

**COMMISSIONER MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
June 15, 2026
9:00 AM**



ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President Tom Helmer, Vice President
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	17 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on June 15, 2026, at 9:00AM in regular session. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Beck opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

REZONING

Director Lisa Zeiner presented a petition to rezone property located on south side of Rangeline Road and 900 E right at the Hendricks County line. Larry & Janet Stanley are the owner of property and Elizabeth Bowling as petitioner. On May 4, 2026 the Plan Commission board held a public hearing and they gave a favorable recommendation. No remonstrators at the meeting. They are wanting to split off a portion of the property to build another house. Beck made the motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

PLANNING/BUILDING DEPARTMENT VEHICLE LEASE WITH ENTERPRISE

Zeiner asked permission to switch from purchasing their vehicles to leasing from Enterprise. They will have enough equity in the vehicles they have to cover the lease for the first 2 ½ years. Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Assistant Director Robyn Hughes presented:

- 1) Fuel station still moving forward
- 2) Update on road projects – paving and gravel
- 3) Sent out RFQ's for Huffman bridge

MINUTES

June 1, 2026 (executive & regular) – Helmer made the motion to approve. Beck seconded. The motion passed.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Assistant Administrator Brian Williams gave an update on the building remodel progress. On track for being in the building beginning of August.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT COMMISSIONERS

Helmer is no longer going to serve on board. Beck will take his place. They are making this change since Helmer took Beck's position on the 911 advisory board.

COMPLAINTS ON ALLEGED ACTIONS OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Jermiah Latta with Latta construction stated he was currently working on a few projects in the county. He has done projects all over the state and this is the first time he has run into any kind of issue with a county. He has done work in Hamilton County and Fishers for references. They are wanting information from him that has nothing to do with this portion of the project and continuously holding up a project due to it. Example: what will be the menu, who will be the manager. As the construction part of the project, it is not his responsibility to know or furnish this information. That is later down the project. He would strongly discourage anyone from coming into this county due to the hurdles he has encountered because of the health department.

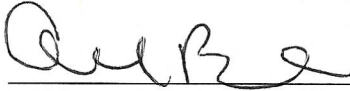
Larry Fox said he had a new home in Reelsville. He also ran into a big issue with the health department. He wanted to put in his own septic system. He has done this type of work for most of his life. When he went to health department, he described how an employee acted completely unprofessional, rude. She wadded up his paperwork and threw it in the trash in front of him.

Fox was told he must hire a professional to do the septic system and was given a list. He went by their rules and hired someone, and it cost him \$20,000. When he priced the cost of the materials it was around \$5,400. But he had to pay \$20,000 for a job he could have done himself. And done it correctly. The "professional" they forced him to hire completely botched the job and he had pictures to prove it.

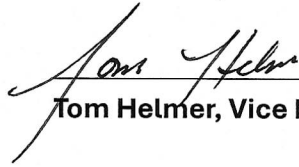
The conduct/procedures of the health department are so bad that when he called the list of professional septic system installers, they all told him they upcharge on any project in Putnam County to make it worth dealing with the department. Fox said after his experience, he has nothing good to say about the health department. They have no business being in charge of the septic systems in this county because they have no idea what they are doing.

ADJOURN

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



Andy Beck, President



Tom Helmer, Vice President



Attest: Auditor's Office, Kristina Berish