

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Jay Alcorn, Vice President Wayne Huffman Kerry Williams Brian Berry Danny Wallace
COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President
ATTORNEY:	Trudy Selvia
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	20 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on February 17, 2026, 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.

PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY – REMODEL BOND REQUEST

Kayla Flegal President of the library board came to the meeting to reintroduce themselves and what they offer the community. Prior to the meeting they had sent information regarding the bond they are hoping to issue this fall. Last time they issued debt was in 1994. Matt McClelland library Director gave presentation. They want to make some updates to the building. They do not have the funds to do it; they are requesting it to be added to the property taxes.

Lisa Huntington with Baker Tilly went over the finance. Assumed bond amount of 3.5M. If they went for 10 years, 4 months on property taxes it would be an estimated debt service fund tax rate of \$0.0216. Or if they did 19 years, 4 months on property taxes it would be an estimated debt service fund tax rate of \$0.0142 for obligation bond of 2026. This is based on 5.5% interest rate.

The council thanked them for the information; they would need to do further research. There is a lot going on in the county in the next couple of years and they are requesting to increase constituents' property taxes to pay for the remodel.

CIRCUIT COURT ADDITIONAL

Presented by Judge Matthew Headley
\$19,606 Cumulative Capital Development fund
Reason: replace carpet in his department.
Huffman made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL

Presented by Brian Williams assistant administrator
\$9,000 Health Department fund
Reason: utilities for new building.
Alcorn made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

EMA ADDITIONAL

Presented by Sarah Owen director

\$2,890 County General fund

Reason: purchase a copier.

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

COMMISSIONER ADDITIONAL

Presented by Kristina Berish Auditor

\$47,000 County General fund

Reason: due to increase in the property & casualty premiums.

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

HAZARDOUS WASTE ADDITIONAL

Presented by Kristina Berish Auditor

\$300,000 Hazardous Waste fund

Reason: appropriate money for the loan to purchase 308 Medic Way property.

\$221,822 Hazardous Waste fund

Reason: appropriate 10% of January 1, 2026, balance per statute for road maintenance.

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

RECORDER ADDITIONAL

Presented by Kristina Berish Auditor

\$3,000 Recorder Perpetuation fund

Reason: appropriate funds for training.

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

EMS ADDITIONAL

Presented by Kristina Berish Auditor

\$101,171.02 EMS LIT

Reason: appropriate an insurance check received due to collision that occurred in November 2025 involving ambulance.

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

MINUTES

January 20, 2026, regular and joint session – Huffman made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

ROACHDALE FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING

Tiffany Deer could not make it. Board members came and stated they are seeking a cumulative fund to purchase a fire truck. The current truck is twenty-five years old. They cannot budget enough to purchase as they have in the past years. If they ordered it today, it would be two years before they received it. This would be an additional rate on the property tax bill of the constituents in this fire district.

Campbell opened public hearing for comments or questions. Andy Beck felt it was a need and not a want. He was in favor of adding the fund/tax rate. Sarah Owen felt it was needed as well due to the area they cover.

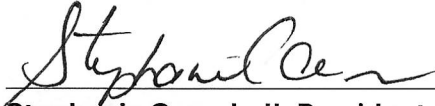
Selvia said she had done a lot of correspondence with Tiffany Deer. First step is public hearing. Next step would be the resolution. Council asked about the impact on taxpayers. The board members did not have the numbers, Tiffany Deer had them. They could bring it to the March Council meeting along with the resolution. Closed public hearing.

BOARD REPORTS


Council gave a report on the boards they sit on.

ADJOURN

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



Stephanie Campbell, President




Jay Alcorn, Vice President

Wayne Huffman



Brian Berry



Kerry Williams



Danny Wallace



Attest: Auditor's Office, Kristina Berish