

## Minutes Thursday, July 17, 2025

Mr. Brubaker moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 371.30 of H.B. 96 passed by the 136th General Assembly and signed into law by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on June 30, 2025, the Office of the Ohio Public Defender in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, will create the Northwest Regional Hub ("NWRH") pilot program to provide indigent defense services in the counties of Allen, Hardin and Putnam, should those counties elect to participate, in lieu of managing these services directly and applying for reimbursement;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County desire to participate in the NWRH pilot program and to transfer Putnam County's administration of certain indigent defense representation services to the Office of the Ohio Public Defender who will assume responsibility for representation of indigent persons in the proceedings set forth in Section 120.16 of the Revised Code, to the extent that representation is not provided by outside counsel in accordance with section 120.33 of the Revised Code;

**WHEREAS**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County electing to participate in the NWRH pilot program, the Office of the Ohio Public Defender will provide direct representation to indigent clients in juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony cases in Putnam County in accordance with Section 371.30(E)(2) of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly in not more than eighty (80) percent of indigent defense cases in Putnam County, unless there is a determination, in accordance with Section 371.30(E)(4), that there is insufficient counsel available to fill an appointment, and as further set forth in a corresponding Memorandum of Understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, to effectuate the election to participate in the NWRH pilot program, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County wish to further authorize execution of the attached Memorandum of Understanding and the ability to take any additional actions necessary to implement and effectuate the transfer of administration of certain indigent defense services pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County hereby elects to become part of the Office of the Ohio Public Defender's NWRH pilot program and in doing so, transfers administration of certain indigent defense services to the Office of the Ohio Public Defender for the period of the pilot program.
2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Ohio Public Defender, which sets forth the responsibilities and mutual understanding between the parties regarding the transfer of administration of certain indigent defense services, and to take any additional actions, including execution of additional documents as necessary to effectuate the transfer of administration of Putnam County's indigent defense services consistent with this Resolution.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve signing the Memorandum of Understanding between Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County and the Office of the Ohio Public Defender.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri absent 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 033, Recycle Grant-ODNR

2033-39-010-506200, Recycle Grant.....\$ 73,979.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri absent 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 set the date of July 8, 2025 for the opening of proposals for the one time per year mowing of the Landfill.  
and

**WHEREAS**, The following quotes were received:

M & S Lawn & Landscape	\$ 2,640.00
Croy's Mowing	\$ 2,640.00
Morman's Lawn & Property Mgmt	\$ 2,900.00

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, After a review of the quotes, the Board of County Commissioners' does hereby award the contracted service to the bidder, Croy's Mowing in an amount of \$2,640.00.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

### **Then and Now Payments**

**Engineer.....**to Koenig Farms for easement on Rd 18-A for \$ 735.00. to K-Tech Specialty Coating for chip seal material for\$ 12,504.46.

**Office of Public Safety....to** Locality Media for New EPCR System for \$ 12,080.00.

**Clerk of Courts....to** S Maag for travel reimbursement for \$ 59.20.

**CDBG...to** 4 imprint for fair housing give a ways for \$ 1,499.37.

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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

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### **Purchase Orders and Travel Requests**

**Sheriff.....**Travel request for Aaron Giesige to attend Child Sexual Abuse Investigation training in North Royalton, OH on Sept 24-26, 2025 with expense for lodging, meals, registration and other totaling \$ 1,725.00. Travel request for Kelly Iliff and Brent Meyers to attend the Pepperball Instructor course in Medina, OH on Oct 22-24, 2025 with expenses for registration, lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 2,140.00

**Landfill Clos/Mnt.....**Purchase order to Croy's Mowing for one time mowing of landfill for \$ 2,640.00.

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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

The Commissioners asked Gary about the utility easement for the new EMS building addition, which would be under the parking lot. John met with Glandorf council and they are in favor. If Gary could draw up an MOU for the easement. The Commissioners will get Gary a copy of the site plan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker with Gary Lammers.

Gary Lammers met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss options for the Sewer Dist. #1 water well meter options for Ryan Ashley and Jason Beckett. These two residents have not approved the water meter installation on their properties. The meters will not be used until the sewer district is turned over to the Village of Ottawa. Since then, there have been additional unforeseen repairs that the County has had to loan money to the sewer district to complete those repairs so that may delay the transfer over to the Village. Alaina Siefker joined the meeting. It is thought that the majority of the sewer district is not interested in annexing in to the village. These two properties are hesitant to get the meters as they are not

willing to be pushed to annex to the village. Gary will write letters to these residents to notify them and see if they have any concerns or questions. The Sewer District was formed under ORC 6117, which states that rules can be made for compliance. The village does not want to be involved. There were public meetings for the storm sewer project. There are flow meters that could be installed on a sewer system but the system must be a forced system. Having everyone pay a flat fee is not fair to others on the line that have multiple children compared to the single occupants. The Commissioners are willing to meet with these two residents to answer any questions and hear their concerns, but they would like to explain the need for the meters. Gary will send out letters to these residences. Gary asked since the storm sewer was completed has there been a decrease in the billing, that is when the additional repairs for the line to Nelson were found to be needed. Once all these repairs are complete the true usage should be known.

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

The minutes from Tuesday July 15, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Tim Schnipke called in to talk to Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker regarding the EMS building floor heat. He is recommending extending it further. He also said do not take out the individual hot and cold water shut offs.

The cameraing was done at the JFS sewer line there was a cross put in instead of a Y pipe from renovation. The staff in the JFS building will be instructed to flush twice on each use to see if this would help the clogging problem. On the west end of building there is sewer line that has settlement in it, the whole system will be flushed out.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote; Wehri absent Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Brubaker and Schlumbohm resumed session.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker attended a joint county teleconference for the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement with Seneca, Allen, Hardin, Wyandot and Hancock County Commissioners and Hancock Soil & Water. The balance in the maintenance funds for the river was reviewed. A \$2.00 recommendation of per parcel assessment was made. And this amount would be enough to cover the amount needed. The frequency of cleaning the river was discussed. If it assessed every two years it would build up enough funding. The 20% balance is \$131,257.00 and a \$2.00 assessment collects \$111,930.00. Is everyone ok with a \$2.00 assessment? A roll call vote was taken, all in favor. Each county will have to pass their own resolution to approve the assessment to be collected on the 2025 taxes collected in 2026.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri absent Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

