

Minutes Thursday, November 13, 2025

Mr. Wehri 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 5076, Sewer District #1

5076-42-010-509000, Advance Out..... \$8,000.00

(Advance back to County General)

BE IT RESOLVED, that per the request of the Putnam County Commissioners for the purpose of the Sewer District No. 1 Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5076-42-010-509000, Advance Out:	1001-20-010-420000, Advance In	\$8,000.00
(Repay County General for partial Advance in Jul '25)		

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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 120, Office of Public Safety

5120-66-110-503000, Contract Services.....\$5,780.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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 Veterans Service Commission

From... 1001-35-150-504001, Honor Guard.to...1001-35-150-501100, VSO Salary.... \$2,000.00

From...1001-35-150-504000, Supplies....to...1001-35-150-501100, Salary... \$10,000.00

From...1001-35-150-503000, Transportation.....to...1001-35-150-501100, Salary...\$13,000.00

From...1001-35-150-501101, Salary Board Members...to...1001-35-150-502000, Medicare ...
\$200.00

From...1001-35-150-502200, Workers Comp...to...1001-35-150-506001, Other Expenses...
\$1,621.99

From...1001-35-150-502600, Travel/Training...to...1001-35-150-506001, Other
Expenses...\$2,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Fund 052, Clerk of Courts Title Administration

From...1052-31-090-502300, Title Admin Hospitalization...to...1052-41-090-510000, Transfer Out\$10,000.00

and also

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 052, Title Administration (1052-41-090-510000, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 001, County General (1001-21-010-421000, Transfer In).....\$10,000.00

and also

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 001, County General

1001-41-010-510000, Transfer Out.....\$10,000.00

and also

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....County General (1001-41-010-510000, Transfer Out).....to....1001-31-101-502300, Muni Clerk Courts Hospitalization.....\$10,000.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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 085, CDBG

2085-38-010-506200, TOO Grant \$10,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Fund 064, EZ Compensation

From.....8064-46-010-506050, Township Comp Payments.....to...8064-46-010-506010, School Comp Payments.....\$101.79

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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 Dog and Kennel

From...2005-34-220-503400, Veterinarian Srv....to....2005-34-220-502300 Dog Warden

Hospitalization.....\$1,500.00

From...2005-34-220-504200 gas & Oil...to 2005-34-220-502300 Dog Warden

Hospitalization.....\$500.00

From....2005-34-220-502100, Dog Warden Medicare... to...2005-34-220-502000, Dog Warden OPERS.... \$400.00

From...2005-34-220-504001, Dog Warden Supplies & Repairs...to...2005-34-220-501100, Dog Warden Compensation...\$2,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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 120, Office of Public Safety

5120-66-110-501102, Compensation.....\$42,000.00

5120-66-110-502000, OPERS.....\$5,000.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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 Office of Public Safety

From...5120-66-110-504100, Equipment...to.... 5120-66-110-502000 OPERS.....\$40,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners received a request from the Deputy Director of Putnam County Office of Public Safety to change the names of the appropriation lines for Fund 120, Office of Public Safety.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to change the appropriation line items as follows:

5120-65-110-502000, Kalida Dept OPERS..... to...EMS Dept OPERS

5120-65-110-502100, Kalida Dept Medicare....to....EMS Dept Medicare

5120-65-110-502300, Kalida Dept Hospitalization Water....to.....EMS Dept Hospitalization

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Then and Now Payments

Office of Public Safety...to T-Mobile for phones /modems for \$ 1,774.86

County General...AEP for Oct usage for Ag Complex for \$ 2,970.51, for O-G Road for \$ 1,750.71 for Old JFS for \$ 195.30, for Health Dept \$ 846.02,for Crime Victim Services \$ 179.45, for Courthouse \$3,249.33, for Maint. bldg. \$43.67.

Ditch Maintenance...to Maas Brothers Excavating for work on the WM Nusbaum Dt #625 for \$ 6,054.80.

E-911...to Intrado Life & Safety for text to 911 annual service fee for \$3,300.00

Engineer...to Schnipke Tire for tire for trailer #133 for \$207.00; to E & R Trailer Sales/Service Inc. for brakes for truck #11 and truck #12 for \$1,220.12.

EMS/EMA...to Treasurer of State c/o Dept of Transportation for 2026 Wheelchair Van for \$15,677.00.

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

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

IT.....Additional travel request for Tyler Schroeder and Abbot Carter to attend the Engage Conference in National Harbor, MD March 15-19, 2026 with expenses for airfare for \$589.92.

Common Pleas.....Travel request for Judge Keith Schierloh to attend the OCPJA Winter Conference in Dublin, OH Dec 3-5, 2025 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration, parking and other totaling \$1,158.23.

ProbateTravel request for Judge Michael Borer to attend the Ohio Assoc. of Juvenile Court Judges Winter meeting in Columbus, OH Dec 3-5, 2025 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and other totaling \$817.50.

EZ Compensation....Blanket purchase order for school EZ comp payments for \$1,451.79

Dog & Kennel....Blanket purchase order for 2025 Winter Conference for \$700.00.

Job & Family....Purchase order for D. Bardall Adoption Assistance for \$500.00.

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

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none 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 Wehri led the Pledge of Allegiance with Tyler Smith, Kim Rieman, Commissioner Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr

Health Dept. Kim Rieman and Tyler Smith with Mercy Health met with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker to discuss a rural health connect grant. Rural Health Planning grant was received by St. Rita's to provide rural health services to the area. St. Rita's was the only recipient in Ohio this is a planning grant. Focusing on planning in Putnam and Van Wert counties. Rural Health Connect was formed to represent this area with many county entities represented. To establish coalition and network to come up with a strategic plan for services for the county. This plan will be submitted to get funding for the ideas submitted. Mercy Health is managing the grant. Allen County has a similar coalition, Activate Allen County. Kim is familiar with Activate Allen County also. Putnam is in process of their health assessment and shared the information for this grant. If funding can be received to implement the planned services and make it sustainable. In county health rankings Allen County was very low, and Putnam was in the top 5. This program has brought Allen County up in the rankings. Some information was shared for desired outcomes and goal timelines. Housing, transportation and childcare are items on the list that are beyond what the health department can tackle alone. Anything that can highlight the county on the state level is good. The application scored very well compared to other applicants. The health dept is happy to have another tool to provide services for the community. Mercy Health has been a good partner with the health dept. NETOPIO, is a platform that provides public data with geographic identifiers of sociodemographic data. It helped to identify neighborhoods that needed more or better health services. Since Putnam is not as big hopefully, they can get the data for this area. The Commissioners were appreciative of them trying to improve our health services.

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

The minutes from Thursday, November 6, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Joe Burkhart stopped into give an update of the situation with loss of power at the courthouse due to a squirrel getting in a transformer and blowing a fuse. Partial power was restored after the generator started, most of the servers came back with a few exceptions. He is still assessing the operations to confirm everything is back online.

JFS Director John Folk and Anna Swanger met with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker to discuss JFS updates. Anna is the Public Assistance supervisor, now since the government is back to business they can continue services. Anna reviewed the programs SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and EBT cards show covered the allowable expenses. There are about 700 Putnam County families on SNAP using \$200,000-\$250,000 in food stamps. There is no limit on how much can be accrued on the EBT cards, but after 9 months of no activity the amount is decreased. Maximum allotment for a family of 4 is \$900. Most get a prorated amount based on income. This is supplemental not cover all expenses. There are exemptions to keep them qualified otherwise they fall off after three months. They must volunteer to work 20 hours to stay qualified. There is a food assistance training to get them training for employment. The current poverty level is not known. TANF or cash assistance can help families with children and is limited to 36 months in a lifetime. Job search resources are available as well as working in the Thrift Store. There has been a recent uptick in recipient for cash assistance. Grantee cash, when relatives get awarded the custody of a child, they get assistance based on the child's income. Medicaid -covers doctor's visits medical care, prescriptions etc. Medicaid eligibility is a wide range with a higher income level. There are versions of Medicaid that can provide more assistance. Waiver programs and in home care and nursing home care is provide through Medicaid. PRC- helps to become self-sufficient and provides rent and utility payment assistance. They are limited to how much can be provided per year. Short term emergency funding to help get them through a bad time and back on track. This can be used with funding for schooling as well. Since the government shut down the allotted amount has been adjusted. 65% was issued sporadically from the government. Fraud assistance for reports of fraud. They review program violations to prevent fraud. Most people when caught will admit to the fraud. They will have to pay back the benefits received from the fraud. They can make payments or their benefits will be adjusted to collect the fraudulent amounts back. There is training for personnel to prevent and detect the fraud prior to paying out benefits. The staff is doing a great job, and they are appreciative of the employment benefits they have received also. Putnam County's case load numbers were reviewed. Anna left the meeting.

John proceeded with the employment updates the positions are all filled now. They have a bulletin board in the office with links to assist people to find jobs. Staff wise they are in good shape. A Christmas party is being planned in December where a lunch will be provided for the employees. A snack bar was created that has funds through employee contribution to provide gift cards and prizes for employees. The sunshine committee has developed other team building events for the employees. A program update was done the individual totals were compared for each month to see the trends. The care portal program and staff are going out to connect with churches to establish a needs program to find items that are needed for care. If someone needs a bed and someone has an extra bed to get items to where people need them. It will be anonymous. Connect the families to help with placement for children in custody to get them a place they are comfortable. Genealogical searches to find relatives to keep children with their relatives in the family. John does have some medical issues in his family that he is taking time

off to attend to. John is getting to his 60-day notice time in his contract, he is putting together information to talk about with the commissioners. The 60-day mark is December 10. The Commissioners have not had any complaints. John asked about any adjustment of hours for Thanksgiving. The county is closed on Thanksgiving but the courthouse is open normal hours on Friday.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

EMA/EMS Director Brian Hilvers met with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker to discuss employee compensation.

Mr. Brubaker moved to go into executive session with Brian Hilvers and Commissioner Wehri to discuss employee compensation.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Wehri moved to come out of executive session.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

No decisions were made.

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker went to the Courthouse Assembly Room to attend the final ditch hearing for Patricia Kreinbrink Tile #1000.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Minutes Wednesday November 12, 2025

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker met with Steve Schroeder and Brent Stechschulte of Touchstone, Tim Schnipke, Aaron Vorst, Joe Burkhart, Brian Hilvers and Kyle Hashbarger to review the bids on the EMS building addition. Commissioner Schlumbohm mentioned extra the dirt from this project going to another project that Fenson is working on for the township. Commissioner Schlumbohm will try to coordinate with Hohenbrink and Fenson to see if it is possible. Bids were reviewed. Right now, it's under budget with contingencies with three alternates. 39 or 40 bids were turned in for around 40 different categories. Overhead doors, additional door on east side of bay, insulated roof panels, no rooftop equipment screens

(\$39K increase that can be done at a later date). 731DD budget all in was \$5,851,491 and bids are under this number that includes (3% contingencies) and bid day savings. Hohenbrink is ready to go and pending approval we will move ahead immediately and floated the mention of the date of 11/17/25. Goal is to have foundations done by the time hard winter hits. The building kit will likely show up around April (up to 20 weeks from order). If the go ahead is given then Steve will get a contract going to do that order. We are only paying Touchstone and contractors are in agreements with them and subs (around 17). Category breakout was discussed. Touchstone was very happy with the bidding turnout and prices and think a good team will be working on the building. Documentation is being submitted per contract. When they are fully executed then copies will be shared. Reinforcing some pilers will be done since the snow we recently had caused that need. Tuttle will be doing that and getting a timeframe to Brian. Weekly progress meetings will likely to happen and monthly will be an owner meeting. A meeting will be set for Friday to get approvals so materials can be ordered and things can get scheduled. The contingencies in the budget must also be approved accordingly. A ground breaking ceremony was asked about. A site can be prepped for a ceremony by Hohenbrink. A press release will go out as well. Final prints are available. Joe Ellerbrock still has to finish the drawings these changes will not be change orders. Joe Burkhardt would like to see a final copy to confirm outlets and door controls are correct. Any changes and concerns need to have everyone included in the conversations and in the loop. The site work that has been completed by the county is good. All bids submitted are not shared but if someone wants to see them, they can be provided. The demolition costs for the house will be contingent on the backfill needed for the basement. Any retainage to be escrowed must be agreed upon at the beginning of the project. Those rules are changing based on the percentage of the project. The traffic issues during construction were discussed, the road will not be closed during construction but the less the traffic the better during construction.

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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