

Minutes Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mr. Wehri 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, 2025, 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 103, Community Corrections, PSI Writing Grant

103 SA 23-25, Salaries.....\$ 35,587.09

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Daniel Bollett served as the bee inspector since 2013, and is again interested in serving as bee inspector for Putnam County for 2025.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby re-appoint Daniel Bollett, 6515 North River Road, Waterville, Ohio 43566 as the bee inspector for Putnam County, at a rate of \$4.00 per hive with mileage expense of \$.45 per mile.

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the 45 cents per mile for mileage is for in the county and necessary expenses that are not to exceed the appropriation of \$1,500.00 for 2025.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Brubaker moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, 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

15 A 15A, Advances Out...\$ 40,000.00

and also

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the General Ditch Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15 A 15A, Advance Out	Q 40, Advance In	\$ 40,000.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.51, 307.511 thru 307.516 governs the organization, operation and responsibilities of a County Law Library Resources Board in each county.

and

WHEREAS, The County Law Library Resources Board is comprised of five members, all residents of the county:

- 1) Appointment by the prosecutor, term expires December 31, 2025
- 2) Appointment by the county court judges, term expires December 31, 2026
- 3) Appointment by the common pleas, term expires December 31, 2027
- 4) Appointment by County Commissioners, term expires December 31, 2028
- 5) Appointment by County Commissioners, term expires December 31, 2029

and

WHEREAS, Current members of the board include the following:

- 1) Appt by prosecutor...Gary Lammers term expires 12-31-2025
- 2) Appt by County Court Judge...Austin Buchholz, term expires 12-31-2026
- 3) Appt by Common Pleas Judge...Jennifer Klausung, term expires 12-31-2027
- 4) Appt by Co. Commissioners...Cindy Landwehr, term expires 12-31-2028
- 5) Appt by Co. Commissioners Amber Niese, term expires 12-31-2029

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint those members with expired terms to a new term of five years.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Wehri 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, 2025, the following increase in revenues is hereby approved:

Fund 018, General Ditch

Q 23, General Ditch R.E. Settlement.....\$ 500,000.00

Fund 016, Ditch Maintenance

R 1, Dt. Maintenance Settlement.....\$ 200,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Brubaker 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, 2025, 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 163, SD #1 Water & Wastewater

163 CST, Construction.....\$ 5,998.23

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Brubaker 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, 2025.

For County General

From..... 1 A 15D, IT Supplies.....to 1 A 15E, IT Travel.....\$ 501.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Putnam County joined the West Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Committee, (WORPO) June 30, 2022. WORPO is an organization that identifies local transportation need, conducts planning, assists local governments, and supports the statewide transportation planning process in nonmetropolitan regions of the State.

and

WHEREAS, The WORPO Committee is comprised of 2 local elected officials and a County Subcommittee. The County Subcommittee is comprised of a Commissioners' Designee, County Engineer, largest city/village representative, a full WORPO membership representative and additional county subcommittee members.

and

WHEREAS, this committee is responsible to create public involvement, ensure Title VI and environmental justice and guide regional investment in transportation.

and

WHEREAS, due to a change in Commissioners new members must be named.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The following are members of WORPO Committee and County Subcommittee:

Rural Planning Committee :

Name	Position
John C. Schlumbohm	Commissioners' Chairman
Brad Brubaker	Commissioners' Vice Chair

County Subcommittee members:

Darren Schimmoller	Commissioners' Designee
Michael Lenhart	County Engineer
Rich Knowlton	Largest City/Village Representative
Tim Wehri	Commissioner, Member
Amy Sealts	CIC Director
Jodi Warnecke	Council on Aging
Brian Hilvers	Director of Public Safety
Brad Nelson	Sheriff Deputy, Road Patrol
Brian Siefker	Sheriff
Roger Niese	Township Trustee Representative
Curt Croy	Citizen representative
Nolan Croy	Planning Commission
Jeff Duling	Local Farmer
Ron Miller	Village Mayor
Greg Bockrath	Local Businessman
Rod Nuveman	ODOT District Representative

and be it further

RESOLVED, Michael Lenhart, Engineer has been nominated as the 3rd member to represent Putnam County at the regional level.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Brubaker moved to adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, has established the Putnam County Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3750, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, has established the Putnam County Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.) pursuant to the provisions of Section 5915.06, and

WHEREAS, The Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) is desirous of employing the Putnam County Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.) to implement the requirements as stated in Chapter 3750, and

WHEREAS, The Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) may enter into an agreement with the Putnam County Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.) pursuant to the provisions of Section 3750.03 (E) (4). now therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** To provide, enforce and abide by all the requirements as stated in Chapter 3750, on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.)
2. **COMPENSATION:** Compensation for this "agreement" shall be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) paid in one lump sum to the Putnam County Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.) every fiscal year. The amount of compensation shall be "negotiated" each year by: the Board of Commissioners, Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.), and the Emergency Management Agency E.M.A. Director/Coordinator.
3. **TERM:** The "agreement" shall begin with the date of the signing of this contract and ending on February 1st, 2026. The contract shall be renewed each year prior to February 1st, and may be cancelled with ninety (90) days written notice.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Brubaker moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, By the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions

of law has previously adopted a tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, __2025__; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of ____Putnam__ County, Ohio, has

Fund 055, Indigent Guardianship

55 FE, Indigent Guardianship.....\$ 2,300.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, section 5101.9-6-82 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) allows for Inter-county adjustment of allocations between County Job and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Beth Coleson, of the Putnam County Job and Family Services has recommended that the board approve an agreement to release and accept funding from Athens County Job and Family; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding levels will remain in the County to provide mandated services for the remainder of state fiscal year 2024 regardless of funding; and

WHEREAS, the release of the funding will not leave the County at a funding level below the expenditure level for the TANF Admin during the State Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, said adjustment and the release and acceptance of funds between Putnam and Athens County shall take place for this one-time adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems this request to be in order and hereby approves same; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners, Putnam County Ohio, hereby agrees to release \$62,609.00 in TANF Admin funds to Athens County.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Brubaker 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, 2025.

Fund 089

For EMS Grant

From... 89 EQ Equipment.....to....89 MI, Miscellaneous.....\$20,000.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Mr. Brubaker moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

be it RESOLVED

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 004, Child Support Enforcement (2 B 35, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$ 26,137.92

(Oct 2024 through Dec 2024)

And be it further RESOLVED

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 003, Children Services (SS 13, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$).....\$ 143,963.39

(Oct 2024 through Dec 2024)

And be it further RESOLVED

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 039, Workforce Investment Act (39 TO, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$ 750.09

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

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Then/Now Purchase orders

Office of Public Safety.....Purchase orders 5533-5536

Sheriff/Jail.....purchase order 48473, 48474, 48476

County General.....Purchase orders 48871, 48873

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order 48874

Board of D/D.....Purchase order 48364, 48426-48429

MR/ DD Residential.....Purchase order 48430

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none Mr. Schlumbohm

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Engineer.....Travel request for Mike Lenhart to attend the 2025 Ohio Asphalt Paving Conference on Feb 2,2025 with expenses for registration totaling \$ 90.00.

County General.....Purchase order to Put Co Treasurer for real estate assessments for \$ 1,825.74. Purchase order to Village of Ottawa for heavy rescue agrmt payment for 2024 & 2025 \$10,000.00.

County Airport.....Purchase order to M & M Hauling for monthly service Jan-Dec \$ 840.00 Purchase order to Ottawa Water Works for monthly service Jan-Dec for \$ 100.00, Purchase order to Harris & Leach for annual AWOS maintenance for \$ 2400.00. Purchase order to Brightspeed for monthly service Jan- Dec for \$ 3,650.00. Purchase order to AEP for monthly service Jan-Dec for \$ 6,720.00. Purchase order to Cherry's Propane for annual service for\$ 1,800.00. Blanket purchase order for supplies for Jan- Dec For \$ 800.00. Blanket purchase order for repairs for Jan-Dec for \$ 2,000.00.

Capital Improvement.....Purchase order to Buckeye Custom Fab to repair the clock tower base for \$ 1,800.00.

Office of Public Safety...Blanket Purchase order for Ohio Counter Terrorism & HS Conference for Fry/Babcock for conference expenses \$ 1044.16

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none Mr. Schlumbohm

Commissioner Brubaker opened the meeting with Commissioner Wehri by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Brian Hilvers, Nancy Erhart and Kyle Hashbarger met with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker and Commissioner Schlumbohm via teleconference to review the purchase of a new vehicle. There is a 2011 squad they are looking at for \$ 25,000.00 from Alger. No modifications will be needed for the box. The cot will come with it, which is not a power cot. This would be an Office of Public Safety expenses there is money available in the fund. This sounds like a good deal. Even if it is purchased just for the chassis. A brand new unit would be about \$250,000-\$270,000. There is at least a two year wait for new squads. The oldest unit is a 2007 which is in Pandora. Some vehicles will be rotated around based on mileage. The Commissioners are in favor of purchasing this 2011 vehicle. Brian also brought up needing more levy money. With the increase of expenses on supplies an increase on the levy would be needed. Currently it is at .65 millage which brings in \$580,000 per year. The average billing revenue is \$1.4million. If all bills would be paid no levy would be needed. We do not bill to car insurance for accidents, we do bill for transports. Current staffing is 18 with hopes that it could be doubled to 40. This is being brought up due to past conversations about needing a levy. Needing an additional levy will be discussed at a later date. Future plans would be to add another station on the east side of the county. We have worked with the hospitals to be first call for transporting patients back to our county to have revenue for those services. There may be an ambulette service starting in Bluffton derived from a service in Botkins. Ambulette try to stay within there own county. There is a grant through ODOT to get new vehicles. The timeframe for the levy was discussed there is some time to review and make decisions. Commissioner Brubaker brought up some ideas to include the Health Dept with the building expansion, to include them with the office space increase. Explore all the avenues available.

Nolan Croy met with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker to discuss the data center and battery facility. Commissioners Schlumbohm joined the meeting via teleconference. Nolan is revisiting this conversation from December. Through research of the battery facilities there are tiers. Tier 1 battery backups are for residential use/ charging stations, Tier 2 are for commercial or for storage of power. The tiers can be designated. There can be set back rule setup through the planning commission. 600 kw to 50 mw rules could be established. Ban over 50mw similar to solar was presented. Gary will be consulted on the allowances of bans for these facilities. It was recommended to ban the tier 2 facilities to include the large facilities. The zoned townships, they can take care of themselves. The townships can get more restrictive if they want. The townships that are not zoned, may change to be zoned. The Planning Commission is to cover those that are not zoned. Nolan will talk to the trustees as well, but would like some direction from the Commissioners on guidance for writing any regulations. The Commissioners are in favor to ban the Tier 2 facilities. Nolan will research the allowable restrictions. Over 50mw will be decided by the Power Siting Board. It may be too early to ban something that would go to the Power Siting Board. Nolan will work with the Prosecutor and meet with the trustees and work on putting some regulations in place. It was not thought that a data center would locate here but there may be plans in other counties. Vince Schroeder did express interest in being on the planning

commission since his retirement. There are no openings at this time and expanding the commission is not needed. There is a citizen position on the commission, that is filled by a trustee. The Commissioners are the appointing authority for the Planning Commission.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk.

The minutes from Thursday January 9, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker returned from lunch.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent