

**COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 20, 2026  
6:30 PM**



**ATTENDANCE:**

**COUNCIL:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Andy Beck, President  
Rick Woodall

**ATTORNEY:**

Trudy Selvia

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

Kristina Berish

**AUDIENCE:**

10 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on January 20, 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.

Wallace made the motion to appoint Campbell President of the board for 2026. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Wallace made the motion to appoint Alcorn Vice President of the board for 2026. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROACHDALE LIBRARY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Jennifer Stranger stated she had posted the advertisement in gateway which is the new state requirement. It is \$151,000 from the debt service fund. Huffman made the motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**E911 – REQUEST FOR TWO ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES**

Director Dave Clodfelter said the board had asked him at a previous meeting to look at his current budget and see what could be reduced to help fund the request of two additional employees. After reviewing, there are two accounts that could be reduced: supervisor because he wants to eliminate those two positions. The savings would only be the difference between a supervisor and a dispatch position salary. The other would be overtime. He would not need as much overtime if he had more personnel to cover shifts. Clodfelter felt this would be enough to pay the salary of one position.

Campbell said looking at the numbers:

2 Dispatcher Positions:	\$100,992.00
Social Security:	\$ 6,261.44
Medicare:	\$ 1,464.38
PERF:	\$ 11,311.10
Grand Total:	\$120,028.92

If the employees take insurance, the minimum would be employee only at \$13,171.31 per employee up to \$38,321.28 per employee for family plan.

From what figures you are coming up with of approximately \$50,000 that still leaves a balance of (at the high end) \$146,000 that you would need to fund the two positions. The board's concern is that the 911 PSAP 2025 budget was \$982,729 and the revenue brought in was \$929,373. The budget is already upside down and not

sustainable. It is more than the revenue being brought into the fund. And with the 911 fund, 2025 budget was \$565,475 and the revenue was \$581,352. This shows that the budget was only \$15,877 less than the revenue brought in.

Wallace felt this is something that should be addressed during budget workshop. Huffman asked to have something presented showing actual numbers of current budget and what Clodfelter is proposing to change. They need to see the comparison in writing.

#### **HAMILTON CENTER**

Monica Wallace came to the meeting to give an update on the 2025 fiscal year.

#### **COMMISSIONER ADDITIONAL**

Commissioner Beck and Woodall presented:

\$315,000 County General Fund

Reason: replace fuel station located at the highway department. Huffman made the motion to approve.

Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **E911 ADDITIONAL**

Clodfelter presented:

\$50,000 E911 Fund

REASON: Professional work for radios (Pyramid)

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

#### **JUVENILE PROBATION ADDITIONAL**

Auditor Berish presented:

\$1,933 County General Fund

Reason: missed raise for position in the department when revising the budgets.

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

#### **ADULT PROBATION ADDITIONAL**

Auditor Berish presented:

\$21,571 County General Fund

Reason: department did not submit the mandated by state salary increase for the probation officers in their budget request.

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

#### **ELECTED TRAINING FUND ADDITIONAL**

Auditor Berish presented:

\$6,000 Elected Training Fund

Reason: to help pay for elected officials and first deputies attending state-called meetings.

Brown made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **REDUCTION IN PRE TRIAL DIVERSION**

Auditor Berish presented:

\$24,677 Pre Trial Diversion Fund

Reason: a portion of two position salaries had been budgeted in two funds until the board decided which one to pay it from in 2026. Since it is being paid from the county general fund need to reduce this amount from the pre trial diversion budget.

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

#### **MINUTES**

December 16, 2025 – Alcorn said on the third page, third paragraph it says “of” 2M and it should say “over” 2M. Brown made the motion to approve with the correction. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS REQUEST INTEREST MONEY**

Beck said they had a board of finance meeting earlier today and the Treasurer stated the county had received 800K in interest. The Commissioners are requesting that from the board to help fund the highway projects they want to do this year which add up to 5.5M. Last year the Council gave them 600K from interest for the highway.

Auditor Berish stated interest is not found money for the Commissioners to utilize for the highway department. It has been explained several times that interest is part of the formula to get the county general budget approved by the state. It is factored in every year in the miscellaneous revenue. You must show that you have enough miscellaneous revenue and property tax collections to fund the requested budget. The Council was able to approve the 600K last year, but it was interest that was not factored into the budget. The previous treasurer had made an eight-year investment and cashed it in before she left office.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

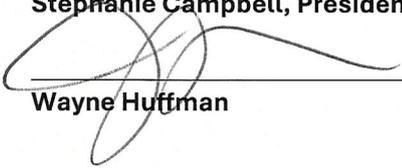
The purchase of the building on Medic Way is moving along; the Commissioners are meeting with the hospital board on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. At their meeting earlier today, they were given an estimate to remodel the building. The board approved not to exceed 420K pending the Council's approval of funding. After discussing options of how to pay for the remodeling, Woodall said the cost could be added to the purchase loan. The loan payment will be paid from the hazardous waste fund which is not taxpayer dollars but tipping fees received at the landfill. Alcorn made the motion to seek a loan for the cost to purchase the property and remodel and to pay it from the hazardous waste fund. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

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

  
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Attest: Auditor's Office, Kristina Berish