

Minutes Thursday, May 8, 2025

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 E-911 Communications

From...2100-32-240-502300, 9-1-1 Fringes.....to.....2100-32-240-502000, 9-1-1
OPERS... ..\$ 53,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Then and Now Payments

E-911 to

AT&T Mobility for services for \$ 40.08

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Airport Operations.....Purchase order to Put CO Commissioners for cost allocation for \$ 11,146.00.

County General.....Purchase order to Village of Ottawa for new water meter for Courthouse for \$ 1,697.00.

Probate/Juvenile Crt....Travel request for Judge Borer to attend the Ohio Assoc of Probate/Juvenile Judges Summer Conference in Cincinnati, OH on June 3-5, 2025 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and other totaling \$ 1,280.40.

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

Maintenance Tim Schnipke and Joe Burkhart met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Brubaker & Wehri to discuss court room quotes, window quotes, security doors quotes at Annex, SD #2

smoke & Dye testing and Maintenance Updates. Tim presented quotes from Leever Glass, JB Net and Lima Security for the security at the Annex. The option of installing a phone box was discussed where the person requesting entrance can call the office they want to visit. The direction of the calls was discussed as to how the call will roll. There will be a monitor showing the person also, having video coverage will be included even if it is not wanted at the time. There will be a security door installed at the top of the elevator. Will the addition of the door create any kind of fire hazard? It should not, they need to be able to get out of the elevator to gain access to the building and get to the stairs for exit in case of a fire. Lima Security does not do door hardware but will work with All Service Glass for door hardware. Leever Glass also submitted a quote to replace 42 windows and the glass around the door. They also submitted a quote to replace all the windows. They are aluminum pieces on the top and bottom on inside of window that can be removed to gain access to the windows for replacement. There was water against the first-floor windows from the flooding. Leever is out of Defiance, a quote can be requested from Celina Glass also. Nothing has been received from Trisco on the tuck pointing, And nothing from E. Lee Construction yet either.

Court Room repairs-Michael Blanc Studio & Brian Brother Painting & Restoration will work together on the repairs one does the plaster work and the other does the painting. Camden Plastering out of Columbus, OH bid on repairing the plaster, Martin Painting & Coating also out of Columbus would do the painting. Halker Dry Wall submitted a quote with McBride out of Lima for the painting. Halker's quote is the lowest of all submitted. The judge will be consulted for his opinion on the quotes also. No lighting is included.

Jail security-Securitas bought out Stanley Security, the logic controllers on the doors are at end of life. These controls are 19 years old. The switches and everything we replace on our own. Folger Adam bought out the lock company. We now deal with integrator who handles all the components for the security system. It is recommended that we upgrade the logic controllers for the doors at the jail, if it goes down, we have to manually open doors for at least a week before repairs can be made. In 2020 the master control was replaced. The next thing would be upgrading the computers for the controls. There is newer Allen Bradley equipment that can be installed to upgrade. The system has been upgraded in phases rather than all at once to spread the costs out rather than spending \$1M at once. IT manages the security system at the jail now rather than maintenance. It would be about \$35,000 to replace the logic controller. Commissioner Schlumbohm added up all the expenses presented today which would all be Capital expenses. The judge may have some funds to contribute towards the courtroom repairs. These are all projects that should be done due to being put off for a few years except for the jail security. The age of the furnaces at the Annex was brought up, they are all 40 years old and Tim thinks they will all go out at once. The tuck pointing of the Annex was discussed and additional bricks will be needed. Some bricks were found but the color may not match.

SD #2 smoke & dye testing-The testing for sewer dist #2 may have to be postponed due to all the rain. It can be postponed a week or two but not much longer than that. Tim will contact Wesler Engineering to get it rescheduled.

The scheduling for the doors is two months out. The progress on the IT upgrades is moving ahead, they are breaking things but once fixed they are fixed and upgraded. The time frame for changing passwords was discussed.

Tim asked about the Commissioners considering summer mowing help, Tim has a prospect, a high schooler from Ottoville. The last three years they have had help with mowing. Tim asked about the prospect for custodial position, can he contact her. The Commissioners said he can see if she is interested to start training. It definitely takes two-full time people to clean all the buildings. The commissioners will review the all quotes that have been submitted.

Tim said he is contacting Niko for Helms Construction, the stove at the event center would not start over the weekend.

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

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

The minutes from Tuesday, May 6, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Dog Warden Mike Schroth met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Brubaker & Wehri to discuss employment. Mike submitted this monthly report. He is negotiating the new financial system. There have been a lot of dogs coming through lately he has had 60 already this year. There has been a big change in the amounts of dogs he is getting, wide variance in ages with the people and the dogs. We are not required to accept owner/surrender dogs. The surrounding counties that have a Humane Society and if they get the dog license revenue. Hancock County is run differently, their dog warden does not get retirement as he is not a county employee. Defiance County operations was also discussed. Mike would like to hire a part-time person to help with dog license checks, he has a prospect who is interested. The person is younger and is eager and willing. This person would be checking dog licenses. If a dog is seen on property, check the address to see if a license has been purchased, and leave a notice if no license is on file. Door hangers do not always initiate a response. The starting wage would be \$16.00 per hour. The Commissioners recommended a 90-day probationary period then a re-evaluation for a raise. Mike also brought up his wages, if he is eligible for an increase. A new deputy for the Sheriff's office hires in at \$28.00 per hour, which is more than what Mike is paid after 18 years. Mike feels as though he deals with the same people/issues that the Sheriff does on occasion. They receive threats and are exposed to dangerous situations while doing their job. Putnam County has been the first county to lower dog license fees. Other counties have increased steadily. Mike does not feel the tag price needs to be raised at this time, but he would like the Commissioners to consider an increase in pay for him. There are issues between the Sheriff's office and the Dog Warden and following the call out policy. Mike does work at the Sheriff's office also in dispatch and on the specials team. He has gone through a large amount of dog food and supplies since he has had more dogs this year. Mike had a request from Shawnee school to have puppies he picked up brought in for a class to view since it coincided with their reading subject for the breed of dog.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Wehri, and Brubaker resumed session.

Steve McKee stopped in to ask Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker about using the wi-fi in the building. The IT department was called to inquire about the status of the public wi-fi. There have been some IT security issues they are resolving and this may be involved in that.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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