

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

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Jay Alcorn, Vice President Danny Wallace Wayne Huffman Kerry Williams Amanda Brown
COMMISSIONER:	Rick Woodall, President Andy Beck
ATTORNEY:	Trudy Selvia
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	14 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on January 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. Stephanie Campbell opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given. Campbell welcomed the new board members.

Campbell said Commissioner Woodall had requested to be added to agenda for annex update. Huffman made the motion to add. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

President – Wallace made the motion to appoint Campbell. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President – Wallace made the motion to appoint Alcorn. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION ADDITIONAL

Chief Probation Officer Teresa Parrish presented:

\$6,638 Administrative Fund 2000

To increase the part time, help account. Giving raises according to the 2025 salary ordinance of up to \$17.50/hour and for any additional workdays to fill in when needed.

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

The three budget reductions were pulled, two employees have left the office since it had been submitted for the meeting. They both have personal time that will need to be paid out.

SHERIFF ADDITIONAL

Matron Tresha Clearwaters presented:

\$15,434.34 County General Fund

Appropriate money from a check that was returned to county due to paying the wrong vendor. It is in the fund, need it appropriated back into the account.

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

Tresha Clearwaters passed out a report on the Sheriff’s commissary fund.

JT Chadd passed out paperwork for jail repairs. They have reached out to several companies to get quotes. It is being researched by the county attorney if it must be advertised for quotes due to the cost. After some discussion, the Council said when they have the final quotes, they would need to be sent to them for review. The board will be looking at sources to fund the repairs: cumulative jail and cumulative capital development are two options.

Auditor Berish informed them the deadline to have the additional request to her is January 30th for the February Council meeting.

EMS GRANT

Director Kelly Russ gave information to the Council about the grant. She explained the background and what the grant would cover. The salary ordinance amendment she was requesting:

 \$59,000 per Community Paramedic

 \$68,000 MIH Grant Director

These positions were not filled and not sure if/when, but it is what has been designated in the grant.

 \$16,200 Stipend for Kelly Russ

 \$15,200 Stipend for Anthony Taylor

It is with the understanding that if the grant goes away, the positions and stipends are eliminated. Huffman made the motion to approve the request of the community paramedic, MIH Director and the two stipends. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING ADDITIONAL

Director Lisa Zeiner presented:

\$17,000 Planning & Zoning Impact Fund 1180

To replace Silverado with a Blazer. Commissioners have approved, pending Council approval.

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

Zeiner gave an update on what the office had done in 2024.

E911 ADDITIONAL

Director Dave Costin presented:
\$145,000 LIT PSAP Fund 1235
To pay for Pyramid for consulting on the new radio project.

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

\$460,000 LIT PSAP Fund 1235
Phase I of project, towers, contingency and 25% of radio systems.

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

E911 TRANSFER

Director Dave Costin presented:
\$3,850 County General Fund 1000
From administrative assistant to director in training for the EMA department. Costin went over the pay schedule and the one month overlap of the trainee. In July the three part-time positions will be converted into one full time position.

The Emergency Agency board will get the applications and review. Then give recommendations to the Board of Commissioners to appoint someone. They are working on the timeline to have the person hired and have them getting a month of training before Dave Costin, who is currently the EMA Director retires, and the other two positions are eliminated.

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

TITLE IVD RESTRUCTURE OF OFFICE

Director Vicki Patterson came to the meeting to follow up on the request she had made previously regarding the staff in her department. She had two openings (caseworkers). One of the caseworker positions she wants to fill and the other caseworker change to a secretary.

Auditor Berish said the salary structure has the caseworker position at \$45,014. This position would say “up to” at the request of Patterson. The secretary position in the salary structure is a salary of \$37,817. This will also state “up to” for this department since Patterson is wanting to start the employee at 37K. Alcorn made the motion to approve the caseworker as up to \$45,014 and the secretary for up to \$37,817 retroactive back to November 19, 2024. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONALS

\$750,000 New Annex Fund 4946
To purchase the old Feld’s building for the health department.

Commissioner Woodall said they met with the City of Greencastle and the location for the health department did not meet with the comprehensive plan for the city.

They also found out the renovations would exceed 1M which is a lot higher than anticipated. The Commissioners made a motion at their meeting earlier today to back out of the sale. At the request of the Commissioners the additional request was withdrawn.

\$300,000 New Annex Fund 4946
Pay bills for companies working on the new annex.
Commissioner Woodall passed out information regarding the annex from the last committee meeting. The committee is looking at a tri-level concept and two entries.

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

Woodall let the Council know they would be having a special meeting on January 28th at 10:30 am at the Highway Department to go over this year's budget. Working on a road plan and trying to gather information regarding bridges.

\$6,000 EDIT Warchest fund 4944
Pay for appraisals for properties located on Bloomington and Keightly roads.

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

\$35,797 ARPA fund 9143
Appropriate the ARPA money that needed to be obligated by December 31, 2024.

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

\$37,817 Recorder Perpetuation fund 1189
Position eliminated when employee quit in December 2024 per the 2024 & 2025 salary ordinance.
Brown made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

November 25, 2024 – Alcorn made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

December 17, 2024 – Huffman made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Chris Mann, Plan Commission – eliminate from the list of appointments

Allison Leer, Park Board – Alcorn made the motion to appoint. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jayne Bray, ABC Board – Williams made the motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Campbell, Roachdale Public Library needs to replace on the appointment list Charette Coffman. Coffman is no longer on board. Campbell's term ends 7/19/26.

Kayla Birt Flegal, Putnam County Library – the term ends 12/31/25 not 2024 per library board.

The Health Department appointment was done at the Council's December 2024 meeting.

Council members sit on the following boards for 2025:

Cemetery	Wayne Huffman
EMA	Danny Wallace
LEPC	Danny Wallace
Community Corrections	Stephanie Campbell
EMS	Danny Wallace
Commissioners' Board	Stephanie Campbell
PC Comm. Foundation	Jay Alcorn
E911	Wayne Huffman
W Central Solid Waste	Stephanie Campbell
Greencastle/PC Ec Dev	Kerry Williams
Plan Commission	Jay Alcorn
Health Board	Amanda Brown
Thrive	Kerry Williams
Park Board	Wayne Huffman
JRAC	Stephanie Campbell

MAIL

The Council acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Stephanie Campbell, President

Jay Alcorn, Vice President

Danny Wallace

Wayne Huffman

Kerry Williams

Amanda Brown

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish**