

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION**

May 20, 2025

6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:

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

COMMISSIONER:

Andy Beck

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Evelyn Williams

AUDIENCE:

8 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on May 20, 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 asked for a motion to remove adult probation from the meeting agenda. Huffman made a motion. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Campbell asked for motion to add the Commissioners to the agenda regarding interest funds. Alcorn made a motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUILDING

Selvia stated she has made a resolution stating that the council is moving forward with purchasing a building on Medic Way for the Health Department. Huffman made a motion to approve the resolution. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Administrator for the Health Department Brian Williams gave an update on where they are with inspecting the building that they are looking to purchase on Medic Way. The Planning and Zoning Department conducted the inspection.

CUSTODIAL DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL

First Deputy Auditor Evelyn Williams presented:

\$10,000 County General fund 1000/Custodial Department

Repair the Courthouse dome.

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

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ADDITIONALS

First Deputy Auditor Evelyn Williams presented:

\$346,840 Cumulative Capital Development fund 1138

Roof repairs for the Courthouse.

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

CUMULATIVE COURTHOUSE ADDITIONAL

First Deputy Auditor Evelyn Williams presented:

\$168.76 Cumulative Courthouse fund 1140

Depleting the fund to a zero balance.

Alcorn made a motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EDIT WARCHEST ADDITIONALS

First Deputy Auditor Evelyn Williams presented:

\$1,500 EDIT Warchest fund 4944

To pay for appraisal on Keightly Road property.

Huffman made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

First Deputy Auditor Evelyn Williams presented:

\$18,054 EDIT Warchest fund 4944

Replace equipment for the fuel station at the Highway Department.

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

NEW ANNEX ADDITIONAL

First Deputy Auditor Evelyn Williams presented:

\$7,500 New Annex fund 4946

Rock study for the Annex.

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

HAZARDOUS WASTE ADDITIONAL

First Deputy Auditor Evelyn Williams presented:

\$10,000 Hazardous Waste fund 1221

Town of Russellville tornado siren.

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

MINUTES

April 2, 2025 – Alcorn made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

April 15, 2025 – Williams made a motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SALARY REQUESTED CHANGES

Prosecutor Austin Malayer was present to represent the salary increases for the manager and legal secretary in his office due to job description changes. The salary subcommittee met on April 28th and reviewed the updated job descriptions and compared them to the manager and court reporter of both courts. It was found that the responsibilities rate higher and an increase in both positions is warranted. The recommendation is as follows:

Manger	Current \$49,488	New \$53,158
Legal Secretary	Current \$45,770	New \$47,605

Huffman made a motion to approve the increases retroactive back to April 26, 2025 when they assumed the new rolesp. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS INTEREST FUNDS REQUEST

Commissioner Beck stated that they are requesting the \$900,000 of interest money earned in 2024 to use for county bridges. Beck went through the cost of bridge repairs they are looking at for 2025. He stated the projected excise tax comes in monthly, and the price of bridge materials will be increasing. Wallace asked if any of the bridges were being maintained by our own county highway department. Beck stated they are doing the ones they are capable of. Brown stated she's concerned about all the changes the county is looking at with all the new law changes. Campbell agreed. She stated they are still learning about all the changes that are coming. Williams stated that the bridge issues will not go away. Discussion was made on the interest amount in 2024 being a one-time thing. Beck stated they are wanting to get the heavily traveled roads bridges done first. Selvia stated there was new legislation for the Wheel & Surtax but there is no guidance on how it will affect the county. Alcorn stated his opinion is with the plan the Commissioners have for replacing the bridges, that \$600,000 is adequate. Alcorn made a motion to give the Commissioners/Highway Department \$600,000. Williams seconded. Brown opposed. Campbell opposed. The motion carried.

ANNEX

Selvia stated she and Ensley met with local banks regarding funding options for the new annex. They want the Council to know that bonds are not the only way to go with funding the Annex. She stated if they would like more information, they are more than willing to meet and discuss. If they have questions, now is the time to ask.

BOARD REPORTS

The members gave reports for the boards they sit on.

MAIL

The board acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

Stephanie Campbell, President

Jay Alcorn, Vice President

Amanda Brown

Kerry Williams

Danny Wallace

Wayne Huffman

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams**