

**COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 20, 2025
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:

Stephanie Campbell, President
Jay Alcorn, Vice President
Danny Wallace
Wayne Huffman
Kerry Williams
Amanda Brown
Brian Berry
Kristina Berish
Evelyn Williams
Jacque Clements
Camdon Murrell

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

AIC:

The Putnam County Board of Council met on August 20, 2025, at 9:00 am. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. The meeting had been recessed the day before. Campbell called their meeting back into session.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Brown stated she would like to go over the Clerk's budget. Campbell stated the discussion was to change amounts in part-time, office supplies and repairs/maintenance.

CORONER

Coroner Todd Zeiner stated he has a lot of experience on his team.

- Reduced autopsy fees
- Increased phone reimbursement

GREENCASTLE SCHOOLS

Mr. Gibboney presented the school's proposed budget.

FIRE DISTRICTS

Tiffany Deer presented the following budgets:

Roachdale Fire Protection
Floyd Fire
Walnut Creek Fire

AIRPORT

Baker Tilly presented the Putnam County Airport's budget.

WEST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE

Jane Collisi presented the proposed budget.

PLAN COMMISSION

Director Lisa Zeiner stated she would be able to cut the 40401 Equipment down to \$5,000 in fund 1180 and cut 20201 Office Supplies to \$0. Zeiner gave the Council members a breakout of her fees collected.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zeiner stated she would like to use the part-time money to hire a security person to attend their evening meetings.

PLAT

Zeiner stated she would like to cut office supplies to \$3,000

RECORDER

Recorder Heather Gilbert presented:

Co General – no change

ID Security – dropped from \$10,000 to \$8,000

Recorder Perpetuation – reduced salary line item to reflect losing a full-time position

VETERAN'S OFFICE

Vet Officer David Heavin presented:

- Added in maintenance and repairs due to having computer and printer issues
- Put money in the budget for new furniture at the new annex. Campbell stated it is not needed.
- Discussion was made on adding mileage account
- Take equipment line item 40401 down to \$2,000
- Take repairs/maintenance line item 30303 down to \$1,000
- Take miscellaneous services 30360 down to \$0

HOME DETENTION/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Director Jamie France explained what his funds are used for and where they come from. He stated he received notification from the state that they did not get cut on their grant fund.

CUSTODIAL

Supervisor Cliff Ross stated he did not make any changes and feels like they are on target for this year.

EMA

Director Sarah Owen (via phone)

- Increased phone line item
- Increased misc. services
- Increased repairs, parts & services for vehicles
- New line item – Equipment, hoping to supplement with grant funding

E-911

Clements stated that PSAP and 911 are budgeting more than they are bringing in. Director David Clodfelter presented:

Fund 1222 – all salaries except him and deputy director, asked for more overtime pay

Fund 1235 – increased training line item by \$2,000, repairs/maintenance increased for the two new towers, generators, increased utilities. Berish stated benefits were over budgeted. Clements believes they moved the benefits from 1222 to 1235 last year. She suggested leaving it in PSAP (1235). Reduce health/life 10122 by \$25,000.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Austin Malayer presented:

Co General –

- Asking for salaries currently being paid from PreTrial Diversion to come out of County General for the manager and legal secretary

PreTrial Diversion –

- Moved salaries coming out of pretrial diversion to county general

Title IV-D, Vicky Patterson

- Restructured salaries due to staff changes

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Auditor Kristina Berish presented:

- Only change was repairs and maintenance line item. Took over the whole bill for software and time clock.

COUNCIL

Berish stated she put a line item in for potential raises and decreased dues. Council discussed raising the secretary's salary.

SUPERIOR COURT

Office Manager Tamila Shrum presented:

- Increased uniform allowance
- Increased judicial education because they have had to transfer from other accounts and the cost has increased.
- Combined PD budget conflict of interest line item with Superior Court budget

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Headley and Office Manager Cassie Stacks presented:

- Increased bailiffs clothing allowance
- Public Defender, no change
- Family Court, no change

Juvenile Probation

Chief Probation Officer Renee Marsteller presented:

- Discussed the cost of detention
- Added drug screens
- Increased equipment to purchase a copier

ADULT PROBATION

Chief Probation Officer Teresa Parrish presented:

- User Fee's down because they have new staff
- County General stayed the same.
- Alcohol and Drug decreased because the new employee doesn't take health insurance.

BUDGET DECISIONS

Clerk – County General

- Part time \$0
- Office Supplies \$8,500
- Repairs & Maintenance \$7,500

Assessor – Co General

- Repairs & Maintenance \$0
- Dues \$0
- Equipment \$0

Reassessment

- Move health/life insurance benefits to Commissioners budget

Sales Disclosure 1131 – Assessor Location

- Printing of Forms \$0

Treasurer

- Part time \$8,000

Surveyor – No changes

Extension – No changes

Soil & Water

- Office Supplies \$500
- Miscellaneous Services \$2,500

Sheriff – County General

- Create new account number for K-9 \$10,000
- Sergeant position approved
- Repairs & Maintenance 30303 reduced to \$100,000
- Reduced property and casualty to \$350,000
- Reduce Extradition 30387 to \$4,000
- Reduce Per Diem 30471 to \$2,500
- Reduce Safety & Education 20230 to \$0.
- Discussion on the sergeant positions and courthouse deputy position. Take out \$61,813 with the hope the Commissioners and Sheriff will approach them with a plan.

Sheriff – LIT

- No changes

Jail – County General

- No changes

Jail – LIT Correctional and Rehab

- Additional cook position stricken
- Request to move uniform allowance from benefit account to an operating supplies account approved

Cumulative Jail

- No changes

Misdemeanant

- No changes

Animal Shelter – Does not fund

- Reduced Building Repairs to \$33,900

Health Department

- Move Health Insurance to Commissioners budget
- Move Administrative Asst. Salary to Fund 4926 along with health insurance
- Overtime reduced to \$0.
- Reduce utilities and trash to \$0.
- Reduced operating balance in Gateway.
- Total levy \$401,924.

Health Preparedness

- Miscellaneous Services \$3,709

EMS - Fund 1151

- No changes

LIT EMS - Fund 1236

- No changes

Highway – Fund 1173 MVH Restricted

- Fuel/Oil moved to 1176
- Road Resurfacing reduced \$350,000

Highway - Fund 1176 MVH

- Added fuel back \$450,000

Highway - Fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge

- No changes

Highway - Fund 1169 Local Road and Street

- No changes

Highway - Fund 1134 Covered Bridge

- No Changes

Highway - Fund 4951 Wheel/Surtax Bridge

- Change account name to Bridge 154

Commissioners – County General

- Discussion was made on Commissioner salary and what the wage committee suggested
- Elected Official reduced to \$120,000
- Mental Health reduced to \$322,673

- Mileage reduced to \$0
- Secretary Salary name changed to Secretary Stipend

Hazardous Waste

- No changes

Weights & Measures

- No changes

Cemetery

- No changes

Courthouse Security

- No changes

Coroner

- No changes

Planning Commission

- No changes

Planning and Zoning

- Office supplies reduced to \$0
- Equipment reduced to \$5,000

Plat Book

- No changes

Recorder – County General

- No changes

ID Protection

- No changes

Recorders Perpetuation

- No changes

Veterans

- Reduced Repairs & Maintenance to \$1,000
- Misc. Services reduced to \$0
- Equipment reduced to \$2,000

Community Corrections

- No changes

Community Corrections Grant

- No changes

Custodial

- No changes

EMA

- No changes

E911 Fund 1222

- Benefits moved to 1235 PSAP

PSAP Fund 1235

- Benefits moved here from 1222 E911

Prosecutor – County General

- Change Manager Salary 10120 moved back to PreTrial \$14,182
- Admin. Asst. Salary 10149 moved back to PreTrial \$12,123

Prosecutor – PreTrial

- Manager and Admin. Asst. salaries moved back

Title IV-D

- No changes

Incentive Fund 8897

- No changes

Superior Court

- Reduce uniforms to \$2,000

Circuit Court

- Reduce uniforms to \$1,000

Pub Defender

- No changes

Family Court Project

- No changes

Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund 2200

- No changes

Juvenile Probation

- No changes

Adult Probation Co General

- No changes

Adult Probation User Fees

- No changes

Alcohol and Drug

- No changes

Auditor

- No changes

Council

- Discussion on secretary stipend. Decided to change to \$5,000.
- Council salary changed to \$17,500.
- Budget advisor changes to \$5,500
- Attorney salary stays the same.

SALARIES

Discussion was made on the COLA as of now and the recommendation of the wage committee. The Council asked the Auditor to run the numbers for a 3% salary increase. The wage committee suggested Tom Sutherlin as Chief Deputy Sheriff get more to bring him to the 85%, he should be at. In general, looking at a 3% raise except for selected positions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Attest: Auditor's Office Kristina Berish