security would not be needed at the annex. And they have already discussed hiring a cleaning service instead of hiring full-time employees, which would be a large savings. They do not have hard figures tonight on what the utilities would be for the annex. If asked before meeting, then maybe the company could have gotten a good estimation for him.

Campbell said they had a resolution before them tonight to determine the need for project and intent to proceed. She called for a motion. Hearing none, Campbell made the motion to approve 2025-12-15-1. Alcorn seconded. This is not a commitment to funding the project. The resolution is simply stating intent to proceed, a lot more steps would need to be taken before it was a commitment and financing the project. Campbell called for a vote: Aye – Alcorn, Berry, and Campbell. Nay – Brown, Huffman, and Williams. The motion did not pass since it was a tie vote.

Campbell asked Lisa Lee with Ice Miller what was next since the resolution was not approved tonight. Lee would need to go back and read the statute and relay back what she found out.

MINUTES

November 18, 2025 – Williams made a motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026

Council appointed boards:

Cemetery	Huffman
EMA	Wallace
Community Corrections	Berry
EMS	Wallace
Commissioner's Rep.	Campbell
PC Community Foundation	Alcorn
E911	Huffman
Humane Society	Alcorn/Campbell
W Central Solid Waste	Campbell
G'castle/PC Economic Dev.	Williams
Plan Commission	Kate Skirvin
Health	Brown
Thrive	Williams
Park	Huffman
JRAC	Berry

Brown made the motion to appoint the above listed people to the boards. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

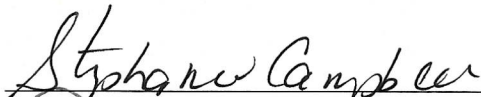
Expiring board member appointments:

Jayne Bray, ABC – Alcorn made the motion to re-appoint. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

Holly Cook, Park – Huffman made the motion to re-appoint. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURN

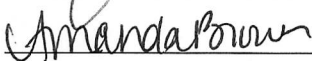
Brown made the motion to adjourn. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Campbell, President



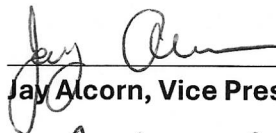
Wayne Huffman



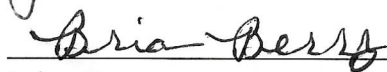
Amanda Brown



Attest: Auditor's Office, Kristina Berish



Jay Alcorn, Vice President



Brian Berry



Kerry Williams