

**Minutes Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS,** The Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project Joint Board of Commissioners hereinafter referred to as BRSEP, met in special session on Thursday, July 17, to discuss logjam removal on the Blanchard River. It was recommended each county charge a \$2.00/parcel maintenance assessment for the BRSEP based on the cost of the project and the amount that will be left in the maintenance fund after the project is complete.

And

**WHEREAS,** Putnam County is responsible for 24% of the project costs; and

**WHEREAS,** Each individual county must assess the maintenance fee to the affected parcels within its jurisdiction.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, hereby approves the need of a \$2.00/parcel maintenance assessment for all the parcels within the Putnam County BRSEP, to be collected over a one (1) year period and placed on the tax duplicate for tax year 2025, for collection in calendar year 2026.

and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the Board of Putnam County, Ohio, is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to each of the Board of County Commissioners comprising a part of the BRSEP.

and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the clerk of the Putnam County, Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Putnam County Auditor's office to certify assessments.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Brubaker 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 103, Community Corrections

2103-31-102-501100, Salaries & Fringes.....\$24,088.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 164, CDBG ALLOCATION

2164-54-010-506203, Fair Housing Grant 2.....\$3,100.00

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:

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).....\$ 26,397.98

(Apr 2025 through Jun 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 (2003-41-270-510000, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (2006-21-260-421000, Transfer In).....\$  
).....\$ 146,375.86

(Apr 2025 through Jun 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 (2039-41-390-510000, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (2006-21-260-421000, Transfer In).....\$  
20,934.87

(Apr 2025 –Jun 2025)

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 018, General Ditch

2018-40-290-502000, Gen Ditch PERS.....\$ 1,720.00

2018-40-290-502100, Gen. Ditch Medicare.....\$ 130.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 001, County General

Maintenance

1001-30-013-501100, Janitor Compensation.....\$ 2,941.35

1001-30-013-502000, Janitor PERS.....\$ 411.79

1001-30-03-502100, Janitor Medicare.....\$ 42.65

1001-30-015-501100, Ag Comp Compensation.....\$ 1,384.20

1001-30-015-502000, Ag Comp PERS.....\$ 193.79

1001-30-015-502100, Ag Comp Medicare.....\$ 20.07

(reimbursement of fair hours pay in# )

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 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.....\$2,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 100, E-911

2100-32-240-501103, Holiday & Comp pay .....\$ 30,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm 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 County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2025.

For Office of Public Safety

From...5120-66-110-502600,Travel.....to....5120-66-110-503301,Vehicle Maintenance.....\$5,000.00

From..5120-66-110-504101, Heavy Rescue Maintenance...to....5120-66-110-503301, Vehicle Maintenance.....\$4,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 001, County General

1001-30-010-506200., Wellness Grant .....\$18,207.30

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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### **Then and Now Payments**

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

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

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

**Office of Public Safety....**Blanket Purchase order for uniform allowance for \$4,000.00, Blanket purchase order for other expense for \$ 5,000.00.

**County General....** Purchase order to Amazon for self-leveling sewer camera with guide wheel cover for \$ 1875.00.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

### **Purchase order Adjustments**

**Dog & Kennel....**Ohio Pet Spay & neuter grant additional grant funds increase by \$1,425.00

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Brubaker led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Schlumbohm, Aaron Vorst, Nate Sealts and Joe Burkhart.

Aaron Vorst and Nate Sealts met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss the option of training opportunities. Aaron proposed some classes for electrical & HVAC training. There are some classes that Apollo provides they are interested in. There are also online classes that could be more manageable to their schedules. The Commissioners are not against them trying some classes. There are EPA classes as well where they would earn certificates. The Commissioners are supportive of them taking classes if they have the time to commit to it. The Commissioners are glad they are willing to take the initiative to take the classes. The guys are hoping these classes will convert to a monetary benefit as well as having the knowledge and expertise. The modified schedule that maintenance has been working has been working well and they can schedule larger projects on days when everyone is working.

The lift station was brought up and Aaron is meeting with Norwalk tomorrow, they will see what they say and what the village says about it.

John Folk JFS Director met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss JFS updates. The service report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was reviewed. John explained the eligibility and the methodology for being eligible. The expense for protective services has increased. The main goal is to reunite the family however the well-being of the child must be considered. Foster care and kinship were discussed and the costs with them. John reviewed the costs of the programs. There has been more employee turnover. With the new budget there are some changes coming to funding for JFS services. The budget changes are focusing on giving more benefits to the qualified US citizens rather than the non-citizens. There is now a requirement for Medicaid where anyone younger than 65 must be working. Eligible food on SNAP was discussed; soft drinks will no longer be eligible. There could be pictures added on the cards to help eliminate fraud and misuse. There is a set amount received each month and if it is not spent the previous month, it will carry over to the next month. Staffing, there have been resignations, he wishes those employees well in their endeavors. There are multiple reasons for the resignations. The agency is being restructured due to the losses of employees. A new hire is coming in to children services. A new fiscal clerk has been a hard position to fill; there have been a few that tried it but did not stay. A program for increasing people to apply to be a social worker has been introduced at a college level, this is being done at Bowling Green. There is a paid internship for the program, the county does not pay, the state pays. The appreciation banquet would like to be held at the agency in the courtyard, for convenience. The Commissioners are invited to attend on Sept 12. The Commissioners are looking to provide public transportation. Mr. Folk is working with Mr. Boaz and Jodi Warnecke of Council on Aging. Commissioner Schlumbohm will propose at the CAC meeting as well. The Commissioners are in favor of getting the agency in balance and restructuring. Sometime the process is frustrating but the best interest of the child must be taken. The Commissioners appreciate the updates and all the employees that work there.

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

The minutes from Thursday July 24, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Brubaker followed up with the sheriff employee regarding the pension payments. The employee is working with the Auditor and PERS to pay back those pension payments.

State Representative Jim Hoops met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss budget, property taxes and updates. Justin Barnhart and Greg Luersman joined the meeting. The budget issues and property taxes were discussed. Getting rid of property taxes is a local issue, since those funds do not go to the state. The real estate values were discussed. The different factors for residential, commercial, ag and industrial and millage was discussed. The 20 mill floor changes for schools in comparison to the real estate values was discussed. The schools are not doing anything wrong. The values here went up 32% for residential, the CAUV figures were discussed. There are two of the local schools who are below the 20-mill floor.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the schools in the state are at the 20-mill floor. The cost of living needs to be explained to the legislators. The carry over issue with schools was also discussed. A lot of schools have a carryover. Mr. Hoops explained the budget presentation and the floor millage for schools. The locals should have control through the local budget commission. Our budget commission has done that by not collecting on the inside millage for the 2024 collection in 2025.

Counties could then have the ability to raise their sales tax by presenting it to the voters. Putnam County schools are very well supported locally. In the past tobacco money was given to the schools, then the state gave schools money. This was the time when the schools got funding for new buildings. The 67 provisions that the governor vetoes in the budget are being reviewed. It is brought to be transparent so the voters know what they are voting on. Replacement versus renewal levies were discussed. Replacement levies are no longer allowed. The schools repeated use of emergency levies is being looked at. If it is repeated it is really an emergency levy? A concern of lowering the millage to gain favor from the people. What levies can be used to determine the 20-mill floor, the emergency levy is not part of the 20-mill floor. The veteran service funding comes from the inside millage. Every taxing district will get 10 mills townships, schools, villages. Mr. Hoops said they are meeting to review these issues. Eliminating income tax at the state level was inquired. Will that only effect the state income tax in schools and villages can have an income tax.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker attended the final hearing for the Duane Lammers Dt # 998.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri absent Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker resumed session.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker attended a zoom meeting with Hugh Downer with Eagon & Assoc and Michelle Torres & Patrick Loper with Bowser Morner on reviewing the items from the EPA on ceasing leachate hauling at the landfill. Hugh said Habib with EPA gave him a list of 8 items that need to be done to possibly end the leachate hauling and we already do all of them except for #6. They want a slope stability analysis done. Patrick said they did one in June 2000 as part of the closure plan with it being pretty basic but EPA has changed the requirements and need a little more information. They need to simulate what could be the maximum amount for the leachate head and a more detailed analysis. Basically, seeing if the leachate fills up, would we let it come out the vent or seal the vent and would it still be safe. It would help getting an idea on how much it would fill up & not cause a slope stability issue caused by a liquid build up and know it is still safe. Hugh said it doesn't have steep slopes so that is a plus. We may possibly have to do occasional pumping. Commissioner Schlumbohm & Brubaker gave a verbal approval and asked Bowser Morner to send over an official estimate so we can get a purchase order ready. Patrick mentioned that the EPA letting us do this experiment earlier than the post closure date is pretty significant and that shows us that they know we do a good job with keeping up with everything out there at this point. Michelle said they will get the formal estimate emailed over soon.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker went down to the assembly room for Ryan Santa Maria with Ohio Land & Liberty Coalitions talk regarding renewable energy development, several citizens joined the meeting. Ryan Santa Maria with Ohio Land & Liberty Coalition said his organization is trying something different and he is going across the state to meet with every county commissioners' office to get an understanding on how they have done things in the past with renewable energy development. He has been to 48 counties so far. Commissioner Schlumbohm said they have 1 up and running and 1 larger one that is in construction. The first



one is relatively small but they weren't well versed on it. They had vegetation issues and once they called the company, they took care of them. Once the company for the large solar farm started to say they wanted an expansion on it, they had a lot of community opposition. There were some things that happened in that one that the commissioners didn't know about. Since that solar farm, they had planning commission put together guidance on them. About 10 townships that are zoned also have guidance. A county resolution has also been passed restricting them to 50 megawatts so that large ones are on hold for now to see how things work out. Ryan said he is a huge advocate for property rights. Ryan left his card and said if anyone in the office or in the public would like to reach out they can.

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 Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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