

## Minutes Thursday, July 31, 2025

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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 006, Public Assistance (2006-41-260-510000, Transfer Out).....to..... Fund 004, Child Support (2004-21-370-421000, Transfer In).....\$ 32,048.73

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

For Job & Family...

From..2006-35-260-506000, Other Expense...to....2006-35-260-502100, JFS Medicare.....\$1,300.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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\_Mr.\_Brubaker\_moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County Local Emergency Planning Committee is responsible for maintaining and tracking the reporting of hazardous materials in Putnam County and responding to incidents where hazardous materials are released, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that The Board of Putnam County Commissioners does hereby agree to add/renew the following as members of the Putnam County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):

### LEPC MEMBERS:

Angela Recker	Health Dept., 256 Williamstown Rd, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Robert Heidenescher	Mayor of Dupont, 403 E. Cedar, Dupont	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
John Love	Love Funeral Home, 405 E 3rd St, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Brian Siefker	Sheriff's Office, 1035 Heritage Trail, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
W.D. Miller	Communications, Box 283, Ottoville	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Brian Hilvers	Office of Public Safety, PO Box 370, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Kyle Hashbarger	Office of Public Safety, PO Box 370, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27

Nick Verhoff	School Superintendent, 124 Putnam Pkwy, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Eric Siefker	Pro-Tec Coating, 5000 CR 5, Leipsic	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Bob Niese	St. Rita's Medical Center, 601 St Rt 224, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Timothy Wehri	Commissioner, 245 E Main, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Brad Brubaker	Commissioner, 245 E Main, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
John Schlumbohm	Commissioner, 245 E Main, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Denny Osting	380 N. Water St. Fort Jennings	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Nancy Erhart	Office of Public Safety, PO Box 370, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Todd Worchuck	Sheriff's Office, 1035 Heritage Trail, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Kacy Allen	Media 1305 E. Fourth St. Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Dean Williamson	Sheriff's Office, 1035 Heritage Trail, Ottawa	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Lora Taylor	American Red Cross	8-11-25 to 8-10-27

#### LEPC OFFICERS:

Chairperson - R. Heidenescher	Mayor of Dupont	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Vice Chairperson - John Love	Love Funeral Home	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Emergency Coordinator – Brian Hilvers	Office of Public Safety	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Information Coordinator – Kyle Hashbarger	Office of Public Safety	8-11-25 to 8-10-27
Secretary - Deb Kaufman	Office of Public Safety	8-11-25 to 8-10-27

Mr. Schlumbohm 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:

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 Muni Court-Community Corrections

From..1001-31-102-501100, Comm Corr Compensation..to...1001-31-102-502300,Comm Corr Hospitalization...\$ 22.50

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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#### Then and Now Payments

**General Ditch.....to** Column Software for D. Lammers dt notice for \$ 99.75

**County General...to** Buckeye Exterminating for July Service for \$ 55.00

to Treasurer State of Ohio for Boiler licensesfor \$ 136.50

**Community Corrections...to** Step Mobile for maintenance fees for \$ 12.00

Mr. Wehri 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 none Mr. Brubaker none Mr. Schlumbohm none

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

**Landfill Clos/Mnt.....**Blanket purchase order for repairs & misc at Landfill for \$ 3,000.00

**County General...**Purchase order to AEP for Jul-Sept usage for county buildings for \$ 25,000.00 for Ag Complex for \$ 12,000.00, for O-G Road Complex for \$ 6,000.00.

**Treasurer.....**Travel request for Tracy Warnecke to attend the NW Ohio Dist Treasurer Meeting in Bryan, OH on August 7, 2025 with expense for meals and registration totaling \$ 30.00.

**Clerk of Courts.....**Travel request for Susan Maag to attend the OAMCCC Fall Conference in Cleveland, OH on Sept 23-26, 2025 with expense for mileage lodging, meals, registration and parking totaling \$ 1,196.22.

**Office of Public Safety.....**Purchase order to Kyle Hashbarger for reimbursement of travel expenses for \$45.00.

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

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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

### **Purchase order Adjustments**

**County General.....**Add'l needed for advertising for farm bids for \$ 500.00.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Schlumbohm led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker and all meeting attendants.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker met with Touchstone, Technicon, Brian Hilvers, Kyle Hashbarger, Joe Burkhart, and Aaron Vorst to discuss the new EMS building addition. The total construction estimate was reviewed. This is an estimate and will change based on the bid received. The review went line by line. The insulation requirements were discussed. It is required for floor heat. A question of having floor heat in the living area versus just the bay area. Roofing will be a membrane roof. The alternate is not included with this estimate it is separate. Finishes includes flooring and painting. Casework does not include the dorm lockers. Casework includes all the offices, counter tops with built in drawers. Hilvers said he does not want the cabinets permanent in the offices if the room would need to be repurposed. Equipment includes the appliances. Loose furnishing will be supplied by owner. HVAC includes the floor heat. Electrical does include security, site lighting, conduit, and generator but does not include IT needs. Site Paving, how much paving is included, 20 parking

spots were taken off. There is an allowance for landscaping. For Utilities the itemized list was reviewed for water, sewer and storm sewer. There will be a lot of site prep for this site.

The alternates were discussed for the folding doors and overhead doors, taking out the base bid doors is included in the alternate figure. These estimates are in line with previous comparable construction projects. Did Touchstone's portion increase with the cost, their fee is a percentage of the cost. There will be 20 bid packs to help entice local contractors to bid. The timeline will be setup to give ball park on dates. What is the target for the Commissioners? What needs to be changed? The Commissioners will need to talk to the Auditor to see where the county stands financially. It will have to be decided what is essential and what can be taken out. Cutting out dorm space would be a big deduction in cost. If a dorm room is not completed and could be finished later could be done as well. The floor heat also includes the outside heated space. County could put in the utilities and pour the pad to cut costs? Has anyone contacted the gas company to get an idea of how much it will be to run a gas line? The gas tap would be off of O-G Road side on Dr. Thatye Dr. There is a pressured line that we will not be tapping into. The estimates were requested from local contractors. And local contractors will be encouraged to participate. What is the timeframe to get to the target balance? The Commissioners will consult with the Auditor and will get back with a decision. Is there any reasons to hold up. The Commissioners are thinking to keep things moving since the price will just go up if this is delayed. There is nothing included that is oversized for the building in the HVAC system. The next round of drawings will need to be reviewed. And the drawings want to be reviewed before bid goes out. It was assured that everything will be reviewed prior to going to bid and costs will be kept as low as possible. The same address for the building will be maintained, it is not a new building it is an addition. O-G school was approached about using their stone lot near the soccer field. The Commissioners proposed using a portion of the farm grounds that is across the road from the JFS building. The stone lot would be better for wet spring weather. How soon will the house be demo'd? The house will be used for fire and SRT training prior to demo. The site contract will have to know the timeframe for the trainings.

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

The minutes from Tuesday July 29, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Melissa Bodey of CEBCO, UIS Insurance Adam Cupp, Jonathan Schroeder; Fortman Insurance Jonathan Fortman and Laurie Basinger met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Kim Nordhaus to review the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025 medical insurance activity. The report were distributed. This a rolling report but it is based on a calendar year. Employees covered for the county is 212, CEBCO is 15,980 employees covered. The overall claim totals were reviewed. The types of claims and where the care was sought was reviewed. The live health online services were reviewed and the usage and renewal were discussed. Prescription costs were reviewed. Weight loss drugs are not covered however diabetic drugs are covered. Diabetes is increasing in the country. Some people will go with the diabetic diagnosis to get the weight loss drugs. The weight loss drugs could be purchased at compound pharmacies for a cheaper rate since there was a shortage of them. There is no longer a shortage and the drugs purchased at the compound pharmacy were a copy of the drug not name brand. The costs of drugs from other countries are being negotiated. Are pharmacies going to go away and have to deal directly with the distributors? Local pharmacies take lower insurance reimbursements since they rely on the customers coming in to purchase other items not just prescriptions.

CEBCO just shopped out the services and they are staying with Anthem and Carelon for services. These servicers did bring the options to the table with providing services. These servicers have been renewed for three years. The networks are going to get smaller. The provider can say they do not want to accept services from Cleveland Clinic and Arthur James one of the facilities will be accepted and the other will be dropped. So a patient at the James may no longer get services if Cleveland Clinic is kept in the network and Arthur James is dropped. That patient will have to decide on changing care or changing insurance provider. This keeps happening and has always happened but it is getting more publicity. The patient will have to make a more active decision in their care in shopping around for services for most cost effectiveness. There are alternative funding mechanisms for medical services and affects the charges that the patient pays and what the insurance covers. Smart shopper is an option on the county's insurance plan that helps the patients find the most cost-effective service. People should care about the costs of the services they need. The insurance renewal will be an 18% increase. The renewal meeting is August 29 and will be virtual.

UIS Insurance Adam Cupp, Jonathan Schroeder; and Fortman Insurance Jonathan Fortman and Laurie Basinger met with Commissioners and Kim Nordhaus to discuss the CEBCO health insurance renewal. The CEBCO contract runs Sept to Sept. The renewal period is rather short and decisions need to be made quickly to be ready for coverage starting in January. The CEBCO contract is for a term of three years. In the early years of the county being with CEBCO there were more employees in the plan due to having the county nursing home. CEBCO may not be the best option for the county so the insurance agents are presenting the option to shop around for insurance coverage. There would be a two-year term of being away from CEBCO if the county would leave. The commissioners are willing to let UIS and Fortman shop for services. A resolution would be prepared to allow them to look for other more cost-effective services. Adam talked about a service called Sidecar where services would be reviewed and broken down. The hospitals may treat a patient differently being that they would not know if they would be getting paid as if they would through Anthem. Sidecar is different and will require more input by the employee. Anthem is more of a convenience. The increased premium from Anthem is a convenience fee. Where Anthem does the leg work for you instead with Sidecar the employee would have to do. Hopefully the renewal percentage for the county is lower than the CEBCO percentage. The Guardian and Life insurance contracts will be reviewed also. Some of the services could be wrapped together to get better deals from the providers. CEBCO, AFLAC and Guardian all have different due dates for renewal.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion

Vote Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

Gary Lammers stopped into updated the Commissioners on the progress of the new security for his office.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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