

## Minutes Tuesday, April 15, 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 001, County General

1001-38-010-506006, Other expense Comm.....\$500.00

1001-30-010-503304, Glandorf Complex.....\$ 10,500.00

Mr. Schlumbohm 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:

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

For Board of Elections

1001-30-190-504000, Supplies.....\$ 681.51

1001-30-190-501004, Ballots & Absentee Envelopes.....\$ 5,317.63

Mr. Wehri 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:

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 006, Public Assistance (2006-41-260-510000, Transfer Out).....to..... Fund 003, Children Services (2003-41-270-510000, Transfer In).....\$ 854.00

Mr. Wehri           seconded the motion.

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

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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.

Juvenile Court

From... 1001-31-070-502300, Juvenile Crt Hospitalization.....to... 1001-31-070-502100, Juvenile Crt Medicare.....\$ 435.00

From...1001-31-080-501100, Probate Crt Comp...to.. 1001-31-070-501101,Juv Crt Comp .....\$ 1,573.60

Mr. Schlumbohm           seconded the motion.

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

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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...1001-32-140-502300, Coroner, Hospitalization.....to 1001-32-140-502100, Coroner Medicare....\$664.72

From1001-1001-38-014-502100, Retirement Payout..to.1001-38-014-502100, Retirement Medicare..\$150.39

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 Jail Physician agreement between Board of Putnam County Commissioners, Dr. David Woodruff, and Putnam County Office of Public Safety at a rate of \$50.00 per exam.

Mr. Brubaker       seconded the motion.

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

Comm. Jrl. 121, Page 178-178C

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, 2025.

For Fund 157, GIS

From.....2157-38-020-502300, GIS Hospitalization.....to,,2157-38-020-502100, GIS Medicare.....\$1,042.08

Mr. Wehri       seconded the motion.

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

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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   (2004-41-370-510000,   Transfer Out).....to.....Fund   006, Job & Family Services (2006-21-260-421000, Transfer In).....\$ 30,931.09

(Jan 2025 through Mar 2025)

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 (2003-21-270-421000, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (2006-21-260-421000, Transfer In).....\$ 70,387.14

(Jan 2025 through Mar 2025)

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 (2039-41-390-51000, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (2006-21-260-421000, Transfer In).....\$ 8,196.19

Mr. Wehri 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:

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 151 – PSI Grant

From... 2151-31-060-501100, Employee Compensation.....to.....2151-31-060-502000, OPERS.....\$1,950.00

From...2151-31-060-501100, Common Pleas Comp.....to 2151-31-060-502300, Common Pleas Hosp....\$ 7,200.00

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:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners have received a letter from the Putnam County Auditor requesting a separate line item for the payment of vendor license fees to the State of Ohio.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to add the following appropriation lines to Fund 001, County General:

1001-30-020-506100 –Vendor License

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:

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 002, Auto License & Gas

2002-33-160-504100, Equipment-A L &Gas.....\$ 20,000.00

Fund 001, County-Tax Map

1001-38-160-504000, Tax Map Supplies & Equipment .....\$ 1,200.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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### **Then and Now Payments**

#### **ADAMHS to**

Pathways Counseling for operating funds for \$ 4,794.07

Pathways Counseling for operating funds for \$ 3,616.67

Pathways Counseling for operating funds for \$ 690.08

Pathways Counseling for operating funds for \$ 18,454.44

Pathways Counseling for operating funds for \$ 33,271.26

Putnam County Sheriff for Jail Meds reimbursement for \$ 1,740.00

Pathways Counseling for operating funds for \$ 3,168.00

Pathways Counseling for operating funds for \$ 443.00

### **Office of Public Safety to**

Emergency Serv Marketing Corp for yr 3 of 5 IAR for \$ 5,020.00

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the then and now payment requests..

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none Mr. Schlumbohm none  
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### **Purchase Orders and Travel Requests**

**CDBG**, Purchase order to Bebout & Houg Roofing for CHIP Private Rehab for Schnipke for \$ 53,424.00,

**HOME FUNDS**. ....Purchase order to GLCAP for CHIP Soft costs part 1 for Schnipke for \$ 3,894.00, Purchase order to Bebout & Houg for rehab costs for Schnipke for \$ 15,576.00.

**Commissioners**....Travel request for Commissioners Brubaker and Wehri to attend the legislative update at Defiance College on Apr 11, 2025 no expense listed.

**County General**...Purchase order to Put Co Health Dept for 2024 annual filing fee certification for \$ 244.00. Purchase order to Village Hardware for a pressure washer for \$ 4,135.42

**Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees**....Purchase order to ERG Enviro collections for packaging & transportation of recycling items collected for \$ 15,000.00. Purchase order to Cherry Road Media for Earth Day Ad for \$ 75.00.

**Board of Elections**.....Purchase order to Election Systems & Software for drum kits & toner for printers for \$ 681.51, purchase order to Election Systems & Software for service contract, licenses may 1, 2025 to Apr 30, 2026 for \$ 33,394.00.

**Veteran Services**.....Travel requests for Matt Prenzlin, Kyle Frias, Jonathan Balmer, to attend the OSACVSO Spring School in Dublin, OH Apr 29 to May 2, 2025 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and other totaling \$ 2,978.40.

**Capital Improvement**.....Purchase order to Schimmoeller Construction to add handicap parking at Health Dept for \$ 14,180.00. Purchase order Morlock Asphalt for resealing all county parking lots for \$ 36,977.00.

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

## **Purchase order Adjustments**

**Ditch Maintenance**...additional needed for Green excavating to dip out & clean culvert for Dutch Run # 840 for \$ 2,079.50.

**County General**....additional needed for AEP for March usage at O-G Road bldg. for \$ 663.65.

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Commissioners Schlumbohm Wehri and Brubaker called Roger Vennekotter about traffic using their road since SR 15 is closed. SR 15 will be closed for 30 days and it was just closed this week. Mr. Vennekotter asked if the Sheriff could patrol the area to keep the larger heavier traffic off the side roads and following the posted detour. Road G-14 is not a two-lane road and the side of the road is getting tore up by the traffic.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker went to the Community Corrections Planning Board meeting in Common Pleas Courtroom.

Mr. Wehri led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners Brubaker and Schlumbohm and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk.

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

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker went to the Office of Public Safety for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Kickoff meeting.

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.

Michael Boaz w/ Board of DD met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker to let them know about a residential property purchase they are making. Mike wanted to give the new commissioners an update on how they operate. He said in the early 60s Brookhill Center was given to them and they built that. In the 80s/90s they started the school in their center. In @ 2013-2014 government came in and said the kids should be in the schools instead of their center. They also forced the direct service (the workshop) and SSAs (Case Managers) to be separate. In 2017 they split and the Board of DD went into the ESC. Board of DD has a regular County Board and a Residential Board. They have 2 individuals over toward Kalida that live in a home now and that home is coming up for sale. If the Board of DD doesn't purchase this and they sell the home to someone else, then the Board will have to find a home for those two individuals. They currently have 7 homes. Mike said a good projection for the number of homes is around 10. They had the home appraised and they are in the negotiation stage. The Residential Board approved him to negotiate purchasing the home and they will be buying the home as is. His Board asked him to let the commissioners know about the upcoming purchase. The Putnam Co. DD Board said they will approve up to a certain amount for work that the home needs. Mike said a promissory note gets done between his two boards. There will be an

opportunity for a 3<sup>rd</sup> individual to live in the home eventually too. Sometimes they have a provider stay and other times they have drop-in services; it just depends on what the ISP (Individual Service Plan) says. Commissioner Schlumbohm said that they will have to have a meeting with Mike again in the future to discuss his carryover. John mentioned it didn't go down much. Mike said he will also show him some of the numbers that will be coming off of that in the future also. Mike said he is just outside the mark budget committee wanted him to be at.

Donna Konst, Pathways Executive Director called in to talk to with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker and said she would love to be involved in the information that IHeart radio mentioned with the commissioners and they would include some of that with their outreach. She called to ask who she can follow up with. They told her to contact Kim Rieman at the Health Dept.

The minutes from Thursday, April 10, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Amy Hoffman with Palmer Energy met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker to review the aggregation results. The RFP results for the electric aggregation were reviewed from Dynegy and Direct Energy. These would affect Riley, township, Pandora, Kalida, Dupont, Gilboa. The utility rates are all going up in June due to the capacity auction. Once more solar and wind facilities go online the rates should go down at least the capacity should come down. According to the results Dynegy has the lowest rate right now. The shortest term is being recommended. At this time Dynegy looks to be the lowest. They will be reevaluated again next week prior to signing. Since capacity has increased with data centers this will create more changes until things level out. An increase has been requested for gas but may not come around until later in 2025. IGS is the supplier for gas currently. The term was a June start for Gilboa but a December start for the other entities. A short term is being recommended due to the current market and resident can opt out if the rates go lower. Once the Prosecutor gives the approval on the contract, they can be signed next Tuesday when the prices will be verified for the term. The price changes will be more obvious in June when the rates changes are coming. Amy is willing to meet with the villages if needed, if there are new people. Amy also shared the facility pricing for the county's purchasing group. The county is in the category that was won by Dynegy with a rate of \$0.08046 with a recommended term end of May of 2027. Current contract is with Free Point and is changing to Dynegy starting with June bills. The Village of Ottawa is in an aggregate program but they are not with Palmer Energy.

Auditor Bob Benroth and staff member Jeremy Maag met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk to discuss the New Auditor's System's workflow processes.

Superintendents, ESC's Jan Osborn and Auditor Bob Benroth met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss information on an Amendment to Re-distribute School Carryover along with the county school Superintendents and Treasurers, Greg Luersman & Brianne Niese, Gary Lammers, Tracy Warnecke of the Budget Commission. The schools want to be able to keep these funds as in the past they were advised to have a higher balance and now they are being told to give back these funds and have the county redistribute these funds without input from the voters. Don Horstman of O-G started off by stating that the Commissioners have had experience with managing budgets. The school district has had times where they were in dire need of funds. During COVID there were funds distributed and the schools have saved those funds for future needed expenses. These funds are being used for



building improvements updating roofs, parking lots, and outdoor lighting. It is not wasteful spending. Our school districts are in the lowest spending schools in the state. Because of that we will be punished by this law. This is frustrating for these districts. How can the state come in and override decision made by the taxpayers and the State Board of Education. How can they determine to give away our school's money. Kerry Johnson of Miller City said they also received the COVID relief money which allowed their balance to increase also but the surplus is being used to expand their elementary section. Miller City has added 11 .5 positions and provided more services to reinvest in their students. They will use the solar farm money to help pay for this building addition also. Nick Verhoff of Columbus Grove said in Putnam County there is a dramatic difference in school levies. Putnam County supports their schools. O-G is the only school needing a levy for operations. Grove has not needed new operating dollars since 1996. This amendment is going against the fiscally responsible schools. The fact that our schools have not had to go to the voters to ask for more money, is not the case everywhere. Having the carryovers that our schools have help with the uncertainty of the state budgets and fair school funding formulas. Horstman said O-G is looking at add vocational agriculture back in to the school. The timeline for implementation for adding programs will negatively affect the schools. Ottoville school was in fiscal watch when they finished their new building. Ottoville has grown back up to 500 students. Programming and career tech needs to come back into the schools. Forcing the spending of these funds is not helping with the planning of returning programming to the schools. Fort Jennings was at 7% in 2012, they have finally been able to set aside money for building improvements, roof replacements and other maintenance. They were bringing in a vo-ag program but is now on hold. They can fully staff some of the temporary positions. During the lean years there were still improvements made, but they would like to continue those programs. Jeff Jostpille, who is retiring this year, has been in the Envirothon for many years and has competed on a national and higher level. Karl Lammers of Kalida has an income tax is concerned about the layoffs, Unverferth just did a layoff. There are HVAC needs that need to be addressed. The school was able to build a new track without going to the voters. The needs for mental health and nursing within the school have risen. This is blindsiding the schools. June 30 will be the snapshot of where the school districts stand on their budgets. There are a lot of moving parts in Columbus, Rep Hoops would like to see this go away. With his Senate run hopefully he will be able to benefit the schools. The decisions at the State are being made in less than a week. School districts with multiple counties would have a harder time figuring. It is very short sided and will mess with the school's bond ratings. Rep Hoops does listen but there are others in Columbus who do not listen. Can the Commissioners call and make a request on behalf of the schools of the county? Bob Benroth did not think any of this would have any legs. Greg Luersman of the auditor's office had a sheet showing all the school district balances. The schools have done a good job of building these funds for future projects at their schools. What if in the future we would have to add levies to collect funds again? The President of the State Auditor Assoc is not in favor of the amendment. There may be a few districts in the state who have not done a good job or being fiscally responsible. There is a reason Putnam County has nine school districts. The Putnam School do share services with special education and transportation. Jan will be retiring and he has been a good facilitator for the schools. Comm Brubaker gave an update on the position of Rep McColley, who does not feel that there will be cuts to the local school districts. There are favoring the tax payer rather than the schools. The people have voted for this funding. The private school funding was discussed versus the public-school funding, it being a shell game. The public schools do still have to pay fees for their students to attend private schools. McColley will be a tough sell on changing this decision. The

forecast of purchasing buses the changes in prices is a major issue. Employee Compensation and healthcare are all difficult to forecast for expenses also. Could the cap be raised to 50% if it can't be gotten rid of. What is the percentage that will put a district on fiscal watch? Auditor Faber's office was issuing fiscal health indicators for entities. Those indicators are not that accurate. If the 30% cap goes in all of the school districts will be in fiscal watch. If property values go up it makes us look richer, however reducing the school funding will make that much harder to get it built back up. It will be harder to get a levy passed, if it is stated that the schools have too much money now. It is overkill there should have been smaller changes made. The schools have earned interest money which will funds some teaching positions. A permanent improvement plan would have to come out of general fund money. The Commissioners are in favor with the county superintendents, they are on their side. Billions of public-school funds are going to private schools is this taking it too far. The cap limit is an arbitrary number. Would putting this in the hands of the voters be detrimental? The local reps need the phone calls for opposition to this amendment. Constant calls are needed to them. It is unknown what will be done with property taxes. Senator McColley does not respond himself. The schools are trying to complete the requirements that are in place for hiring non-teaching positions to monitor the data needed for the requirements. The schools are dealing with new issues. The voices of the voters and constituents need to be heard. What will the growth of Putnam County look like if things like this get passed. Some in Columbus think there is too much local government, which his better than the big government. The costs of everything are going up, the cost of paving a road. They are treating us like the three C's, which we are not. Why is someone who is 110 miles away have a better idea of how manage our budgets. We operate much more efficiently because we are interconnected. The state wants to manage our money when they only give a small percentage of it. Putnam County schools focus around faith, and family. Putnam County needs to pursue whatever we can with dignity. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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