

**COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 20, 2026
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Jay Alcorn, Vice President Wayne Huffman Kerry Williams Amanda Brown Brian Berry Danny Wallace
COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President Rick Woodall
ATTORNEY:	Trudy Selvia
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	10 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on January 20, 2026, 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.

Wallace made the motion to appoint Campbell President of the board for 2026. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Wallace made the motion to appoint Alcorn Vice President of the board for 2026. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ROACHDALE LIBRARY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Jennifer Strange stated she had posted the advertisement in gateway which is the new state requirement. It is \$151,000 from the debt service fund. Huffman made the motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E911 – REQUEST FOR TWO ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES

Director Dave Clodfelter said the board had asked him at a previous meeting to look at his current budget and see what could be reduced to help fund the request of two additional employees. After reviewing, there are two accounts that could be reduced: supervisor because he wants to eliminate those two positions. The savings would only be the difference between a supervisor and a dispatch position. The other account would be overtime. He would not need as much overtime if he had more personnel to cover shifts. Clodfelter felt this would be enough to pay the salary of one position.

Campbell said looking at the numbers:

2 Dispatcher Positions:	\$100,992.00
Social Security:	\$ 6,261.44
Medicare:	\$ 1,464.38
PERF:	\$ 11,311.10
Grand Total:	\$120,028.92

If the employees take insurance, the minimum would be employee only at \$13,171.31 per employee up to \$38,321.28 per employee for family plan.

From what figures you are coming up with of approximately \$50,000 that still leaves a balance of (at the high end) \$146,000 that you would need to fund the two positions. The board's concern is that the 911 PSAP 2025 budget was \$982,729 and the revenue brought in was \$929,373. The budget is already upside down and not sustainable. It is more than the revenue being brought into the fund. And with the 911 fund, 2025 budget was \$565,475 and the revenue was \$581,352. This shows that the budget was only \$15,877 less than the revenue brought in.

Wallace felt this is something that should be addressed during budget workshop. Huffman asked to have something presented showing actual numbers of current budget and what Clodfelter is proposing to change. They need to see the comparison in writing.

HAMILTON CENTER

Monica Wallace came to the meeting to give an update on the 2025 fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER ADDITIONAL

Commissioner Beck and Woodall presented:

\$315,000 County General Fund

Reason: replace fuel station located at the highway department. Huffman made the motion to approve. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

\$50,000 E911 Fund

REASON: Professional work for radios (Pyramid)

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

JUVENILE PROBATION ADDITIONAL

Auditor Berish presented:

\$1,933 County General Fund

Reason: missed raise for position in the department when revising the budgets.

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

ADULT PROBATION ADDITIONAL

Auditor Berish presented:

\$21,571 County General Fund

Reason: department did not submit the mandated by state salary increase for the probation officers in their budget request.

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

ELECTED TRAINING FUND ADDITIONAL

Auditor Berish presented:

\$6,000 Elected Training Fund

Reason: to help pay for elected officials and first deputies attending state-called meetings.

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

REDUCTION IN PRE TRIAL DIVERSION

Auditor Berish presented:

\$24,677 Pre Trial Diversion Fund

Reason: a portion of two position salaries had been budgeted in two funds until the board decided which one to pay it from in 2026. Since it is being paid from the county general fund need to reduce this amount from the pre trial diversion budget.

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

MINUTES

December 16, 2025 – Alcorn said on the third page, third paragraph it says “of” 2M and it should say “over” 2M. Brown made the motion to approve with the correction. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REQUEST INTEREST MONEY

Beck

Beck stated how much interest we received last year. Got 600K last year. 1,984,000 roads. Estimated 3.5M for a bridge (what number) went over bridges they were looking at repairing/replacing. 5.5M with all projects together.

Money for the remodel of the health department building. The loan payments will be made from the hazardous waste fund. 420K Woodall said if the Council did not want to find money in another budget they could wrap this all into the loan and pay over time from the haz waste. 10 year loan would get it all paid off. None of that is taxpayers dollars. It is tipping fees. Alcorn was in favor of lumping it all together. Council needs to look at all their numbers and see what they have. Alcorn made the motion. Williams seconded. The motion passed. The banks will require two more appraisals.

ADJOURN

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

Stephanie Campbell, President

Jay Alcorn, Vice President

Wayne Huffman

Brian Berry

Amanda Brown

Kerry Williams

Attest: Auditor’s Office, Kristina Berish