

**COMMISSIONER MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 2, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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| <b>COMMISSIONERS:</b>   | Andy Beck, President<br>Tom Helmer, Vice President<br>Rick Woodall |
| <b>COUNCIL:</b>         | Stephanie Campbell, President                                      |
| <b>COUNTY ATTORNEY:</b> | Jim Ensley   |
| <b>AUDITOR'S OFFICE</b> | Kristina Berish  |
| <b>AUDIENCE:</b>        | 16 Individuals   |

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on February 2, 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.

Beck made the motion to add 911 to the agenda for bids on radios. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HAMILTON CENTER**

Monica Wallace came to give an update on their center for year 2025.

**HIGHWAY REPORT**

Director Clint Maddox:

- 1) Snow that hit the county last weekend – gave report.
- 2) He has requested concrete quotes for bridges 92, 95, 211, and 154.
- 3) 35 mph speed limit signs are in place north of Roachdale that was approved at the last meeting.
- 4) Contracts to sign from HWC Paser rating \$45,000 and K&W fuel system \$317,361.37.

**MINUTES**

January 20, 2026 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

January 20, 2026 (special) – Woodall made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**EDIT PLAN 2026**

Ensley said he had emailed a draft to the board to review. Discussed contingency amount they put in each year for the Edgelea bond payment. We have fortunately not needed to use it. Discussed capping it and not putting it in this year's plan. At the next meeting the board member will bring their suggestions on the plan.

### **VACATE LOT 606 MAPLE STREET**

Ensley said this went to tax sale, no one bought it. It has a lot of liens and assessments. It could have gone on a certificate sale, but the county decided not to have one because there were only five parcels. It was not cost effective to hold the sale with those few parcels. He has been approached by the City of Greencastle. They are interested in the property. The city has been conducting maintenance care on the property.

Ensley said instead of waiting to go through the process again of a tax sale and then a certificate sale, the Commissioners could do a resolution and transfer it to the city since they are a government entity. He prepared a resolution for tonight's meeting in case the board chose to go this route. The city would have a process to go through and then after 120 days it could then be transferred to the City of Greencastle.

Woodall made the motion to approve resolution 2026-2-2-1. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **E911 RADIO BIDS**

E911 Director David Clodfelter stated they had advertised for bids. The Commissioners will open them tonight and take them under advisement. The 911 board will then review and meet with the companies and compile all the information and come back to the Board of Commissioners with their findings and recommendation.

Bids were from:

Motorola – \$5,336,923.49

Advanced Radio Communications – \$8,340,000

J&K – \$7,297,769

JES – had multiple amounts for different things, if reading correctly grand total of \$3,424,661.25 (this would need to be verified by the consulting company hired by the county, Pyramid. Terry Burnsworth was not at the meeting.

The Commissioners took the bids under advisement.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

Ensley said he put a notice in the newspaper requesting any corporations or individual interested in being considered as the entity to finance the purchase of the building. They are to turn in the proposals to the Auditor's office by 8:30 am on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **RAZOR AGGREGATES LLC & HAYMAN HOLDINGS LLC**

Conclusion to the case, Beck read aloud. (see end of the minutes to see the full statement given)

### **RECENT SNOW DAY, FLEX/COMPENSATORY/OVERTIME FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Beck brought up the different policies we have for exempt and non-exempt and how they can get flex or compensatory time. Other employees have a combination of paid overtime. He felt the county policy needed to be reviewed and changed. Woodall wholeheartedly agreed. He has brought this up more than once. We will need to have further discussions to determine how we want to change the handbook.

Woodall asked why it seemed to always be an issue when the Commissioners called a snow day for non-essential workers. There is always at least one employee in the non-essential category asking a question about pay and then hearing from several essential workers about them working when the other county offices are closed. He thought this had been addressed. Auditor Berish said her office has received several calls and employees coming in as well. HR has researched and in the current county handbook it addresses it on page 35, second paragraph "due to the nature of various departments' work, certain public safety departments may not be closed, and employees of those departments shall work even when the Board of Commissioners has closed other county facilities."

Auditor Berish said Tera Stevenson, HR is working on a rough draft amending the current county handbook. If they want even clearer language added, then we can do it. Beck stated that essential departments are: E911, Sheriff/Jail, EMS, Highway, and EMA. Discussed how to handle the custodians that must come in to shovel the sidewalk and steps. The matter was tabled for further discussion to amend this section of the handbook.

### **EMS AMBULANCES**

Woodall gave update.

### **BRIDGE 45**

Woodall said he had talked to two of the Commissioners from another county and there will be a joint meeting to discuss it.

### **LUNCH HOUR**

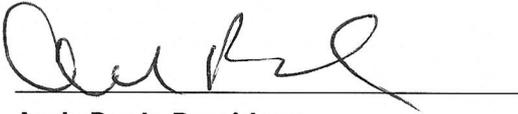
Helmer said Judge Headley requested to close the building during lunch hour for security purposes. He was concerned with the public touching equipment that is in the hallway due to lack of room in county offices. Currently county offices are closed from noon to 1:00 pm but the courthouse East door is still open. Woodall asked if the other Judge or Magistrate had expressed concern. Helmer said Headley was the only one that had approached him. It had been left open to allow the public to come in if they were to appear in court at 1:00 pm. Helmer made the motion to lock the building from noon to 1:00 pm. It died from lack of a second. The board wants to do further research.

### **MAIL**

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

**ADJOURN**

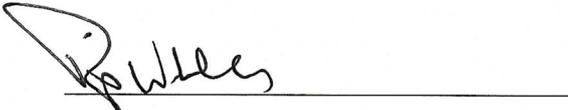
Woodall made the motion to adjourn. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



**Andy Beck, President**



**Tom Helmer, Vice President**



**Rick Woodall**



**Attest: Auditor's Office**

**Kristina Berish**



## PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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As the result of Court-ordered mediation, Putnam County, Indiana, as a listed Defendant, did resolve Putnam County Superior Court Case 67D01-2507-PL-000029 with Razor Aggregates LLC & Hayman Holdings LLC as the listed Plaintiffs.

Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Razor Aggregates LLC & Hayman Holdings LLC may lawfully conduct mining operations on non-urban parcels, as defined by Indiana Code 36-7-4-1103, and Putnam County, Indiana will receive modest quantities of crushed limestone products from the new operations.

The settlement agreement is not an admission of guilt, liability or wrongdoing by any Party involved in the litigation. The settlement agreement was made for the sole purpose of concluding 67D01-2507-PL-000029 and to avoid the time and expense of further litigation potentially exceeding tens of thousands of dollars.

In short, it was decided to resolve 67D01-2507-PL-000029 by agreement instead of spending excessive County resources and taxpayer money only to receive a possible adverse decision by a Court of law over interpretation of an Indiana State Statute.