

Minutes Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Mr. Brubaker moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners on June 17, 2014, approved a resolution for establishing a retire/rehire policy.

and

WHEREAS, due to the issue of not having enough qualified applicants to apply for open positions and some of the already qualified employees not yet wanting to retire.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby rescind resolution dated June 17, 2014, and recorded in Comm. Jrl. 105, Pages 335.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Comm. Jrl. 121, Page 157

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 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 035, Solid Waste District Disposal Fees

5035-67-010-506001, Recycle Day Expenses.....\$ 5,000.00

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, 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 2088, Revolving Loan Fund

2088-54-010-506205 (88 GR, Grant).....\$20,000.00

(Historical Museum – ADA Improvements)

Mr. Brubaker 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:

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 needs through OCE's required planning process of consulting with local service providers in Putnam County, and evaluating local distress criteria; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRG), designed to stabilize and enhance low and moderate income residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County has the authority to apply for and administer the NRG program funds on behalf of the County; 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 Bockrath & Associates 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 \$750,000 in PY25 NRG program funds.

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

SECTION 3. That the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County hereby understands and agrees that participation in the NRG 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. 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, County General

1001-38-010-506006, Other expense Comm.....\$7,500.00

1001-30-010-503304, Glandorf Complex.....\$ 4,000.00

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:

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...1001-32-140-502000, Coroner, PERS.....to 1001-32-140-502400, Coroner Supplies....\$1,925.40

(Coroner FICA)

From1001-32-121-502100, Jail Comp Medicare..to.1001-30-015-502100, Put Comp Medicare..\$722.61

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Then and Now Payments

County General to

Vulcan Enterprises for replacement compressor for Ag Complex for \$ 2,650.00

DCD for Drain snake machine for \$ 5,282.50

CEBCO for postage & mailing of ACA forms for\$ 904.80

Fourth St Garage for vehicle repairs for \$335.46

Kahle Supply for fertilizer & spray for county properties for \$ 5,454.06

Column Software for advertising for \$ 490.57

Auto License & Gas to

Gerken Materials for cold mix materials for \$ 760.50

Ditch Maintenance to

Byrne Excavating for work on the Bernard German Dt for \$ 1,383.40

Jail to

Dawn Badertscher for jail kitchen worker services for \$ 996.00

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees to

LH Doors for repairs to recycling door for \$ 3,500.00.

Community Corrections to

Step Mobile for new computer software program for \$12,475.00

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

Mr. Schlumbohm 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

County General....Purchase order to Enbridge for gas service for Apr-Jun for \$ 25,000.00 for Ag Complex for \$ 12,000.00 for O-G Road \$ 6,000.00. Purchase order to AEP for electric usage for \$ 25,000.00 for Ag Complex for \$ 12,000 for O-G Road Complex For \$ 6,000.00. Blanket purchase order for Janitor supplies for Apr- Jun for \$ 5,000.00. Blanket purchase order for construction of a new security door at Annex for \$ 3,000.00. Purchase order to Maximus for preparation of cost allocation for \$ 8,000.00.

Sheriff/Jail.....Travel request for Sarah Melton and Timothy Zachrich to attend the Wood Co Corrections Academy course in Bowling Green, OH on May 12 through June 9, 2025 with expenses for registration, meals and other totaling \$ 1,690.00.

CDBG.....Purchase order to Schimmoeller Construction for Allocation FY23 Put Co Historical Museum ADA Improvements for \$ 106,000.00. Purchase order to Bockrath & Assoc. for engineering for allocation FY23 Put Co. historical Society museum ADA Improvements for \$ 14,000.00.

Revolving Loan Fund..... Purchase order to Schimmoeller Construction for Allocation FY23 Put Co Historical Museum ADA Improvements for \$ 20,000.00.

Dog & Kennel....Travel request for Mike Schroth to attend the NW Ohio Dog Warden Assoc meeting in Mercer County on April 9, 025 no expenses listed.

Office of Public Safety....Purchase order to Emergency Service Marketing Corp for year 3 of 5 I Am Responding contract for \$ 5,020.00

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

EMA Brian Hilvers & Kyle Hashbarger met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to give them an update from the Dupont and other area storms/tornadoes. The Village of Dupont is coming along very well with their clean up it is mostly vegetation. The local needs were not close to being exhausted in this situation. There will be a meeting scheduled with the mayors to review procedures for receiving assistance in these situations. There are 20 homes within the village of Dupont without insurance. The state will not cover these expenses homeowners should be responsible to have their own insurance. If the state would cover then no one would have insurance. There were many individuals and groups that showed up to help without government assistance. The power was restored by 6 pm. The power restoration to the homes where the wires were disconnected are the homeowners' responsibility to repair. There is a process to apply for services and that will be reviewed. This was a more isolated incident than the duracho. The mobile EOC trailer must be updated. There are computers that can be used for the unit. The EMA does not have the money to upgrade so they will need funds for the needed upgrades. A debriefing will take place next week with all the area EMA directors. The vegetation debris can be ground up for mulch but does not have to move right now. The damage assessment paperwork has been sent to the state. Overall, everything went well within the county, no fatalities only injuries.

Mark Kinsinger, Greg Amstutz of Riley Township, Joe Karhoff, Dan Karhoff, Brandon Cox of Riley Fire Department and Rick Morrison Pandora Administrator met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss the Road M-6 bridge. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. John said they reviewed the numbers for the quotes on the bridge. The Engineer was checking to see if the Allen County or adjoining county bridge inspector could do the inspections. Each year the bridge would have to be load rated. The bridge is marked as a 5-ton bridge so it will not be labeled any higher. The bridge can be rated at 5 ton and posted as 4 ton. There is an outside firm in Columbus that submitted a proposal. The proposal ranged from \$13,500 - \$26,000. Kyle Gerding did do the inspections, but there are extra certifications that must be obtained to properly inspect this bridge, which the engineer did not want to pay for. The county does maintain all the other bridges within the county. There are costs involved with all bridge inspections. The Engineer has conveyed that it was the Commissioners decision to close the bridge. All the trustees are in favor to reopen the bridge and who answer to the people of the township, who want the bridge reopened. If the bridge would ever need to be replaced it would need to be done with grant funds, the Commissioners won't replace it. The closed bridge in Gilboa has become an eyesore since it is no longer maintained. Joe presented pictures of the underside of the M-6 bridge showing new support beams. So, the bridge is in good shape and can handle traffic. The cost for the inspections would be \$1,500 per year that is not an extravagant cost to the county, there are other costs the county pays that are not needed. Commissioners Schlumbohm will ask for an inspection. When the Road 6 bridge over Blanchard River was hit by a truck passing over it that bridge had to be replaced due to the damage to the bridge. There are many fracture critical bridges in the county that are still open. The last meeting it was fine to have it reopened with a lower bridge rating. Money was never the issue it was the safety, now money is the issue. The Commissioners did not realize the bridge would have to be re-inspected before opening and the costs involved. Joe stated he has lost trust in the County Engineer and the County due to this issue. An outside

Engineer must be brought in for the inspection for it to be trusted now. The Commissioners must do their due diligence. The Commissioners will be liable if there is an accident if the bridge would fail, would anyone else be willing to take the liability besides the county. The location of the bridge deters it being crossed at high speeds. The odds are in the bridges favor to not get damaged. Joe is willing to take on responsibility. There are always "what ifs" in everything and liability. The Commissioners will only reopen the bridge with a proper inspection. An end date is wanted to have the inspection done so this matter will be resolved. A possible date of June for the inspection was discussed. The Commissioners will make sure contacts are made to get the bridge inspected. Any concerns with the inspections will be reviewed.

Michelle Torres with Bowser Morner called to talk to Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri, and Brubaker. She got the lab testing from the outfall and the TSS was above the allowed amount. She prepared the notification to the EPA and just needed to check what we want worded for the steps taken to reduce the wave action in the large pond. Commissioner Schlumbohm told her that Jeff Giesige with Soil & Water is working with the EPA on moving the outfall back to the small pond in hopes to avoid the wave action. Michelle said she will add a little information into the notification in regards to that and get it sent to them so it arrives within the 24 hours required for notification.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri, and Brubaker, and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Craig Kelly of the Lima News sat in on the meeting and Bill Rieman of the Putnam County Historical Society listened in over the phone.

The minutes from Thursday, April 3, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker attended the 2nd Quarter TID meeting.

Mike Lenhart spoke with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker regarding the cost of the M-6 bridge inspection and the costs involved. A consultant is getting hired to inspect the Columbus Grove bridge, could that inspected do the M-6 bridge also? Lenhart will contact the consultant to see if they could do both bridges. There is shortage of surveyors and the timing of getting things done. The Engineer said he feels that he is hiring someone to contradict himself and that he is being asked to help pay for it. The bridge should not have been rehabbed but rather replaced. The rehab was done with grant funding and without it the bridge would not have been done. The timing of the inspection was not known based on availability of inspectors.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day at 2:20pm

Bob Benroth reviewed the procedures for a sales tax levy with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker.

Bob Heidenescher mayor of Dupont called in to confirm information in the emergency declaration that was passed by the Commissioners.

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 8, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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