

Minutes Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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 4133, ODOD Demolition Grant

4133-42-010-509000, Advance Out.....\$ 96,809.83

(Advance back to County General)

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Save Public Safety Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4133-42-010-509000, Advance Out,	1001-20-010-420000, Advance In	
.....\$96,809.83		

(Repay County General for advance made to Fund 4133, ODOD Demo Grant)

Mr. Wehri 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, 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 2100, E-911/Communications

2100-32-240-502000, OPERS.....\$18,000.00

Mr. Brubaker 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:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 9.64 (enacted through House Bill 96) requires political subdivisions to obtain formal legislative approval by resolution or ordinance prior to paying or otherwise complying with a ransom demand following a ransomware incident; and

WHEREAS, such resolution or ordinance must specifically state why payment or compliance is in the best interest of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of **Putnam**, Ohio, deems it prudent and necessary to hold a public hearing to ensure transparency, public input, and compliance with state law before any such payment or compliance is authorized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of **Putnam**, State of Ohio, that:

1. **Public Hearing Authorization**

A public hearing shall be held prior to any consideration of payment or compliance with a ransom demand resulting from a ransomware incident affecting **Putnam County**.

2. **Notice and Scheduling**

The public hearing shall be scheduled as needed at **Putnam County Courthouse**, and notice of such hearing shall be provided in accordance with applicable Ohio law, no fewer than **21 days** in advance.

3. **Required Findings**

Following the public hearing and prior to any payment or compliance, the Board shall adopt a resolution including a written statement explaining why payment or compliance is in the best interest of the county. The statement shall address, at a minimum:

- a. The harm or disruption caused by the ransomware incident.
- b. The anticipated cost, risk, and consequences of not complying.
- c. The anticipated cost, risk, and benefits of complying.
- d. Alternatives considered, including restoration from backups.
- e. Availability and impact of insurance coverage.
- f. Other facts relevant to the public interest, including public safety and service continuity.

4. **Limitation on Payment**

No ransom payment or compliance may be made unless and until the Board, after holding the required public hearing, formally approves such payment or compliance by resolution including the best-interest findings required under Ohio law.

5. **Emergency Meetings**

If exigent circumstances require immediate consideration, the Board may convene in an emergency meeting pursuant to Ohio law, provided that the requirements of ORC § 9.64 are satisfied to the fullest extent practicable.

6. **Severability**

If any portion of this resolution is found invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

7. **Effective Date**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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, 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 057, GIS

2157-38-020-503000, Contract Services.....\$6,000.00

Mr. Wehri 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:

WHEREAS, The Clerk gave notice to the Board this date of the Engineer's completed survey and estimate of the construction area for the Patricia Kreinbrink Tile Single Ditch #1000 project.
and

WHEREAS, The proposed project Commences: Commencing at an outlet tile on the north side to Township Road H approximately ¼ mile east of the intersection of County Road 5 and Township Road H in Section 4, Blanchard Township, Putnam County, Ohio, Thence north & west downstream along the line of a clay tile outlet thru section 4 where said tile drains through County Road 5 to an open ditch and there terminates.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 13th day of November, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the General Assembly Room of the Putnam County Court House, Ottawa, Ohio, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the final hearing on the proposed improvement.
and be it further

RESOLVED, It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
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Then and Now Payments

Sewer Dist #1...to Ohio Sanitary Service for emergency call jet vac line near J. Kahle residence for \$ 1,027.00.

Engineer.....to Ohio Fluid Products for cylinder rebuild for Truck #5 for \$ 983.14

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

Mr. Schlumbohm 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

Airport Operations.....Purchase order to Pickett Equipment for fuel pump repairs at Airport for \$ 735.80.

Office of Public Safety...Blanket purchase order for EMT training for \$ 6,000.00. Blanket purchase order for EMT training for \$ 13,499.34.

Job & Family....Travel requests for John Folk, Beth Coleson, Judy Solomon, Leanne Crouse to attend the CFIS conference in Columbus, OH on Oct 5-7, 2025 with expenses for lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 2,208.00. Travel requests for Ashlynn Wells, Barb Fortman to attend the Ohio Child Support Fall Training at Columbus Polaris on October 20-21, 2025 with expense for lodging, and meals totaling \$444.00. Travel request for Beth Coleson to attend the OJFSDA Fall New Director Orientation in Columbus, OH on October 27-28, 2025 with expenses for meals and other totaling \$585.00. Blanket Purchase order for misc agency purchases for \$ 10,000.00.

County General/IT....Blanket purchase order for IT contracts for \$ 10,000.00. Travel request for Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to attend the joint county meeting in Defiance county to discuss the proposed real estate tax changes on Friday Oct 10, 2025 no expenses listed.

Capital Improvements.....blanket Purchase order to run fiber from PCOPS building to O-G Complex for \$30,000.00.

CDBG.....Purchase order to Craft & Sons Home Improvement for Home Repair for Golden for \$ 19,650.00.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm 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

Mr. moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

Alaina Siefker Utility Billing Clerk met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker and asked what our next step is on the water meters for SD #1. When Kyle Stechschulte from the Village of Ottawa was in our office last week, he did say that the water meters will definitely be a requirement before they will take over our sewer districts. The commissioners said to reach out to Prosecutor Gary Lammers to get a meeting set up on their calendar to discuss our next step for this. One of the 2 residents that are left to install a meter has had some contact with the commissioners but the other one has not had any contact with our office or Gary's office. Alaina also asked the commissioners about the email from Crime Victims on wanting to do some building safety updates and they said to ask them to contact Maintenance Tim Schnipke for it. They don't require any more info than what the email said and they trust Tim to take care of the project with them. Alaina also informed them Jennifer Horstman with Pathways is coming in for her ADAMHS Board updates on Thursday and if they have any questions on any of the Putnam County Family and Children First Council emails on the FCFC Coordinator's (Beth Tobe) contract they could discuss that with Jennifer then. They said to have it added to the calendar as an item to be discussed in her meeting Thursday. Commissioner Schlumbohm also informed us that Curt Tobe will be taking over the landfill EPA items that Jeff Giesige was working on since Jeff will be leaving the county soon for another job. Alaina also said she sent Jeff's email on to Nolan Croy in Planning Commission since Jeff will need to be replaced on the planning commission's board and that Sarah from Soil & Water is willing to take Jeff's spot on the Solid Waste Board and resolutions will be done for that soon too.

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker attended the Elected Officials meeting in the lunch room hosted by the Engineer.

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

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker met with Recorder Sherri Britsch to review the quote for moving county records from Access. This quote expires on Nov 8, 2025. This quote has labor expense added. The records will be brought back here. They can be temporarily stored at the Third Street building. Sherri did get prices on a scanner but it would be pricey to buy one just for this. Sherri said she could use the preservation money that she is collecting toward this move. Sherri had requested a quote for new abstract books and has not received any response yet. The abstract books are still being added to with any new records. They are also kept in digital form. The head of the Records Commission, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners must be the signer on accepting the quote. The records will be moved when the bill is paid. The records could be inventoried by county staff once they are back here. Commissioner Schlumbohm signed the quote to accept and Sherri will let them know once she gets the invoice.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to inform the Commissioners that the window replacement at the Annex will start tomorrow. Leever Glass also needs a lift to use to replace the lintels. There was a roof leak at the Sheriff's office. One of the vendors set a ladder and there are a few holes where the ladder was placed. It is caulked shut until it can be repaired. Crime Victims wants to add more security to their building. The concrete for handicap parking at Health Dept. is poured and the grass has been seeded. The painting of the handicap parking at the event center has

been done. Tim will contact the state to view to confirm completion. The old stripes were covered with seal coating. Tim was at Third Street and said there is a lot of room in that building, if Health Dept. wants to move there is room. But not enough room to move both Health Dept and Home Care & Hospice into the same building.

The minutes from Thursday, October 2, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Mike Lenhart stopped in to let the Commissioners know he cannot go out and replace the pins for the landfill farm since the previous farmer removed them. He recommended that Bockrath & Assoc be asked to replace the pins.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

Joe Burkhart stopped in to give updates on server updates.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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