

Minutes Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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 Treasurer...

From.... 1001-30-030-502000, Treasurer OPERS....to...1001-30-030-502300, Treasurer Hospitalization.....\$1,500.00

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:

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.

Fund 001

For Board of Elections...

From...1001-30-190-501102, Judges & Clerk Salary...to...1001-30-190-502300, Hospitalization...\$6,000.00

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:

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 006, Job & Family Services

2006-35-260-502100, Business Admin Medicare	\$1,700.00
2006-35-261-502100, Income Maint. Medicare	\$1,920.00
2006-35-262-502100, Social Services Medicare	\$2,300.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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Fund 015, Soil Conservation

8015-46-350-502100, Medicare.....\$500.00

8015-46-350-502000, OPERS.....\$5,000.00

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:

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 100, E-911

2100-32-240-501100, Union Employee Compensation..... \$17,000.00

2100-32-240-501103, Holiday/Comp Time..... \$2,000.00

2100-32-240-501104, Coordinators Compensation \$1,000.00

2100-32-240-502100, Medicare..... \$500.00

Mr. Wehri 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:

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 039, Workforce Investment Act (WIOA) (2039-41-390-510000, Transfer Out)

To.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services Public Assistance (2006-21-260-421000, Transfer In)

In the amount of \$711.30

For the Ohio Means Jobs Center expenses for July-Sept 2025 Quarter
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 are aware that the flow of traffic in the court house will be at a minimum on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 2025.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby close the Court House at Noon on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 2025.

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Putnam County Court House will have regular hours on New Years Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

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

For Airport.....

From...1001-38-180-504100, Airport Equipment.....to 1001-38-180-503300, Contract Repairs.....\$ 250.00

Mr. Wehri 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, The State of Ohio makes available funds to assist public transportation systems in Ohio.

and **WHEREAS**, It is the intent of the Putnam County Airport Authority to apply to the Department of Transportation Division of Aviation for improvement grant funds in order to complete the Taxilane Construction Phase 2/2 project at the Putnam County Airport.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the president of the Putnam County Airport Authority to authorize and direct to file an application and execute contracts with the Ohio Department of Transportation Division of Aviation on behalf of the Putnam County Airport Authority for improvements at the Putnam County Airport.

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree that the Putnam County Airport has sufficient funds available for the portion which will not be paid by Department of Transportation, and the required local funding has been appropriated.

and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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 Putnam County Engineer advertised for said bids for the Paving Putnam County Road B and received said bids on the 20th day of November, 2025 at which time the bids were opened, publicly read, and tabled for further study.

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Engineer, Mike Lenhart sent a letter recommending that the contract for the Paving Putnam County Road B project be awarded to Ward Construction Co. based on their total price bid read and unit price bids submitted at the bid opening.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that after review of bids received by the Putnam County Engineer, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the contract for the Paving Putnam County Road B project, to Ward Construction Co., based on their total price bid read and unit price bids submitted at the bid opening on November 20, 2025.

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, 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:

For Fund 1052

Clerk of Courts

1052-31-090-502100, Medicare\$263.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Then and Now Payments

Mental Health...to Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce for Chamber Membership Dues 2026 for \$150.00; to Ohio Sanitary Services for Plumbing Services for \$14,330.00.

CDBG....to Kleinfelder Inc for Leipsic FLEX 24 soft costs for \$ 3,153.90.

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

Board of Elections BOE.....Purchase order to Lima Security for Server Room Access System for \$2,416.00. Purchase order to Lima Security for security system replacement battery and labor for \$59.50.

EMS/EMA.....Purchase order to Zoll Medical Corporation for Preven Maint til 11-30-2026 for \$5,780.00.

Job and Family.....Purchase order to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish for gift, gas, food cards for Christmas Fund for \$10,000.00. Purchase order to OJFSDA for 2026 Association Dues Class 1 membership for \$7,608.93.

Sheriff....Travel request for Cole Bowers to attend the Photography for Investigators course in London, OH on Jan 26, 2026 with expenses for registration, meals, and other totaling \$ 289.00.

County Airport....Purchase order to Kalida Truck Equipment for \$250.00

Mr. Wehri 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 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

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For Engineer-County

1001-30-200-501100, Planning Commission Compensation.....\$1,185.60

1001-30-200-502000, Planning Commission -OPERS.....\$ 78.46

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:

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Fund 103, Community Corrections, PSI Writing Grant

2151-31-060-501100, Compensation.....\$ 2,300.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker, Sheriff Siefker Officer Mark Brecht and Kelly Iliff.

Sheriff Siefker, Mark Brecht, and Kelly Iliff met with Commissioners Wehri Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss the purchasing of new sheriff vehicles. Officers Brecht and Iliff are newly promoted. The department is looking to purchase a Chevy Tahoe with drone package. This

would include a big screen tv with the drone all inside the vehicle so the drone footage can be viewed on site. There have been an increase of calls needing the drone for search and rescue. Officer Brecht's sons are licensed drone operators for the county along with Brandon Barlage. There are increased options for licensing for a drone also. A quote for the Tahoe with the drone package was presented. The TV would have to be added. The Sheriffs office would like to purchase two Ford Explorers along with the Tahoe with the drone packed for the 2026 year. \$200,000 has been budgeted for sheriff vehicles for 2026. The Tahoe would not be a road patrol vehicle so it would not have high miles. The TV can be purchased separately to save money. The drone package in the Tahoe would have storage compartments for the drone. It would have the electrical equipment also needed for the drone. The Commissioners asked about a need for another drone. Yes, another drone would be needed as well. Adding a new drone with the vehicle could be purchased as well. The Commissioners asked for the Sheriff's vehicle list to see what is in inventory. The cars with newer equipment will be on the road and the ones with older equipment will be rotated out. There is a forfeiture vehicle that is used also and there were many vehicles purchased with covid funds. Five-year plans were request by the Commissioners on the HVAC on the jail and other controls in the jail and infrastructure items so we can be proactive rather than reactional on replacing and upgrading. The same way with the vehicles a plan for replacements based on wear and tear on the cars. Other equipment has been upgraded like the plates and vest for the SRT team.

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

The minutes from Thursday November 20, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Tim Schnipke met with Cheyanne Eagleson for a job interview for the custodial position.

Tim Schnipke presented a quote for a new maintenance truck. A Ford F350 is cheaper than a Chevy truck the same size. This would be to replace Nate's truck. The plow on the diesel truck would go on Nate's truck. This is just a proposal.

Ottawa Township Trustees Don Croy, Steve & Jim Leopold & the future trustee, Jeff Heringhaus met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss Sewer District #1. Don Croy said he is getting lots of messages from Kyle Stechschulte from the Village on getting the agreement done. Don said we need to let the residents know about this. He wants the residents to know about this before they go forward with the agreement. Don wants to know if the residents could be informed and wants to know whose responsibility it should be to inform them. Don said he feels that the public should meet with all three entities to be represented and he put a letter together. Jim asked if everything is ready to be turned over. Jeff asked about possibly doing it by phases with the voting so vote will count more. Commissioner Schlumbohm said maybe we can look at down the road billing by usage by the meters we had them put in. He mentioned that maybe Ottawa would work with us by reading the meters and get us the info for the billing. Don will get a copy of the letter to us to review and we will print off labels for them.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

Tim Merschman stopped in to talk with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker about Chelation Therapy which removes heavy metals from your system. Dr. Biery introduced this therapy to Mr. Merschman. Mr. Merschman goes to a doctor in Toledo to receive this treatment. Some information was shared with the Commissioners to explain the benefits of the Chelation Therapy. Mr. Merschman has been using Chelation Therapy for 13 years and he has minimal health expenses. He wants to let others know about this treatment to help them save on their medical expenses as well. Mr. Merschman explained his family's history of migrating from Russia through China.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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