

Minutes Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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 215131-060-501100, PSI Compensation.....to..... 2151-31-060-502300,
PSI Hospitalization.....\$5,000.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board has received requests from the various departments of Job and Family Services for approval of travel expenses for the month of June 2025.

Jada Buckner & Meg Schroeder June 23 Elder Abuse Meeting- Columbus, OH

now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, hereby approve payment of the expenses per the attached list in accordance with Section 325.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorizes the Auditor to issue warrants per attached list upon receipt of invoices and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue any advanced warrants as necessary.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Comm. Jrl. 121, Page 261-262

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve signing the Subgrant Award Agreement for Violence Against Women Act.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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 Community Corrections....

From..1001-31-102-502000, Muni Comm Corr OPERS.to...1001-31-102-502300, Muni Court Comm Corr Hospitalization\$ 1,366.18

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker absent 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, 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 164, CDBG ALLOCATION

2164-54-010-506203.....\$900.00

Fund 085, CDBG

2085-38-010-506204.....\$600.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to sign the Community Corrections Grant Agreement between the Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction Division of Parole and Community Services and Putnam County Municipal Court Probation which will expire on June 30, 2027.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Then and Now Payments

County General to Carelon for settlement for File 0780036017-Beckman for \$ 2,311.71

To Lima Security for fire alarm monitoring at Glandorf bldg. for July for \$ 82.04

Landfill Clos/ Mnt to

Jay Petroleum for leachate pump fuel for \$ 20.00

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

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Job & Family Services....Travel requests for Courtney Brandt, Judy Solomon and Beth Coleson to attend the fiscal symposium in Lewis Center, OH on July 24-25, 2025 with expenses for lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 1,755.00.

Capital Improvement....Purchase order to All Temp Refrigeration for install a hot gas bypass capacity control on a/c chiller for \$ 3,156.00.

Veteran Service Commission.....Travel requests for Matt Prenzlin, Kyle Frias and Jonathan Balmer to attend OSACVSO summer training in Dublin, OH on Jul 24-25, 2025 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals registration and other totaling \$ 1,401.78.

Landfill Clos/Mnt.....Purchase order to Treasurer State of Ohio-EPA for NPDES permit modification for landfill for \$ 300.00.

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

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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

Purchase order Adjustments

County General....Additional needed for Ottawa Water Works for May Usage Health Dept of \$ 200.11.

General Ditch....Additional needed for Kahle Excavating for a change order for work on the D. Coates Dt # 1004 of \$700.00.

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Wehri opened the session by leading the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Schlumbohm, Cindy Landwehr and Brian Hilvers

Brian Hilvers met with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm to discuss equipment in the squads. There are not Lucas devices in all units. The equipment is being moved from squad to squad right now. There are no grant funds available at this time to purchase more equipment. The workers comp money is being used by a different department this year, when the EMS

does use it most years. A Lucas device assists with CPR administration. So only one person is needed. Brian would also like to purchase new computers for the squads also. The new computers would be about \$36,000. Brian has funds to cover these purchases he just needs to re-appropriate funds in different places. There is other equipment that needs to be upgraded as well. Intubation equipment also needs upgraded, there is equipment that will help to determine the best placement to prevent any other issues. The charting company is becoming difficult and there is a new option with First Due software which would include scheduling and maintenance. Tim Schnipke joined the meeting. The cell phone service with First Net through AT&T is not good, they are looking to move to T-Mobile. T-Mobile now has Starlink. The Sheriff's office is trying T-Mobile out for coverage. The MARCS is still being used. Tim Schnipke presented a quote for an air compressor for the Office of Public Safety. It is the same brand as the one that was acquired from the river crew 15 years ago.

Mike Schroth met with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm to discuss the purchase of a new truck. Mike has brought in a few dogs for adoption through the fair. Mike is looking at purchasing a new truck. The Sheriff's office has issues with responding to dog calls. Mike is proposing purchasing a new truck so the old truck can be at the Sheriff's office for deputies to use to pick up a dog when the Dog Warden is off duty. The sheriff proposed using an old cruiser for that purpose. Mike presented quotes for new trucks he was looking at Chevy trucks. The quotes he has are for 1500s. Mike prefers a bigger truck for the cab room, but does not need a 2500 due to the height when having to lift a large dog. The current value on Mike's truck is \$20,000. This would be the amount that the County would reimburse the Dog & Kennel fund for the truck. The 1500 is not conducive for plowing snow. Mike can look at 2500s also so they can be used by another department after Dog & Kennel is done with it.

Charlie Morman met with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm to discuss mowing at the landfill. The Commissioners are working on specs for mowing at the landfill. Charlie explained some of the jobs he has done at the landfill for maintenance.

Tim Schnipke came back in and updated the Commissioners on the manhole lining in Sewer Dist. #1 near Nelson Manufacturing it is now complete. Tim is waiting on the reports for the smoke & dye test from Sewer Dist. #2. Tim said he reviewed the quotes submitted from Joe for the security at the Annex. He agrees with Joe on the recommendation. Tim is coordinating the work for the Annex improvements. Tim said they had some electrical issues at the fairgrounds yesterday due to everyone running their a/c.

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

The minutes from Tuesday June 17, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

John Folk and Meg Schroeder met with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm to discuss JFS updates. Meg is a Supervisor for Adult Protective Services (APS). Meg explained the adult protective services that are provided to the county for residents over 60. It's a huge issue and a huge need for services to the 60+ population. There is a list of mandated reporters including, bankers, lawyers, doctors including law enforcement. Nursing home employees were questioned if they were mandated reporters, their reporting is different. With the use of AI and technology the elderly are more susceptible to be targeted, and they do not have the experience with these technologies to be weary of them. The referral, investigation, screening and ongoing case numbers over the past few years were reviewed. The ongoing case numbers from

previous years have since been closed out. Usually, a case is closed out within a year. This is similar to children services but it serves a different age group of the population. Meg has been the primary for eight years but does have backup help now. The state has increased funding for APS. Interdisciplinary team known as the I-team with representatives from Public Safety, Health Dept, Council on Aging and other entities that meets on a regular basis to discuss services that are available. Nursing homes have made big improvements that past few years to provide services also. Meg works closely with the providers for both Medicare and Medicaid to help the clients determine their benefits. John does have someone that is resigning soon, so he is interviewing to fill that position. John does have an employee issue that he needs to address with Commissioners.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session at 11:30am with Commissioner Wehri and John Folk to discuss employee termination.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri yes Brubaker absent Schlumbohm yes.

Mr. Wehri moved to go back on record at 11:45am. No decisions were made.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri yes Brubaker absent Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm met with Gary Lammers, Mike Lenhart and Ottawa Township trustees Steve Leopold, Jim Leopold and Don Croy, Mike Hamel and Jeanne Hamel and Linde Webb representing the Hamel's to discuss the ditch issues on Road 12-K. Gary called this meeting with all the parties. The ditch bank on the road side was giving way and now the opposite bank is giving way. Some projects were done to preserve the ditch banks that have not helped to correct the issues. There may be a sand vane nearby that is contributing to this problem. The township has added grindings along the road. Can the group come together to come up with a solution and agree on a solution. The Engineer brought this project up to repair before it becomes a bigger problem of the road sliding in the ditch. Having A sand vane means that there is not clay soil present to help compact and hold the bank. A portion of the ditch was laid over to move it farther from the road. Mr. Hamel said the ditch was not giving way prior to the ditch project. The ditch was made deeper to be back to its original state. This ditch known as Schmitz Dt is under the county's maintenance program. The original state that was referenced is when it was petitioned. The only things added to the road side of the ditch were sign posts, to notify the people driving on the road of the proximity of the ditch. Mr. Hamel said whomever dug out the ditch dug straight down on his property. The width of the ditch has not changed since the petitioning, just the silt was dipped out of the bottom. The engineer could do a 4:1 slope. Mr. Hamel would like two 48" tiles to be put in and cover the ditch of 100 ft.in front of his property. This would solve the issue of the erosion of the bank. There is 500 more feet of ditch. The township did offer to double the size of his drive way. Mr. Hamel wanted his dirt from the banks that was dug out. However, Mr. Hamel still has sod on both sides of the bank. In a normal project the bank would have been pulled but since Mr. Hamel did not want anyone on his property the bank did not get pulled bank and it did slide in. This road has had issues for 12 years. Mr. Hamel was not in favor of the ditch layover in 2023. The trustees have had many complaints from the school and other residents about this road and in 2023 they had money for the ditch lay over project. Mr. Hamel said that 2 ft of muck was removed from his drive tile so

the rest of the ditch did not need to be cleaned. How would the two tiles be kept clean? That would be wider than a road. Mr. Hamel wants the ditch put back that way it was before any work was done and he wants all his dirt back. The Engineer said they did not touch any of the ditch in front of Mr. Hamel other than the bottom two feet of the ditch. Other than the spot where the bank slid in. The photos provided were taken by Mr. Hamel. Since the excavator was not allowed on Mr. Hamel's property that is why there was a straight dig into the ditch to reach across the ditch. There could be a lower slope to the ditch but how will the road side of the ditch be repaired to keep it safe for traffic to pass. Photos of the location of the signs that state the edge of the pavement in proximity to the ditch were viewed. If the ditch would be moved over on Hamel's property there would be a shoulder for the road. The township is offering to make Hamel's drive way wider, but the township could not afford to cover Hamel's whole yard. A proposal of adding a surface drain in front of Hamel's house was presented. The engineer drew it out to show how the drainage would work. Which would help to save the road from sliding in to the ditch, which would set the ditch back from the road and help save the road. Mr. Hamel wants to know how much more area would be needed, it is 11 ft now. Mrs. Hamel said the surface drainage could be doable but it is Mr. Hamel's decision. Mrs. Webb is asking Mr. Hamel if he is agreeable to the surface drain. The township trustees are concerned about the depth to keep the tile from popping back up. Some other scenarios were discussed. Jim Leopold proposed another scenario of covering the ditch just in front of Hamel's house rather the whole width of the lot. A GIS view of the property was viewed by the group to show the location of the ditch. The transition of a 48" tile to the 72" drive pipe was discussed and will have to be designed and engineered. The township will have to see what the costs are for these proposals. Commissioner Brubaker joined the meeting via teleconference. The Hamel's may be willing to compromise on the surface ditch along the front of their house and having the remaining portion of ditch on their open unless they want to pay for it to be covered. The Engineer explained the homeowners paying a portion through special assessment. The Hamel's are concerned about future billing for cleaning out the tile. The Engineer said whoever puts in the tile is responsible for cleaning it in the future. If there is enough flow through the tile it would not need to be cleaned. A compromise of the township getting the road fixed and the Hamel's getting a portion of the ditch covered in front of their property. The expense of a ditch cleaning is assessed to the properties that drain into said ditch. The expense of cleaning a tile versus an open ditch is not known at this time. Mrs. Webb thinks this would be a good compromise between both parties, the township would get the road repaired and the Hamel's would get a larger portion of open ditch covered on their property. The Engineer will have to draw up the plans and figure the cost estimates. Would Mr. Hamel be agreeable to have stakes placed on his property to show the future placement of the tiles and ditch. Mrs. Webb is asking if Hamel is agreeable. He will allow stakes to be placed. Mr. Hamel would like to have his dirt back also. A few contractors have been reviewed about solutions for this problem and this is one of those solutions. The engineer will draw up the plans and stake the proposed project to give a visual so a decision can be made. There may be grant funds available for more emergent projects, but the timeline for the funds is not known. Any of the work would be outside of the current right of way, would Mr. Hamel be agreeable to allow a temporary easement for the work to be done. The engineer could have something drawn up by next week possibly 10 days. Another meeting will be set up when the plans are drawn up.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri yes Brubaker absent Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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