

**Council Meeting
Regular Session
March 17, 2026
6:30 PM**

Attendance

Council:	Stephanie Campbell, President Jay Alcorn, Vice President Danny Wallace Kerry Williams Brian Berry Amanda Brown
Commissioners:	Andy Beck, President Rick Woodall
Attorney:	Trudy Selvia
Auditor's Office:	Jody Cope
Audience:	12 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on March 17, 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.

Sheriff Additional

Presented by Campbell:

\$8,000 1192-30360-0005 Sex Violent Offender Adm fund/ Misc Services

Reason: appropriate offender registry costs

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

E911 Additional

Presented by Director Dave Clodfelter:

\$460,000 1235-40401-0156 LIT PSAP fund/Equipment

Reason: tower contract

Costin (previous director) asked for additional in January 2025, but nothing came of it. Clodfelter did not encumber it and deadline to do so has passed. Submitting additional to appropriate it. He is receiving invoices now from Pyramid.

Alcorn made motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

\$22,650 1235-30303-0156 LIT PSAP fund/Repairs and Maintenance

Reason: repair tower light at dispatch

Clodfelter said he received two quotes: one for \$22,650 and a second for \$14,150. He indicated this would make it more FAA compliant.

Alcorn made motion to approve but not to exceed \$15,000. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

Assessor Additional:

Presented by Assessor Don Badolato:

\$15,000 1235-30303-0156 Reassessment fund/Professional Contracts/Services

Reason: Legal fees to defend the assessed value on a property and appraisal fees. The tax rep for the property/company has declined to negotiate and Badolato feels confident that they would win the case as the assessed value is accurate.

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

Highway Additional:

Presented by Robyn Hughes:

\$88,705 1176-40410-0702 Hwy MVH fund/Other Vehicle Equipment

Reason: buy a new broom with funds received from the sale of equipment

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

Health Additional:

Presented by Brian Williams:

\$215,795 1161-30360-0801 Health grant fund/Misc. Services

Reason: HFI grant fund for operating costs, partnerships, health programs, and renovations to the new building on 309 Medic Way purchase.

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

EDIT Plan Additional:

Presented by Commissioner Andy Beck & Rick Woodall 2026 EDIT plan:

\$354,865 1112-30312-0068 Edit fund/Edit Plan

\$35,865 Thrive

\$60,000 Economic Development

\$25,000 PC Senior Center

\$40,000 Rural Transit

\$15,000 Isiah 117 House

\$25,000 Food Pantry

\$20,000 People Pathways

\$40,000 Beyond Homeless

\$40,000 Area 30

\$14,000 Mental Health Assoc. PC
\$40,000 PC Redevelopment Commission

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

Woodall indicated the Edgelea bond should be completed in 9-10 years. EDIT will make the \$32,216.25 bond payment for this year. They have received no numbers from Roachdale yet so will address as it comes up again. They are requesting to set aside \$161,619.75 to be moved into the EDIT warchest fund. Alcorn made motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

\$1,000,000 4944-30303-0702 Warchest EDIT/Repairs and Maintenance
Reason: give the highway department for roads, bridges, or equipment this year.
Commissioners informed the board of what projects they would like to get done and equipment they want to purchase. They will also be applying again for the community crossing grant in July. Brown recommended following last year's distribution for bridges – allocating funds as they are needed. Williams would like to see a plan in writing.

Juvenile Probation Additional:

Presented by Campbell:

\$1,000 2050-20217-0503 Juvenile probation grant/Drug Screens

Reason: appropriate grant money for drug screens

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

Rainy Day Additional

Presented by Campbell:

\$114,163 1186-30397-0000 Rainy Day fund/Reimbursement

Reason: to correct payroll issue

Alcorn motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

Planning & Building Additional:

Presented by Campbell:

\$1,148 1180-30303-0400 Planning and Building fund/Repairs and Maintenance

Reason: appropriate insurance check received due to a collision involving county vehicle

Williams motion made to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

Hazardous Waste Additional:

Presented by Commissioner Woodall Beck:

\$400,000 1221-40404-0052 Hazardous waste fund/building

Reason: last month did an additional for \$300,000 when county thought it was getting a loan to purchase property on Medic Way for health department. Since then, we found that it was in the county's best interest financially to not get a loan. There is currently a balance of \$2,155,675 in the fund. The purchase price is 700,000.

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

\$200,000 1221-30303-0052 Hazardous Waste funds/Repairs and Maintenance

Reason: to pay for part of the remodel cost of the property on Medic Way for health department

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

Annex:

Emma Adlam (Baker Tilly) introduced revised options and discussed important things to consider method of sale, cash on hand to contribute, and terms. Estimated project cost \$15.82 million. They can use earned interest on construction loans for future renovations. There are limits on interest earned on bond funds so spend the bond proceeds first rather than cash. We can choose the financial institution, but the type of investment will be restricted according to Indiana Code. Beck questioned the approximate \$400,000 increase. This is to cover utilities and contingencies. Baker Tilly needs a decision on open market versus private in the next couple of days. Beck felt it would be the best option to do the 10-year at 3.5% rather than 20-year at 4%. The goal of the county is to keep this off the property taxes.

Lisa Lee (Ice Miller) discussed bond ordinance setting perimeters such as term, interest rate limits, and early redemption. Basically, leaving options open but getting the ordinance introduced to ensure timelines can be met. Trudy Selvia suggested formally introducing the ordinances so we can move forward. Ordinance 2026-04-21-1 and 2026-04-21-2 introduced by Selvia. The ordinances will be available for review in the Auditor's Office. The 4-21-26 meeting will be for ordinance approval.

Brown made a motion to utilize the open-market option for financing the project. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

February 17, 2026 – Williams made motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

E911 – add two positions

Clodfelter presented more information on request for two new dispatcher positions. He is requesting \$48,000 to cover the benefits. He felt like reducing other items in his budget and being short staffed this year he had the rest of the money needed in his budget already. He still has not filled the two open positions he currently has so if approved, he would be hiring four people. He says currently he is estimating overtime to be approximately \$45,000.

Campbell indicated this department’s budget is already tight financially and she thought it better to wait until the budget workshop to take a hard look at if it is feasible to fund these positions. She also pointed out \$48,000 for insurance benefits is at a single rate. Depending on if future employees take the insurance and they choose a different plan, they may need to appropriate more money. Clodfelter felt it would be possible to wait. Alcorn said he was also concerned about future funding of the additional positions. He said they could provide funds for the insurance and see how it went on if the positions could remain. If the funds are not there then positions need not be filled or eliminated. Brown felt the need for these positions was justified. After some discussion, Alcorn made the motion to approve. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

Adjourn

Wallace made motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

Stephanie Campbell, President

Jay Alcorn, Vice President

Amanda Brown

Brian Berry

Kerry Williams

Danny Wallace

Attest: Auditor’s Office, Jody Cope

