

Minutes Tuesday, March 11, 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 2016, Ditch Maintenance

2016-42-290-509000, Advance Out.....\$ 176,000.00

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2016-42-290-509000, Advance Out..	1001-20-010-420000,Advance In.....	\$176,000.00

(Repay Co. General for Advances in Jan 2024 -Sept 2024)

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:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Enhancements (OCE), provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County plans to identify its affordable housing needs through OCE’s required planning process of consulting with local housing service providers in Putnam County, and evaluating local distress criteria; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to participate in the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) Program, housing rehabilitation and repairs, rental assistance and other housing services to low and moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County intends to partner with the Allen County and the City of Delphos in order to maximize grant funds and improve the potential to be funded; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County has the authority to apply for and administer CHIP program funds on behalf of the County and City partners; and

WHEREAS, appropriate Public Hearings will be held to receive public input for the application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County completed procurement requirements consistent with Department of Development, OCE's Program Policy Notice 21-03 and the Putnam County processes procure Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) to act in connection with the application and to provide assistance in program design, administration and implementation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the President of the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County is hereby authorized to submit an application via Sales Force for funding to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Enhancements, for up to \$1,100,000 in PY25 CHIP program funds.

SECTION 2. That the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County hereby selects and authorizes GLCAP to prepare said application on behalf of the Putnam County Commissioners and procures and designates GLCAP to administer and implement the CHIP program, should it be funded.

SECTION 3. That the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County hereby understands and agrees that participation in the CHIP program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

Be it resolved, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in

compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Wehri moved to approve signing the agreement between Board of Lucas County Commissioner and Board of Putnam County Commissioners for Coroner Autopsy Services starting March 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Brubaker moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Wendy Swary, member whose term has expired as of December 31, 2024 and is not seeking to be reappointed,

and

WHEREAS, Kendall Schroeder, Ottawa, Ohio, has expressed an interest of serving on the library board.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Kendall Schroeder, Ottawa, Ohio, to the open position for a term expiring on December 31, 2031,

and be it further

RESOLVED, The following is a complete list of the Library Board of Trustees:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Melanie Stokes, Ottawa	Common Pleas Court	Dec. 31, 2026
Chelsie Niese, Leipsic	Commissioners	Dec. 31, 2027
Melanie Lauf, Ottawa	Common Pleas Court	Dec. 31, 2030

Erica Snyder, Ottawa	Commissioners	Dec 31, 2031
Allison Sickles, Ottawa	Common Pleas Court	Dec. 31, 2030
Kendall Schroeder , Ottawa	Commissioners	Dec. 31, 2031
Tony Schroeder, Ottawa	Commissioners	Dec. 31, 2025

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, Sealed bids for the Mark Shoemaker Single County Ditch Project #999 were opened and tabled on the 6th day of March, 2025.

and

WHEREAS, The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Smith Excavating	10% check	\$18,295.50
ADJ Excavating	LOC-Union Bank	\$19,252.50
Gerding Contracting	included	\$17,287.40
Sand Ridge Excavating	included	\$29,303.80
Kahle excavating	10% check	\$20,116.50

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 Gerding Contracting in the amount of \$17,287.40. 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. 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 County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2025.

For County General

Fund 001,

From...1001-30-010-502300, Comm Hospitalization....to 1001-30-010-502100, Comm Medicare...\$3,050.00

From.. 1001-30-013-502300, Janitor Hospitalization...to... 1001-30-013-502100, Janitor Medicare...\$2,218.00

From... 1001-30-170-502300, IT Hospitalization..to... 1001-30-170-502100, IT Medicare, ..\$1,814.00

From... 1001-32-121-502300, Ag Comp Hosp...to... 1001-32-121-502100, Ag Comp Medicare...\$722.61

From... 1001-38-180-502300, Airport Hosp..to.... 1001-38-180-502100, Airport Medicare ...\$ 46.40

For Dog & Kennel

Fund 005

From.. 2005-34-220-502300, Dog Warden Hosp ..to... 2005-34-220-502100, Dog Warden Medicare..\$1,428.00

For General Ditch

Fund 018

From.. 2018-40-290-502300 Gen Ditch Hospitalization..to... 2018-40-290-502100, Gen Ditch Medicare...\$137.97

For Law Library

Fund 054

From.. 2054-31-060-502300, Law Library Hosp..to... 2054-31-060-502100, Law Library Medicare, \$95.70

From...2054-31-060-502300, Law Library Hosp...to...2054-31-060-502000. Law Library PERS,...\$ 831.60

For Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees

Fund 035

From.. 5035-65-010-502300, Recycle Hosp.....to...5035-65-010-502100, Recycle Medicare...\$1,887.00

From.. 5035-65-010-502300, Recycle Hosp.....to... 5035-65-010-502000, Recycle PERS.....\$ 22,833.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Then/Now Purchase orders

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

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Sheriff.....Travel request for Zach Payne to attend the Correctional Supervisor training in London, OH on Aug 3-8, 2025 with purchase order for registration, lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 2,040.00.

County General.....Purchase order to DCD for Valor Drain Snake Machine for \$ 5,500.00.

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 Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

On Monday March 10, 2025 at 2:00pm the Commissioners attended the panel removal at the Event Center to inspection the condition of the insulation behind the panels. The insulation was just as wet as it was at the first viewing in October. The Commissioner will consult with Technicon Design Group to come up with a remediation plan for the new building.

Mr. Brubaker opened the meeting with leading the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Wehri, Cindy Landwehr, Alaina Siefker.

Alaina Siefker asked the commissioners if Bowser Morner can do the measurements along with their next sampling event so it would be very minimal costs. All three commissioners said that was fine to have them do that since it needs to be done for the EPA request for the leachate ceasing request.

Lilly Montgomery sat in on today's meetings for job shadowing.

Public Safety Director Brian Hilvers, Nancy Erhart and Kyle Hashbarger met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss EMS levy and Medicaid Reimbursement Program Info. Some projected figures were shared for a possible levy for the EMS program. The original figures presented included EMA, which the Commissioners did not want included. The payroll figures were reviewed. The services have been expanding into Cairo due to them no longer having a local unit. Average cost per transport is \$600. The insurance reimbursements were discussed. Hospital transports have increased some. There is a new ambulette company starting in Bluffton, there is another company around Delphos. The find a ride program does pay for itself, but is a service provided to the county. The levy information must be presented 90 days prior to the election with proper approvals. The levy should generate just enough to create a savings for operations. The building will be started this year. Are there any other high dollar capital expenditures coming? An ambulance is getting remounted, which is already taken care of. A squad was purchased from Alger and will be picked up this week and will be get stripped and set up. The Pandora squad is the oldest vehicle and would be the first to go. The newest squad would go to office first then those squads would be transferred to the villages to replace as needed. Not all of the quads have power cot systems. PCG grant program has extra funds that could be reimbursed back to the county. This money must be applied for by April 1. The Prosecutor is reviewing the contract, and awaiting his approval. The Commissioners will meet with the Auditor to review the levy information and confirm what is needed. The Commissioners recommended to keep sharing the information on runs and services provided to the county.

Commissioner Schlumbohm attended the Tax Incentive Review Council meetings in the Assembly Room to review the current tax incentive agreements for the local businesses.

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

The minutes from Thursday, March 6, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker had the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership Joint County Zoom Meeting. Jeff Nordhaus of Putnam County Soil & Water explained that Soil & Water has been reimbursed for removing logjams from the Blanchard River since about 1999. The expenses have been presented. These expenses are considerably less than the estimate given.

Mr. Wehri moved to approve to pay the presented expenses.

Mr. Bergman seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was called. The majority voted in favor to pass the motion.

Mr. Nordhaus asked if these expenses need to be presented each year for payment. Have any of the other counties Soil & Water's ever submitted expense for the Blanchard River. Allen County would not submit expenses as the river does not run through Allen only part of the watershed. Putnam has been the only county that has submitted expenses for the river maintenance.

Do these payments need to be presented annually, it was agreed by all counties to present the expenses annually for payment.

CEBCO Melissa Bodey met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Kim Nordhaus Joe Schroeder of UIS Insurance and Jonathan Fortman and Laurie Basinger of Fortman Insurance to discuss CEBCO 2024 updates. The 2024 figures were shared and reviewed. The loss ratio was reviewed. Some of the drugs were discussed, insurance will no longer cover anti-diabetic/weight loss drugs if used only for weight loss with no diagnosis. Melissa will be back with first quarter 2025 numbers once they are finalized. The cost of drugs was discussed, with the high cost of research and development the charge for the drugs must be high to cover the R & D. CEBCO has been active for quite a while. We are in the third year of the three-year contract with CEBCO.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Wehri, Brubaker and Schlumbohm resumed session.

Commissioner Schlumbohm attended the afternoon Tax Incentive Review Council meetings.

Commissioners Wehri, Brubaker and Schlumbohm attended the Landbank Meeting with Tracy Warnecke, Dean Meyer, Steve Leopold, Rachelle Conine and Este Miller along with Abby. Abby will be covering for Este during her maternity leave. Lily Montgomery sat in on the meeting also.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the minutes from previous meeting.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried. The reorganization was discussed if it is needed with two new Commissioners. There is an annual fee of \$300 to belong to the Ohio Landbank Assoc. first year was free. The landbank would pay the fee not the county. The donations/co pay would go into the landbank

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to join the landbank Assoc and pay the fee.

Mr. Meyer seconded the motion

Vote all in favor motion carried

Este shared the updates to the projects and the progress of the program. There have been contracts executed up to the Road D property on the list. The amount of donations or co-pays were reviewed from each property. Current balance of landbank fund is \$31,000. The original appointments were not done as positions but were named specifically. Amy Sealts joined the meeting also. Other landbanks will reappoint or reorganize each year. The Commissioners Dean, Steve and Tracy are the voting members of the landbank board.

Mr. Meyer made a motion of having the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners on the landbank board and this would change with the annual changes on the Commissioner Board.

Tracy Warnecke seconded the motion.

All in favor motion carried.

June 30th is the final date to have the demolitions completed and to spend 2022 money. Este shared charts showing the priority numbers of the projects. There are abatement costs on some projects which are not known so that will affect the amount of money available for the demo projects. There are a couple options of grouping the projects, geographic location to other properties is one way to group. Amy asked about a specific property why it is not on the list, but it was confirmed on the list that will be done in April. Este said that majority (18-20) of the properties on the list will be able to be done. The projects will be bid out in phases to not overwhelm the contractors. Another meeting will be needed to reevaluate the funding that is available for the projects that are left. June 30, 2025 is still the grant deadline. An extension could be requested for spending the money. Este predicts a year extension. The option two that is listed in the one the landbank could like to follow. Once the grant agreement is received the bidding can be started. Asbestos inspection should take 30 days. Actual demos will not be happening until May due to not having an agreement yet. It is hoped to be received soon. Este is due in three weeks and will be out April & May.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the option two

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor motion carried.

There were some properties on the list with accessory structures that were denied by the state. Este will be sending the letters to the property owners as they did with the prior round of money. Asbestos inspections will start as soon as they can once the agreements is received, with demos starting in possibly May. Brownfield grant update from Este was that it also has a deadline of June 30, 2025, and they are requesting an extension for that as well. The Brownfield would cover the remediation for the Phillips building. There was a site visit at that building that determined a portion of that building could be demo'd. Remediation for the building cannot be entirely done unless some parts are demo'd. This money is being lobbied to be added back to the state budget. The large counties are using up most of the money and the smaller counties are not getting any so some is getting set aside for a first come first serve round. A Target of Opportunity grant is very competitive. The foreclosure process was discussed, it is a long process. The next meeting will be after the bidding is started and there are some numbers to review.

Mrs. Warnecke moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor, motion carried.

Judge Borer met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss Medical eval Money and Indigent Guardianships. The Judge explained that he receives funding from the county as well as the Youth Subsidy grant. He can no longer use funding for juvenile

detention, he can use it for juvenile probation. He is the main supporter through the ESC and Pathways, through some programs. There is reclaim money that is used to reduce Ohio Juvenile prisoners. The Judge has presented some figures for indigent guardians. Indigent guardian will represent folks with no money who need medical decision made for them. Ohio modified the indigent guardian program and reduced the fee for the attorneys that were doing it previously. This lowered the number of attorneys that would serve. The expense for indigent guardian has increased and there is no way to boost the income to cover these costs. The attorneys that do serve expect to get paid; the judge needs additional funds from the county to help cover these expenses. There is still a balance his figures just show the shortfall. The shortage of funds is coming. Psychological reviews are needed and there is not funding to cover those reviews. Additional juvenile probation officer is needed due to one of the ones deciding not to return to work after maternity leave. That would leave him with only one and he did not want to overwork her. There has been a receipt of a resume for another probation officer. The judge would like to hire another probation officer and will need more money for compensation. Shana has been a juvenile probation officer since 2003. The starting pay for an additional officer would be \$22.00 per hour. The judge is asking for supplemental funds for this hire. Shana also fills in as the county's truancy officer, since the ESC no longer has a truancy officer. The Commissioners will review his request. Judge Borer is the clerk for his own court. The judge said his records should be more accessible online. They did apply for a technology grant last year and were denied. They did apply again this year and are awaiting the result. The judge submitted his list of expenses, from Henschen that would be needed to make records available online. If the grant is denied again the judge will need funding to make the necessary updates. The cost of converting everything to Courtview was discussed and it would be more costly than Henschen. The judge also has a technology fund that uses for anything that he can. There is also a special projects fund that are only for specific expenses. The probation officer is optional but all the other expenses are not optional they must be funded.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion..

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the amended minutes as read from Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm move to amend the minutes from Tuesday March 11, 2025 to add information from Monday March 10 viewing at Event Center.

Mr. WEhri seconded the motion.

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

