COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 21, 2026
6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:	
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President
	Jay Alcorn, Vice President
	Wayne Huffman
	Kerry Williams
	Brian Berry
	Danny Wallace
	Amanda Brown
COMMISSIONERS:	Andy Beck, President
	Rick Woodall
ATTORNEY:	Trudy Selvia
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	17 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Council met on April 21, 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 RETIREMENT PLAN

Sheriff's department requested to change their trustee from Co-America to Baird Investments. It needs the approval of the Sheriff, merit board, and the Council. This will make it more streamlined and have one point of contact. Would like it to be effective July 1, 2026. Retirees will see no change in the transition. It is at no cost to the county. Berry asked that they give the board an update after they have been on it a few months. Wallace made the motion to approve the change with effective date of July 1, 2026. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Since they did not have the agreement tonight, Trudy Selvia stated she needed to review it. Once reviewed, if no changes needed to be made Stephanie Campbell would sign it.

SHERIFF ADDITIONAL FOR COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Sheriff Baugh & Chief Deputy Sutherlin presented:

$41,360	Sheriff LIT fund	1170-10113-0040 Full time deputy
$74,880		1170-10112-0040 Part time deputies (3)
$70,000		1170-40402-0040 Vehicle
$38,689		1170-40401-0040 Equipment

This is to create a courthouse security department under the Sheriff. Sutherlin passed out a revised proposed budget. He stated they had no problem filling the full-time position but are struggling to find employees to fill the three part-time positions. After reviewing, they would like to revise the department and have two full-time positions and two part-time positions. The difference in salary would be 13K. The original budget submitted was $293,956. The revised budget with the change of two full-time positions is $292,083.75. It is lower due to the vehicle expense being approved at 70K, but they were able to get one for 54K.

Alcorn stated his only concern was that the job description for these positions match up to same responsibilities as a first-year merit deputy and jail officer. The Council put a lot of effort into getting salaries lined up and want to make sure it stays that way. Sheriff Baugh and Deputy Sutherlin assured the board they were updating the job descriptions for the security department, and they felt the responsibility for each of them did line up with the salary structure.

Auditor Berish said the Council could approve the additional that was advertised for this meeting and she will have to adjust for the revision by transfers, budget reductions, and additional if needed to get the money in the accounts for the revised budget before them. She will have the forms advertised for their May meeting.

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

MAGISTRATE ADDITIONAL

Mark Witt Bailiff presented:

$23,400	Cumulative Capital Development fund	1138-30303-0232 Repairs & maint.

Install bullet resistant walls and glass at entrance to office area. Witt read letter from Magistrate since she was unable to appear at the meeting due to conflict in schedule.

Brown asked if there would be any downtime during construction. Witt said no. Turnaround for it to start. Witt did not know. Alcorn made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH ADDITIONAL

Brian Williams Assistant Administrator presented:

$2,700	Health fund	1159-30471-0801 Per diem for travel, cell phone, etc.

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

EMA ADDITIONAL

Auditor Berish presented:

$3,350	County General fund	1000-30374-0361 cover repairs for vehicle

This was appropriated by the department last year but did not submit invoice. Too late to encumber. It needs to be appropriated again to pay the invoice. Alcorn made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E911 ADDITIONAL

Dave Clodfelter Director presented:

$400,000	LIT PSAP fund	1235-40401-0156 Equipment tower contract

Campbell questioned the 400K additional before them tonight. They just approved 460K last month for the tower contract. Clodfelter said this contract was handled before he became director. The 460K was the first half of the project. This project in total is around 1M Woodall stated. Council asked what the timeframe for it was to be completed. Clodfelter did not know. Campbell questioned why Terry Burnsworth, Pyramid was not attending board meetings to give updates and answer questions since the county hired him to oversee this project. Alcorn made the motion to table until they received more information about the project. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

$48,000	LIT PSAP fund	1235-10122-0156 Insurance

This is the portion of the increase in budget for the requested two additional personnel in the department the Council had approved. Clodfelter is to find the remaining balance within the budget that was already approved this year. Brown made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY ADDITIONAL

Robyn Hughes Assistant Director presented:

$35,000	MVH fund	1176-40410-0702 Equipment

Appropriating money that was receipted into the fund from the sale of equipment. Huffman made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

$115,000	EDIT fund	4944-40401-0702 Equipment (tractor)
$45,000		4944-40401-0702 Equipment (grinder)
$271,168		4944-50629-0702 Bridge 92
$225,000		4944-50508-0702 Bridge 95
$327,529		4944-50523-0702 Bridge 211

Proposed 2026 EDIT plan by the Commissioners to help fund equipment and bridge projects. Alcorn made the motion to approve. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HAZARDOUS WASTE ADDITIONAL

Auditor Berish presented:

$788	Hazardous Waste fund	1221-40404-0052 Building Medic Way

The additional to purchase the building did not include the closing cost. Brown made the motion to approve. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADULT PROBATION ADDITIONAL

Auditor Berish presented:

$22,882	Opioid Money	2000-10122-0504 Insurance
$3,665		2000-20201-0504 Office supplies
$4,000		2000-20206-0504 Operating supplies
$2,000		2000-30308-0504 Training
$293		2000-30329-0504 Property & casualty

The department has received the opioid money approved this year; it needs to be appropriated. Williams made the motion to approve. Huffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

March 17, 2026 – Alcorn made the motion to approve with a correction on the first page under Sheriff's department change word "violet" to "violent". Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

March 26, 2026 – Williams made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNEX – GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ORDINANCE 2026-04-21-1

Jason Semler Baker Tilly passed out information. He congratulated the county for receiving an A+ bond rating. He went over the estimated project costs and funding, as well as the amortization schedule for a 20-year bond.

The county can, after 10 years, start paying extra, refinance, or pay it off. The county is not locked into 20 years. He proposed starting out with the 20 to keep the payment down since the Commissioners and Council did not want to add a tax rate to pay off the debt but to use existing funding for the annual bond payment. This structure gives the county the most flexibility.

Semler also explained the yield column. If the county gives the company 5% interest they will in turn give the county money upfront, which is around 1M. Since we are doing a general obligation bond it would be put into a sinking fund and be used for payments. It will give the county more cash on hand. The county will also be able to take the bond money and put it into a sweeping market account that the Treasurer currently uses for county funds and earn interest. Currently she is getting 4% interest, and they are hoping that rate holds.

Semler said they need to make two decisions tonight 1) term of the bond, and 2) cash on hand. If approved tonight they are looking at a May 5th bond sale and receiving funds around two weeks later. Wallace made the motion to approve as presented 1) 20-year term of the bond, and 2) cash on hand making bond amount $12,025,000. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Lee Ice Miller said they are now ready for approval of the ordinance. She went over the verbiage of the ordinance. Williams made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE - REPAIRS

Woodall and Beck stated last Friday one of the chillers went completely down and the other is working at 25%. The company came today to look at it, and we are now waiting on a price.

There is tuckpointing needing to be done again on the courthouse limestone. The Commissioners approved the quote given to them yesterday not to exceed 50K pending funding approved by Council. They will be requesting officially next month from the cumulative capital development fund. Wallace made the motion to give tentative approval. Alcorn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPT BUILDING

Williams gave an update. It is moving right along.

ADJOURN

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

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