COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION November 18, 2025 6:30 PM

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ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:

Stephanie Campbell, President

Jay Alcorn, Vice President

Danny Wallace Wayne Huffman Kerry Williams Amanda Brown

Brian Berry

COMMISSIONERS:

Rick Woodall

Andy Beck

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Evelyn Williams

AUDIENCE:

10 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on November 18, 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.

Campbell explained that the newspaper did not get the November additionals advertised. They will only be able to give tentative approval.

Campbell asked to add Jason Simler with Baker Tilly to the agenda. Brown made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF ADDITIONALS

Matron Bailey and Major Simmons presented:

\$20,000

Fund 1170 LIT Pub Safety

Aging fleet, rising cost of repairs

Alcorn made a motion to tentatively approve. Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

\$40,000

Fund 1233 LIT Corr & Rehab Unexpected medical expenses and cost of

prescriptions

Wallace made a motion to tentatively approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund 1233 Jail LIT

Aging building issues and rising cost of repairs/parts

Brown made a motion to tentatively approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER ADDITIONAL

First Deputy Auditor Williams presented:

Fund 1000 Co Gen

Cyber security policy

Wallace made a motion to tentatively approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

\$3,551 Fund 1000 Co Gen EMA Vehicle repairs

Alcorn made a motion to tentatively approve. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

\$125,000 Fund 1233 Jail Corr & Rehab Purchase of 91 Keightly Road property Wallace made a motion to approve (advertised in October). Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EDIT WARCHEST

First Deputy Auditor Williams presented:

\$25,000 Fund 4944 EDIT Bridge repair \$275,000 Fund 4944 EDIT Bridge repair \$200,000 Fund 4944 EDIT Bridge repair

Brown made a motion to approve (advertised in October). Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR ADDITIONAL AND TRANSFER

First Deputy Auditor Williams presented:

\$10,000 Fund 1131 Sales Disclosure Digitize transfer books in Auditor's Office

Wallace made a motion to tentatively approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

\$10,000 from deputies' salaries to repairs and maintenance

Wallace made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION TRANSFERS

First Deputy Auditor Williams presented:

\$100 from dues to Medicare \$339 from dues to PERF \$2,015 from training to PERF

\$550 from training to Social Security

\$385 from training to probation officer salary

\$800 from per diem & conferences to probation officer salary

\$5,000 from equipment to probation officer salary \$500 from office supplies to probation officer salary

Brown made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2026 SALARY ORDINANCE

Wallace made a motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

October 21, 2025 – Huffman made a motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

Brian Williams stated the county attorney and hospital attorney are currently working on a purchase agreement. The hospital has agreed to allow the Health Department to stay in their current location until renovations are completed.

BAKER TILLY - ANNEX FINANCING

Baker Tilly representative Jason Semler presented the Council with schedules for the purpose of discussion of the proposed bonding for the project. Semler stated once they have hard figures for the final cost then they will get into how to finance the project. The Council will need to decide on how long to have bonds and when to start payments. Semler stated the county will have to do lease financing because the project is above their debt threshold.

Attorney Selvia asked if bidding to local banks is an option? Semler stated yes, but it would be a bond. He can send out term sheets to local banks, the state, or the US. It will be the Council's decision. Woodall asked if the funding had to be 100% property taxes. Semler stated they are selling it as that, but it can be an annual decision whether to change it or not.

Beck believes it should be paid off as soon as possible. Huffman stated it should not go longer than 10 years because of the shape the jail is in. Brown stated she thought when they voted on the project costs, they voted to keep the total at \$15.5 million. With interest it could be \$17 million.

Semler stated he was bringing the information collected so far to meet the requested start time of March 2026. Woodall stated they are supposedly getting the hard numbers from Garmong next week. Alcorn stated he wants to make sure using local banks is an option. Semler stated another decision to be made in the future is whether to pay on the interest during construction if the funds are available.

Alcorn made a motion to approve going forward with the 10-year option. Wallace seconded. Brown argued that it appeared to be \$2 million more than they had originally agreed upon. Roll call was done by Deputy Williams for the vote:

Wallace Yes
Alcorn Yes
Berry Yes
Campbell Yes
Brown No
Huffman Yes
Williams Yes

The motion passed 6 to 1.

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Wallace made the motion to adjourn. H	luffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
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