

Minutes Thursday, September 25, 2025

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve signing the Memorandum of Understanding between Rupp/Rosebrock a subcontractor to Helms Construction, who was the prime contractor for the construction of the Putnam County Event Center, and Putnam County Commissioners for removing and replacing insulation at the Event Center from August 18 through August 21, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, According to the Revised Code of Ohio, Section 955.14 if in any year there is not sufficient money in the dog and kennel fund, after paying the expense of the administration, the Board of County Commissioners may increase dog and kennel registration fees in the county. The amount of the fees must not exceed an amount that the board, in its discretion, estimates is needed to pay all expenses for the administration of the Dog Law. Such a resolution must be adopted not earlier than February 1 and not later than August 31 of any year and must apply to the registration period commencing on December 1 of the current year and ending on January 31 of the following year, unless the period is extended as authorized under the bill. Any increase in fees adopted must be in the ratios of \$2.00 for a dog registration fee and \$10.00 for a kennel registration fee.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the fees for dog licenses and kennel fees will be as follows:

Dog Licenses - \$16.00

Kennel Fees - \$80.00

This is no change in fees from 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

and be it further

RESOLVED, House Bill 59 was approved allowing dog owners to purchase a three year dog license at three times the cost of one year or a permanent dog license at a cost of ten (10) times the cost of one year. Kennel fees are not included in this.

3-Year Dog License - \$48.00

Permanent Dog License - \$160.00

Mr. Schlumbohm 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 NCI for replace & repair existing valve vault on Mohawk Dr for \$ 19,677.00

County General...to Putnam Co EMA for increased county share for \$ 32,389.07.

Mr. Schlumbohm 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

Airport Operations....Purchase order to Superior Petroleum Equip for annual inspection of fuel farm for \$ 1,359.65.

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

Purchase order Adjustments

Mr. moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm

Commissioner Brubaker led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm and Veteran Service Commission Members Matt Prenzlin, Stan Oren, Bernie Rau and Kyle Frias

Veteran Service Commission members Stan Oren, Bernie Rau, Matt Prenzlin and Kyle Frias met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss compensation. The current compensation is paid \$225.00 per meeting and training and they are requesting to be paid \$540.00 per month. The members go to the state trainings as well as the monthly organization meetings at the VFWs and Legions etc. The increase would not go into effect until they would start a new term. The County Commissioner set the Veteran Service Commission Board compensation and the Veteran Service Commission Board set the Veteran employee compensation. The changes to the property taxes were discussed and the public needs to be educated so everyone understands what the changes will mean for receiving services. The Commissioners will have to discuss the decision of compensation for the board. The Commissioners want to know how many meetings and trainings the service commission is attending. The community flags are now being done by the Continental Legion. Commissioner Schlumbohm asked about getting some information on his grandfather and they said he just needs to stop in though there is a fee for the information he is seeking. They are planning to dispense the food vouchers for the veterans for the holiday. The Veteran of the Year dinner was asked about. They are wondering if they are reaching new veterans or just the same ones coming back. The federal money provided to the veterans was discussed. There is some excess at the federal level. Things have gotten better over the past couple years. They do provide some meals to the Veterans and have gotten good turn out for those. Next year they are looking to do a school supplies drive for children of Veterans. They will work with the fair board to get more involved at the Fair. There has been an increase in benefits for the veterans over the past few/three years.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to update the Commissioners on the sewer dist. #1 pump station, Norwalk is there to day replacing the vault. Tim said the Commissioners may want to ask Veteran Service Commission about their security door. At the landfill there is an area near the

building that has visible erosion, the Federal EPA said must this be repaired. Tim suggested rip rap for that area. Another option would be to drain the pond dredge it out and to repair the spill way. A suggestion of selling some of the extra recycling bins on gov deals was presented.

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

The minutes from Tuesday September 23, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

The minutes from Thursday September 11, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Bob Benroth and Jeremy Maag came in to present expense information from the Vetern Service Commission that was request by the Commissioners based on their request for an increase in compensation. It was stated that their current compensation they do not earn PERS since they are paid per meeting if they are switched to salary payment, they would be eligible for PERS. They also only get paid if they attend the meeting if they do not attend, they do not get paid. If switched to salary how will the attendance be monitored. It is not known if they want PERS but the Auditor wanted the Commissioners to know it could be paid if they opt into it. The mileage reimbursement rates were discussed also. When the government initiated the reimbursements, it was not meant to cover the whole meal it was meant to reimburse a portion of the meal. Bob also stated that Matt does not submit 80 hours each pay he has submitted less hours the past few pays, his vacation accrual is adjusted based on his work hours. Also, if the less hours worked are kept, he would not be eligible for insurance. The Travel expenses for Veteran Service Commission board was submitted for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker and staff Ashley Siefker and Cindy Landwehr met with CCAO Director Cheryl Subler and Assistant Director John Leutz for a lunch meeting at Henry's Restaurant.

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

A public hearing was held by the Commissioners regarding the retire/rehiring of Joe Hohlbien as the Recycling Supervisor. No one voiced any opposition to the retirement and rehiring of Joe Hohlbien as the Recycling Supervisor.

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 Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

