

Minutes Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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, 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

1001-38-010-506100, Various settlements.....\$60.23

Fund 068, Mental Health

2068-34-320-506000, Other expense.....\$53.83

Fund 100, E-911 System

2100-32-240-506000, Miscellaneous.....\$111.15

Fund 022, Brookhill Center School

2022-34-280-506000, Miscellaneous expenses..... \$248.66

Fund 063, Health

8063-46-380-506008, Other expense.....\$ 43.21

Fund 120, PCEMS

5120-68-110-506000, Other.....\$49.87

(First half 2025 Mobile Home Settlement)

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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Fund 120, Office of Public Safety
5120-66-110-503000, Contract Services.....\$ 3,991.14

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Wehri moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, provides financial assistance to local governments under its Program Year 2025 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program for the purpose of addressing local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development encourages local CHIP eligible grantees to request funds as partners in one application; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County, Allen County and the City of Delphos desires to file a combined application under the CHIP Program to receive financial assistance to address the needs as identified by the Housing Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County agrees to be the applicant. If funded, Putnam County will be the grantee, and will be solely responsible for regulatory compliance and the terms of the grant agreement.

WHEREAS, said Cooperating Agreement outlines the terms for each entity as it relates to the CHIP Program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, hereby enters into a CHIP Joint Cooperating Agreement between Allen County, Putnam County and the City of Delphos, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Wehri moved to approve signing the County Commissioners Assoc of Ohio Worker's Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement starting on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Comm. Jrl. 121, Page 150-150D

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the 18th day of March, 2025, in the Assembly Room of the Putnam County Court House, to discuss the adoption of regulations on battery storage facilities proposed by the Putnam County Planning Commission.

and

WHEREAS, The Putnam County Planning Commission held a meeting on the 13th day of February, 2025, and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the proposed regulations on battery storage facilities.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt the attached regulations regarding the regulations on battery storage facilities, proposed by the planning commission.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Comm. Jrl. 121, Page 151-151E

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 103, Community Corrections

From..2103-31-102-501100, Muni Comm Corrections Employee Comp.....to...2103-31-102-504001, Supplies.....\$9,475.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

County General....Purchase order to Put Co Historical Society for 2025 allocation of \$ 12,500.00, Purchase order to Kahle Supply & Feed for fertilizer & Spray for county properties & landfill for \$ 5,910.66, Purchase order to Village Hardware for annual tool

sale for \$ 2,500.00, Purchase order to LH Door Sales for repairs to recycling garage door & maintenance garage door for \$ 3500.00. Blanket purchase order for Fairgrounds maintenance for \$2,000.00, Blanket purchase order for vehicle repairs Apr-Jun for \$800.00

Ditch Maintenance....Purchase order to Byrne Excavating for additional work on the Bernard German Dt for \$ 1,383.40

General Ditch... purchase order to Gerding Contracting for work on the Shoemaker Dt # 999 for \$ 17,287.40

Office of Public Safety....purchase order to Phantasm Design for uniforms for B. Hilvers for \$34.00, Purchase order to Great Lakes Billing for contract billing services for 2025 for \$ 50,000.00.

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker went to the Elected Officials Meeting.

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker met with the Miller City New Cleveland Junior class students to answer some questions and explain their role as Commissioners to them.

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

The minutes from Thursday, March 27, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to give Commissioners an update. They have already used the new drain snake machine. Tim said he is getting quotes for the security upgrades at the Annex.

Bill Rieman & Dan Fanger with the Putnam County Historical Society met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri, and Brubaker to discuss museum funding. It was asked if there were any people who were willing to serve on the America-250 committee, there are 4-5 people who have volunteered to serve on the committee. The Commissioners were thanked for their annual allocation. There are still many expenses with operating the museum especially ADA compliance. Construction is scheduled to start on April 14. They did have more people through the museum for Christmas, more is being done to promote the museum. The Revolving Loan funds were asked about for availability. The allocation money is going toward the new ramp and with change orders that will be used up. New doors will also be needed to complete the ADA compliance upgrade. Photos of the building current and past were shared. A custom-made doorway is being designed by Bockrath & Assoc. a rough quote for this is \$50,000. They are trying to prioritize the projects that are needed. The restrooms also need to be upgraded for ADA compliance. The balance of the RLF was reviewed and it is at \$40,000 with \$20,000 of that

already allocated toward the ramp project. The expansion of the museum was discussed. More property must be acquired for any expansion. The museum has been talking with the neighboring properties for possible purchase of more land. Security and fire protection is another need for the museum. An ODNR grant has been applied for by the museum for building repairs and possible land acquisition. The Historical Society would like additional RLF money to go toward the door replacement if possible. Mr. Fanger about how much money would be raised from a 1 mil collection, it would raise about \$1.4million. The Historical Society will continue to look for grants. The next CDBG application is due April 10 and they would like to apply again for the restroom upgrades.

Steve Schroeder and Brent Stechschulte of Tuttle Construction called to talk to Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker to confirm some questions on the RFP request.

Commissioners did forward some information from Technicon. There is still some information missing forms M1700-1119, along with pricing each entity that submits an RFP must be interviewed also. Once the interviews are done there is a timeframe that must be followed for making selections. John asked about the pricing for a project and the fees that will be charged in comparison to the project cost. It is good to get consistent numbers from the applicants and making sure all the costs are listed and included.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

EMA Brian Hilvers & Kyle Hashbarger met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri, and Brubaker and the County Auditor Bob Benroth to discuss the hazard mitigation plan & tax levy. Brian said that the last time they had to do this, a Federal Government grant took care of a lot of it and then the commissioners and state split the last amount of @ \$45,000. He said they were informed that the state won't pay their half now. He said we may have to do everything for now because the Federal is on hold for any payments on anything right now. He said it would be @ \$45,000 that we may have to pay. The last one was started in 2019 and adopted in 2021. Commissioner Brubaker asked if there is anything out there that a resolution could be done to bill any other municipalities. Brian said there is and that some counties do it in a cost allocation and bill townships and villages by population. Brian is going to a conference soon and he will be asking questions in regards to money side of it. He wants to ask if we pay for the whole thing at this time, would they be able to get reimbursed, etc. Kyle said this update is due by April 2026. The company wants payments quarterly and thinks the first one of \$5,600 is due by summer and they use Michael Baker International who does great work and knows the system. Brian asked for the levy for EMS does he need to start doing paperwork for that or what step is this at? Commissioner Schlumbohm said they were thinking about the possibility of a partial sales tax to go toward the EMS operations. Bob said it doesn't have to be a whole percent and he thinks it would be fair to do it that way if they want. Commissioner Schlumbohm said a ¼% brings in an estimate amount of about \$110,000 a month. They would need this to be put on for 2026 so about Feb-Mar 2026 would need to do the hearings process to have ready by June or July. Commissioner Brubaker asked if the commissioners could also make it a ballot issue? Bob said they could. Commissioner Schlumbohm said that the commissioners will discuss a levy versus sales tax and asked Bob for updated info on sales tax and the legalities of making it

voted versus the commissioners just putting it on and what parameters would be good, etc. Auditor asked Brian what he feels would be the best way and he said he feels the sales tax is the fairest way. Brian said he has flex time that he tracks in their time clock software hour for hour. He would like to request to move it to his comp time so that he can donate this to an employee that is off for an extended leave. Bob said they could look at maybe moving it to his vacation balance and then that would go to the other employee he wants to donate it to from there by letter. Bob said the commissioners would just need to get that verification on the number of hours from the software and he will discuss with Kim in his office for the cleanest way to do it and see what works. He will see what she says and what documentation the commissioners will need to do this and whether a resolution or letter will need to be done, etc. Brian also let them know he is looking at getting better responses from life flight in the area. John told him he should talk to the airport since they are putting up a new hanger and they mentioned wanting to have life flight in there.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day at 2:45 pm.

Bob Benroth came back in to share what was found in the request for transferring flex time to another employee. The Commissioners will have to decide how they will handle these circumstances and want to see documentation verifying the hours.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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