

Minutes Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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 Sewer District No. 1

From.....5076-67-010-506000, Other Expense...to 5076-66-010-503300, Repairs...\$ 2,125.00

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 Veteran Service Commission

From ..1001-35-150-501101, VSC Compensation.to...1001-35-150-504000, Equipment\$ 1,000.00

From...1001-35-150-501100,VSO Compensation....to...1001-35-150-504000, Equipment...\$5,000.00

From...1001-35-150-502600, Travel/Training.....to..1001-35-150-504000,Equipment\$ 1,500.00

From..1001-35-150-506001, Other Expenses..to..1001-35-150-504000, Equipment...\$ 1,000.00

From..1001-35-150-506002, Outreach...to...1001-35-150-504000, Equipment...\$18,000.00

From..1001-35-150-506000, Relief...to...1001-35-150-504000, Equipment...\$2,000.00

Mr. Wehri 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:

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 Probation Supervision

From....2117-31-105-504000 , Supplies,to...2117-31-102-503000, Contract Services...
\$1,084.00

From...2117-31-102-504100, Equipment.....to...2117-31-102-503000, Contract
Services,...\$1,000.00

From...2117-31-102-506000, Miscellaneous....to...2117-31-105-503000, Contract Services
...\$1,000.00

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:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2023, approved a resolution for bridge closures SFN 6931928 is also known as PUT-TR 18-A-0.346 (located 0.16 miles South of TR B-13 in Palmer Township) and SFN 6932509 is also known as PUT-TR M-6-0.037 (located 0.03 miles East of TR 7-L in Riley Township); and

WHEREAS, The SFN 6931928 is also known as PUT-TR 18-A-0.346 (located 0.16 miles South of TR B-13 in Palmer Township) will remain closed; and

WHEREAS, due to a request from area residents and the Riley Township Trustees the Board of Commissioners had it inspected by DLZ to verify the integrity of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the bridge has caused inconvenience to residents. and

WHEREAS, the SFN 6932509 is also known as PUT-TR M-6-0.037 (located 0.03 miles East of TR 7-L in Riley Township) was found to be structurally sound by DLZ for continued public use up to 5 tons.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby rescind the closure of SFN 6932509 is also known as PUT-TR M-6-0.037 (located 0.03 miles East of TR 7-L in Riley Township);

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners will instruct the Putnam County Engineer to remove the barriers and post the proper bridge limit signage to reopen this bridge to meet the compliance and submit the documentation required by DLZ and Ohio Department of Transportation.

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:

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 County General

Fund 001,

From... 1001-30-010-503301, Fairgrounds Maintenance.....to 1001-30-010-505100, Motor Vehicles....\$ 900.00

From....1001-31-010-503420, Attorney Fees.....to 1001-30-013-501100, Janitor Compensation...\$ 2,512.92

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:

Minus appropriation:

Fund 2159, VAWA Grant

2159-32-050-503000, Services.....\$ 5,000.00

Minus appropriation:

4163, SD #1 Water & Wastewater

4163-40-010-505000, Construction.....\$ 10,198.23

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
Comm. Jrl. 122, Page 49

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has received a request from Brian Siefker, president of the Veterans Service Commission, to increase the compensation of members of the Veterans Services Commission.

and

WHEREAS, It has been noted that the board members have not received an increase in compensation for seven years and that the training requirements and mandatory meeting requirements set by the State of Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs have increased in that time. Board members currently receive \$225.00 per

regular board member and \$250.00 per meeting for the secretary of the Board.

and

WHEREAS, It has been recommended that the board members be compensated an additional \$100.00 per meeting which would be \$325.00 per regular board member and \$350.00 per meeting for the secretary.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the increase in compensation whereby regular board members would be compensated \$325.00 per meeting and the secretary would be compensated \$350.00 per meeting with no mileage reimbursement for regular meetings.

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:

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.....\$ 25,000.00

(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	\$ 25,000.00
(Repay County General for partial Advance in Jul '25)		

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm 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 minus appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Minus appropriations:

Fund 2157, GIS

2157-38-020-504100, Equipment.....\$1,000.00
2157-38-020-501100, GIS Employee Compensation.....\$1,700.00
2157-38-020-503000, Contract Services.....\$ 660.00
2157-38-020-502000, GIS OPERS.....\$1,100.00
2157-38-020-502600, GIS Travel.....\$ 1,329.26
2157-38-020-502300, GIS Hospitalization.....\$ 260.95

Minus appropriations:

Fund 8015, Soil Conservation

8015-46-350-504100, Equipment.....\$ 35,000.00

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:

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 001, Municipal Court

1001-31-101-501000, Muni Crt Clerk Salary ...\$ 22.05

Fund 001, Coroner

1001-32-140-501000, Coroner Salary.....\$ 266.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes 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 minus appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Minus appropriations:

Fund 2075, Computerization Clerk of Courts

2075-31-090-506000, Miscellaneous.....\$ 36,000.00

Minus appropriations:

Fund 2041, T-CAP Grant

2041-38-060-506000, General Expenses.....\$ 67,005.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
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Mr. Wehri moved to approve signing the Ohio Department of Children and Youth Putnam County Job and Family Services 2025-2027 Memorandum of Understanding to Address Child Abuse and Neglect.

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:

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 Airport.....

From...1001-38-180-504000, Airport Supplies.....to...1001-38-180-503300, Contract Repairs...\$ 800.00

From...1001-38-180-501100, Employee Comp...to....1001-38-180-503300, Contract Repairs...\$ 554.00

From...1001-38-180-504100, Airport Equipment.....to 1001-38-180-503300, Contract Repairs.....\$90.00

From...1001-38-180-503000, Contract Services...to...1001-38-180-503300, Contract Repairs ...\$ 1,685.00

Mr. Schlumbohm 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:

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.

Engineer...

Fund 001, Tax Map

From..... 1001-38-160-502300, Tax Map, Hospitalization.....to.... 1001-38-160-502100, Tax Map Medicare.....\$100.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

County General.....to Lima Security for fire alarm monitoring at Ag Complex Dec-Feb for \$ 131.85

Office of Public Safety...to Putnam Co Engineer for Nov fuel for \$ 3,959.46

Probate/Juvenile....to Court Diagnostic/Treatment Ctr for medical eval J Eagleson for \$ 1,227.00.

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

Sewer Dist #1.....Purchase order to Whel-Tech Inc for transducer-sensor and cable for pump station for \$ 2,319.44.

County General.....Purchase order to Kalida Truck to mount snow plow to new truck for \$2,596.10. Purchase order to Fishel Albrecht & Riepenhoff for labor matters for EMS for \$472.50.

Office of Public Safety....Purchase order to Penn Care Public Safety for 2026 Braun Chief Ambulance for \$ 140,698.00.

Board of Elections.....Purchase order to Cherryroad Media for job posting ad for \$ 217.00. Purchase order to USPS for PO Box fees for\$ 198.00. Purchase order to Election System & Software for Balotar set up May & Nov 2026 elections for \$ 4,100.00.

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...Additional needed to Statewide Ford for 2 new sheriff cruisers for \$ 1,110.00

...Additional needed for Estle Chevrolet for 2025 Chevy Maintenance truck for \$ 900.00

...Additional needed for Village Hardware for December Ag Complex cleaning supplies for \$ 260.00

Ditch Maintenance....additional needed for Kahle Excavating for work on the Halbgewoks Dt of \$ 1,812.36 and Stechschulte Dt for \$ 840.20.

County Airport...additional needed for Kev's Repair for van battery \$ 167.00, Bell Auto for repairs for \$ 72.98 for H.G. Violet for mower repairs for \$ 2,319.97, Ag Pro for tractor repairs for \$ 583.39

Additional needed to Brightspeed for 2025 usage for\$ 296.85

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Commissioners Wehri, Brubaker and Schlumbohm held a discussion on a space for rent at the Ag Complex with Ashley Siefker. Outside space will be provided to Lifewise Academy for a trailer for three months (January to March 2026) at the rate of \$50 per month as a temporary solution until the permanent space is ready.

Joe Laudick met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Brubaker and Wehri to discuss Sewer District #1. Joe wanted to share some history on the sewer district. Joe has lived in Sewer District #1 since the early 1980s. The village of Ottawa had already installed the lift station for Mohawk Drive. A verbal agreement with the village stated that the lift station was given the sewer district as long as Mohawk drive can use it. Camillus Stechschulte put in the housing division. Phil Depalma, a lawyer who lived on Ottawa Drive and represented the sewer district residents, his house mysteriously burned down. Joe had to change the sewer hook ups for his house under the direction of Dewey Williams. A meeting to release Mohawk Drive to the Village

was held but was denied. Then the Sager addition was added and sewer district #1 was still paying for the services. Mr. Laudick moved house across the road and was still within the sewer district. Since Mr. Laudick's neighbor was a relative of the Village administrator they were not included in the village. Another lawsuit was filed and Joe stayed out of it. The services for these new subdivisions were considered in Ottawa not in the sewer district #1. The village has recently agreed to help with repair costs for the pump stations. Why if you live within the Village of Ottawa are you getting charged from both the village and the sewer district. All the residences pay the same rate whether they have 1-2 people or 5-6 people in a home. Ottawa said the sewer district can use the pump stations. Joe was told by the Village how to hook his house up, but when a new subdivision (Sager) was put in the village could not tell them how to put things in. The new village administration has the power to make things right now. There is the issue of residents paying income tax but they are paying for the sewer usage. Joe brought up the expense of putting in a sidewalk. The county has a lot of information on the sewer district but they are not sure it is complete information from the village. Since the village limit has moved have the sewer rates been adjusted. Since Dewey and Jack Williams are gone from the village, hopefully all of their knowledge has been recorded or written down. Joe found that his neighbor had a separate well for water and did not have to destroy it per the village. The Commissioners thanked Joe for sharing this information. Joe is on the CIC Board and said Amy Sealts has done a good job of getting the Phillips building taken cleaned up. Brett Deitering got the job. The CIC got permission to enter the building and make repairs. A man from Pandora filed a lien on the Phillips building and Mr. Lewis who owns the building cannot be contacted and does not respond. A section of the building has been remediated. There have been many health hazards associated with this building for the past 23 years. Amy has done this all by herself to get this building cleaned up. Joe explained some history with the Commissioners and the CIC. The rift caused KMI to be built in Kalida rather than Ottawa. The sewer line on south side of Fourth St. behind the houses between Phillips building is getting replaced due to the work from Amy also. Joe also talked about the park board, Ottawa parks are no longer ADA compliant due to adding boarders around the play equipment creating a step to eliminate wheelchair access. There are grants available for improvements and other villages have been awarded those grants. Joe understands why people will up and move out of the area after making all of their money in this area. They are tired of it.

Commissioner Wehri led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk.

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

Board of D/D Mike Boaz met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss a Board Member update. Seth Johnson would like to help people he has served as President of People's First and also the Treasurer, so has board experience. His favorite activity on Peoples First was the parade. He works at Walmart for a year now. The board meeting will be the second Tuesday of each month. He is usually more talkative. Steven Courtney has represented People First also. He was state representative. He helped to restructure the group and also served as Treasurer. He has worked with Mr. Boaz to help get the group where it is today and bring in more people to be involved. He is willing to share his experience to connect the groups. Mr. Courtney works in Findlay making signs. He is hoping to improve his health and be able to participate in the board meetings. An accomplishment of Steven on the board is to include both

groups and improve the connections with the county board, Commissioner and those served by the board and see it flourish. Seth would like to help also with those connections. There is one position open that both of these gentlemen have applied for. The Commissioners thanked both of the candidates for their interest in serving on the board.

Mr. Boaz presented a water commitment from Ottawa. The Village of Ottawa manages the line now. Since the Commissioners are the owners of Brookhill they can be the signer. Mr. Boaz also shared that the deficit spending will not be as bad since he received some money back from the state.

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

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker viewed the VIP financial system with Cindy Landwehr. A tutorial was given to help navigate the system and view financial reports and data.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to give maintenance updates. He reported on the condition of the Ag Complex roof since the first section was replaced to now.

Brian Hilvers stopped in to present the Basic Disaster Recovery Plan for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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