

**Minutes Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the Covenant Variance submitted by Monark ABA for a new development on Putnam Parkway.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 134, JAG OT SALARY

134 AO, Advance Out...\$ 19,969.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that per the request of the Putnam County Commissioners for the purpose of the Jag OT Salary Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
134 AO, Advance Out	A 25A, Advance In	\$ 19,969.00
(Repay Co. General for advance made to Fund 134 in Feb 2024)		

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 427

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

**Minus appropriation:**

**Fund 001,**

**Board of Election**

**3 A 2C, Comp Time Pay Off.....\$7,768.75**

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 428

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2024.

For Sheriff/Jail

From.....6 A 7, Education Registration .....to.....6 A 5, Car Repairs .....\$4,200.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 429

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2024.

Fund 052, Title Administration

From.....52 MI, Miscellaneous.....to.....52 FR, Fringe Benefits.....\$ 380.00

Fund 001, County General

For Muni Court

2 M 6, Juror Fees.....to...2 M 2H, Fringe Benefits.....\$ 40.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 430

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2024.

For EMA

Fund 081

From.....W 7, Workers Comp .....to..... W 1, Salaries.....\$ 500.00

From.....W 9, Other Expenses.....to.....W 1, Salaries.....\$ 2,600.00

For Office of Public Safety

Fund 120

From.....120 SA3, Full Time.....to.....120 SA8, 306 Salaries.....\$ 3,400.00

From.....120 SA3, Full Time.....to.....120 SA7, 303 Salaries.....\$ 3,800.00

From.....120 VRP, Vehicle Replcmt...to.....120 HOS, Hospital & Life ...\$430.82

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 431

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2024.

Juvenile Court

From...2 C 31, Juvenile Probation Officer.....to... 2 C 31A, Clerk Hire Juv Prob Ofc.....\$ 3,000.00

From...2 C 31, Juvenile Probation Officer...to...2 D 2, Comp of Employees.....\$ 1,920.00

From...2 C 31H, Juvenile Emp Fringes...to...2 C 31P, Emplr Share PERS....\$ 50.00

From...2 C 31H, Juvenile Emp Fringes...to 2 D 2H, Prob Emp Fringes.....\$ 50.00

From...2 C 31H, Juvenile Emp Fringes...to...2 D 2P, Probate PERS.....\$ 400.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 432

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2024.

For Fund 014, REA

From.....J 6, Other Expense -REA.....to.....J 5, Hosp/Medicare.....\$ 5,000.00

For Fund 001, County General

From.....14 C 1, Taxes, Levies & Assess.....to 14 A 6A, COBRA & Misc....\$ 406.69

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 433

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) is accepting applications for the LBR Bridge Load Rating Process funding for county bridges;

**WHEREAS**, Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, is requesting the Board of County Commissioners for approval to apply for funding through CEAO;

Now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of Commissioners, Putnam County, Ohio does hereby authorize Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, to prepare and submit application for financial assistance and enter into a Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement for financial assistance from the CEAO, LBR Bridge Load Rating Process, and to execute contracts as required.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 434

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Sealed bids for the John Hermiller Single County Ditch Project #996 were opened and tabled on the 14th day of May, 2024.

and

**WHEREAS,** The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>	<u>Bid Amount-Main</u>	<u>Bid Amount-Branch</u>
Fenson Contracting	included	\$300,867.20	\$262,503.00
Joe & Joe Contracting	included	\$218,534.75	\$186,359.75
Gerding Ditching	included	\$252,071.35	\$198,622.75
Liebrecht Farm Drainage	10% check	\$234,709.98	\$205,366.23
Sand Ridge Excavating	included	\$236,353.17	\$210,043.74

And

**WHEREAS,** the bid was awarded to Joe & Joe Contracting on 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

And

**WHEREAS,** the contract with Joe & Joe Contracting was terminated on December 2, 2024 as the project was not completed.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** After a review of the bids by the engineers for the project, the Putnam County Engineering Department, and upon their recommendation, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Liebrecht Farm Drainage, with the total bid amount of \$440,076.21.

and be it further

**RESOLVED,** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Ditch. Jrl. 7, Page 3

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the service agreement between Wood County Commissioners and Putnam County Commissioners for Putnam County to provide a detention facility for alleged delinquent children, adjudicated delinquent children and

adjudicated juvenile traffic offenders committed to the facility starting Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2025 \$100.00 per day per juvenile.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 435-436

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 076, Sewer Dist #1

P 15, Other expense..... \$ 34,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 437

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

**Minus appropriations:**

**Fund 138, Landfill Closure/Maintenance**

**138 MISC, Miscellaneous.....\$ 17,213.42**

**Minus appropriations:**

**Fund 035, Solid Waste Dist Disposal Fees**

**35 PRO, Projects, Solid Waste.....\$ 40,000.00**

**35 EXP, Other Expenses-Solid Waste.....\$ 25,556.11**

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 438

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

**Minus appropriation:**

**Fund 103, Community Corrections**

**103 SA23-25, Salaries & Fringes.....\$ 18,291.66**

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 439

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby minus appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

**Minus appropriations:**

**Fund 084, HOME Funds**

**84 PR, Private Rehab Exp.....\$ 550,000.00**

**84 NC 1, New Construction Grant 1.....\$ 25,000.00**

**Minus appropriations:**

**Fund 087, Ohio Housing Trust**

**87 RP1, Home Repair Grant 1.....\$75,000.00**

**Minus appropriations:**

**Fund 164, CDBG Allocation Grant**

**164 PJ 1, CDBG Alloc Proj 1 Grant 1.....\$ 120,000.00**

**164 AD 2, CDBG Alloc Admin Grant 2..... \$ 25,500.00**

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 440

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 159, VAWA Grant

159 SER, Services.....\$3,100.07

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 441

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County Engineer has informed the Board of County Commissioners that a change order had to be performed for the Duane Lammers Ditch #997 improvement.

and

**WHEREAS**, The Engineer stated a letter has been received from the contractor Fenson Contracting stating that they have run into some issues with a deteriorating RCP. They have requested an extension of time beyond December 1, 2024 to complete the ditch to satisfactory condition.

now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the change order to extend the completion date to January 10, 2025 as recommended by the Putnam County Engineer.

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Ditch. Jrl. 7, Page 4

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

**Minus appropriation:**

**Fund 015, Soil & Water**

**L 3, Equipment.....\$ 7,000.00**

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 442

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2024.

For Job & Family...

From.....H 5, Relief Allowance.....to....H 15, Miscellaneous.....\$20,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 443

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby minus appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

**Minus appropriation:**

**Fund 006, Job & Family, Public Assistance**

**H 16, Salaries-Employees.....\$ 103,000.00**

**Minus appropriation:**

**Fund 039, Workforce Investment**

**39 TO , Transfer Out.....\$ 17,000.00**

**39 YT, Youth.....\$ 6,000.00**

**Minus appropriation:**

**Fund 003, Children Services**

**SS 5, Substitute Care.....\$ 300,000.00**

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 444

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following

sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 001, County General

4 A 2, Compensation of Janitors.....\$ 1,920.00  
4 A 2P, Employer Share PERS.....\$ 270.00  
1 A 12, Grant Administrator.....\$ 0.68

(for December payroll)

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 445

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sum be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 001, County General / Prosecutor

1 E 1A, Compensation Asst. Prosecutors.....\$ 2,000.00  
1 E 2, Compensation of Employees.....\$ 1,000.00  
1 E 2H, Employee Fringes.....\$ 1,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 446

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development allocated approximately \$2,000,000 for the PY2024 Ohio Small Cities Community and Economic Development Program, Flexible Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the CDBG Flexible Grant Downtown Buildings Program provides communities with a means to fund worthwhile downtown building rehabilitation projects and qualify under the national objective of the elimination of slum and blight conditions, and

WHEREAS Putnam County held the first required public meeting for general CDBG Program funding on Oct 15, 2024, and held the second required program specific public meeting for CDBG Programs, including Flexible Grant Downtown Buildings Program, on Oct 29, 2024. This hearing provided citizens an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed projects before their submission to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Putnam County, State of Ohio as follows:

SECTION 1. That the President is hereby authorized to file an application on behalf of the Village of Leipsic for the PY2024 Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Flexible Grant, Downtown Buildings Program as follows:

Activity 1:	Private Rehabilitation (CDBG Funds)	Up to \$240,000
<u>Activity 2:</u>	<u>Administration (CDBG Funds)</u>	<u>Up to \$ 10,000</u>
TOTAL		Up to \$250,000

SECTION 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 447

**Then/Now Purchase orders**

**County General**.....Purchase order 48303

**Sewer Dist #1**.....Purchase order 47755

**CDBG**.....Purchase order 47622

**VAWA Grant**.....Purchase order 48304

**DEMO Grant**.....Purchase order 47623

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the then and now purchase orders.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absence

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers

Comm. Jrl. 120, Page 448

### **Purchase Orders and Travel Requests**

**County General**.....Purchase order to Ottawa Feed & Grain-True Value for flush valves and supplies for courthouse for \$ 200.00.

**Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees**.....Purchase order to Putnam Education Foundation for STEM symposium contribution for \$ 65.00.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders and travel requests.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers

Nolan Croy met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss an inquiry on rules for a data center and battery facility. Tim Wehri and Brad Brubaker joined the meeting. Nolan shared pictures of battery facilities and what they could be. Bennet Bouche contacted Nolan regarding the county's planning commission rules in place for these facilities. Data processing centers and battery storage facilities were mentioned. Data processing facilities would house data servers and the battery facilities would house lithium-ion batteries along with cooling units of them. The battery storage would be near transfer stations to feed and store power. There are currently no rules in place for these facilities. If there would be a fire at the battery facility it could be hard to contain. The county would not have the manpower needed to possibly manage a fire. Electric vehicle fires are handled specially. The power would be stored in the batteries when usage is low and will feed the station if more power is needed. Nolan said the planning commission rules could be written to include these facilities if the Commissioners would want them. Nolan will contact the trustees also. He has done some research for rules if a rewrite is requested. Water around the batteries was discussed. If we have renewable energy, we need to have a way to store it. If a lithium battery would burn it would have to be let to burn out. The decommissioning would be similar to a solar farm. What would the emissions be from a fire, would it be similar to East Palestine, Ohio? Nolan will have to confirm with the townships and will attend the January meeting. Battery fires are a top risk. Rules for setbacks will have to be reviewed. The Commissioners say it is too early. Nolan will do some research of some areas

that have these facilities to see what rules they have. It would be hard to have a site restored to original condition from these facilities. What is the future of these sites. He will put together some tentative ideas. Limiting the size of the facility was proposed. There are some local companies that would be interested in these battery storage facilities.

Commissioners Schroeder & Schlumbohm held a discussion on the Hermiller Ditch #996 contract. Tim Wehri and Brad Brubaker joined the meeting. The change order was signed by all parties. The Engineer recommended awarding the bid to the next bidder Liebrecht Farm Drainage. Joe & Joe Contracting agreed to remove the tile that was already delivered.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm returned a call to Bob Heidenescher regarding the eliminating the County Health Advisory Board. The representatives should be contacted to oppose SB 62. If the health levies do not pass or they are short on funding, the townships would have to provide funding for the Health Dept. Bob will research to see what is all affected by SB 62. Putnam County officials work well together, the trustees, mayors and Commissioners.

Commissioners Schroeder & Schlumbohm held a discussion on the JFS Director appointment. Tim Wehri and Brad Brubaker joined the meeting. Beth Coleson joined the meeting also. The Commissioners authorized a temporary signing authority to Beth Coleson until a new director is appointed by the Commissioners. There have been two resumes received for the position of Director of Job & Family. Interviews will be set up. New signing authority was submitted by Suzy Wischmeyer for 2025 but since Suzy is retiring as of Dec. 31, 2024, her authorities are not valid for that time frame. The Commissioners temporary appointment will be in effect until a new director is appointed and if Suzy is not available.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Tim Wehri and Brad Brubaker joined the agenda.

The minutes from Tuesday, December 3, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Noah Babcock dropped of another resume for JFS director.

Ashley mentioned to Commissioners that Anthem and OSU are in negotiations for continuing to be within the network.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes    Schroeder yes    Lammers absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes    Mr. Schroeder yes    Mr. Lammers absent

