

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 21, 2025
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Andy Beck

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Kristina Berish

AUDIENCE:

16 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on October 21, 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 asked for a motion to add the Sheriff, Kristin Clary, and the health department to the agenda. Brown made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

2026 BUDGET ADOPTION

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-1 Putnam County: Wallace made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed.

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-2 Roachdale Public Library: Brown made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-3 Roachdale Fire Protection: Wallace made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed.

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-4 Floyd Township Fire District: Williams made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-5 West Central Solid Waste District: Alcorn made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-6 Walnut Creek Fire Protection: Huffman made the motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-7 Greencastle Community School Corporation: Alcorn made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

Ordinance/Resolution 2025-10-21-8 Putnam County Airport Authority: Huffman made the motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

- Anyone wanting to see the budget forms for the above units, they are available on the State Gateway program.

Auditor Berish stated after the budget workshop, Health Department Administrator Joni Young asked since the overtime had been eliminated from their 1159 budget if 10K could be added to the 1161 budget: 10129 overtime 10K, decrease 30360 misc. services by 10K. Huffman made the motion to approve the change. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

Auditor Berish stated part time help needed to be addressed still for 2026. Proposed a 3% increase and all positions would be “up to” to allow the department heads to pay up to the hourly rate. Brown made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

Auditor Berish had given Council members proposed salaries for 2026 prior to the meeting, if approved she would have the payroll specialist work on the salary ordinance and have it at next month’s meeting for review and approval. Alcorn made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

EMS ADDITIONAL/TRANSFER REQUESTS

Director Kelly Russ presented:

\$2,296	Fund 1151 EMS	Pay for PERF for the remainder of the year
\$4,290	Fund 1151 EMS	Pay for health insurance for the remainder of the year

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

\$85,000	Fund 1236 EMS LIT	Pay for paramedics’ salaries for remainder of the year.
		Experienced a lot of FMLA this year which caused unanticipated overtime.

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

\$14,810	Property & casualty to Health insurance	Fund 1151 EMS
	To pay for remainder of 2025 insurance premiums.	

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

\$3,794	Equipment to Repairs & maintenance	Fund 1151 EMS
	To cover expenses for remainder of the year.	

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

Russ explained the mobile integrated health grant ran from October to September. They are now on a new grant cycle and looking to increase the following:

- Kelly Russ stipend from \$623.077 per pay period to \$713.07
- Anthony Taylor stipend from \$584.615 per pay period to \$673.07
- MIH Coordinator salary from 70K to 73K

Russ asked for this to be retroactive back to October 1, 2025. Alcorn made the motion to approve the three above changes to the grant, effective 10/1/25. A pay adjustment would be made to pay for the pay period that has already occurred. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

GREENCASTLE SCHOOLS ADDITIONAL REQUEST

Jeff Gibboney presented:

\$600,000	Education Fund – personal services
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The curriculum materials caused them to run short this year. The school corporation has 3.2M in reserve, more than enough to cover the request. Brown made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

911 ADDITIONAL REQUEST

Director David Clodfelter presented:

\$40,000	Fund 1222 Statewide 911	To cover holiday & OT for remainder of the year
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Brown made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

MCCULLOUGH ABATEMENT

Economic Development Director Kristin Clary came to the meeting with resolution 2025-10-21 declaring an economic revitalization area in Putnam County for McCullough Realty located on E US Highway 36, Coatesville, IN. Clary gave some background information for the request. They are looking to possibly put a 10,000 square foot warehouse on the property. Construction cost of 1M. The warehouse would be a build it and they will come concept. They cannot tell the board specific use of the building. It would be open for short- or long-term leases. There is a need in the community for extra storage space. The Plan Commission has already approved the rezone of the property. This was just the first step in the process of abatement.

Brown said at this time there is not any clarification as to what it will be used for. Several members questioned the need for abatement for a project such as this. Clary said an abatement is an incentive for economic growth. Wallace made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. Campbell called for a vote: Wallace, Huffman, and Campbell “aye”. Brown, Alcorn, and Williams “nay”. The motion did not pass at 3 to 3.

SHERIFF REQUEST FOR BENEFITS FOR A CRISIS INTERVENTION OFFICER

Sheriff Baugh passed out information to the board regarding the amount of mental health/psychiatric suicidal calls they have had in 2023, 2024, and 2025. He also enclosed the proposed application for the officer that he submitted to the JRAC committee to review for recommendation to the Commissioners to pay the salary from the opioid money the county receives. Baugh is hoping the salary would come from the opioid fund, the vehicle and equipment he would furnish from his funds, and then the benefits for the full-time position from the county general fund (Commissioner budget).

Baugh requested the position at the 10/20/25 Commissioner meeting, it was approved by the board pending approval of the funds needed for the position. He was asking for the Council’s blessing if he could get the funding for the position to approve any additional funds that may be needed in the Commissioner budget for matching taxes and benefits.

Looking at the stats, Wallace asked if the City of Greencastle had been approached regarding funding. Since a lot of calls come from their area, they could help pay for the position. Baugh thought it would be like 911, the county assumed the whole financial responsibility years ago and the city does not contribute to the 911 department. This position would be a county employee. The county really needs at least two positions; he was starting out with one to get it set-up. Maybe he could approach the city later if they would help to pay for a second position.

Selvia said this is something the county really needs. She felt this position would more than pay for itself. And it is a perfect way to utilize the opioid money. Wallace made the motion to give the Council’s support in creating this position. If additional money would need to be appropriated for matching taxes and benefits, then they would deal with it at that time. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed.

HIGHWAY

Clint Maddox presented:

\$100,000	Bridge maintenance to Bridge 123	Cleaning up accounts
\$300,000	Bridge maintenance to Bridge 124	Cleaning up accounts
\$200,000	Bridge maintenance to Bridge 191	Cleaning up accounts

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

\$154,544 Fund 4951 Wheel/Surtax Bridge 152 repairs
Alcorn made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

MINUTES

September 16, 2025 (regular) – Brown made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

September 16, 2025 (executive) – Alcorn made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed.

September 16, 2025 (special) – Brown made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

2026 MEETING DATES

Brown made the motion to approve the meeting dates provided by Auditor. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

2025 SALARY ORDINANCE

Wallace made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed. The ordinance reflected all changes in salaries the Council has made since it was adopted last.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Assistant Brian Williams stated the Commissioners had negotiated a price of 700K for the building with the hospital board. It passed yesterday two to one. Beck said they would be looking at a 5-year loan with a local bank. Researching to make payments from the hazardous waste fund. They were still working out all the kinks, just wanted to update the Council. The Council did not oppose the Commissioners moving forward with the purchase of the building.

ADJOURN

Brown made the motion to adjourn. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.



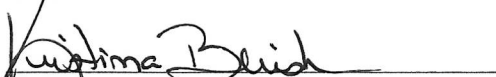
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Danny Wallace

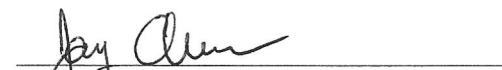


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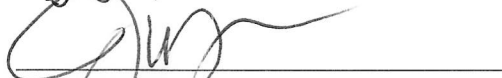


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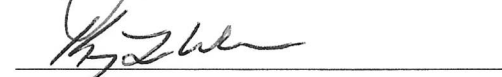
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