

Minutes Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the lease agreement between Putnam County Commissioners and Findlay Tall Timbers Distribution Center , LLC DBA Ohio Logistics for rental space in the Ag Complex starting January 1, 2026 for one year, at a rate of \$.17 per square foot.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes
Comm. Jrl. 122, Page 64-64C

Mr. Wehri moved to approve signing the letter from Ottawa to Outside Water Customer for outside charges of \$40 on operations & maintenance on behalf of Brookhill Center & Industries.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Putnam County's Elected officials/department heads submitted estimates of their financial requirements for the next fiscal year.

and

WHEREAS, According to Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code the county commissioners are required to prepare a budget for the next fiscal year.

and

WHEREAS, A public hearing on the prepared budget for the next fiscal year was held on July 1, 2025.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the actual budget of Fund 001, County General for 2026 operations of \$14,585,614.61.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker absent 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 5076, Sewer District #1

5076-66-010-503300, Contract Repairs.....	\$ 1.13
5076-66-010-503500, Utilities.....	\$ 1,800.00
5076-67-010-506000, Other Expense.....	\$ 16,647.66
5076-65-010-501100, SD #1 Compensation.....	\$ 1,600.00
5076-65-010-502000. SD #1 OPERS.....	\$ 145.00
5076-65-010-502100 SD #1 Medicare.....	\$ 18.00
5076-65-010-502200, SD #1 Workes Comp.....	\$ 7.96
5076-68-010-504000, Supplies.....	\$ 1,442.00

Minus appropriation:

Fund 2055, Indigent Guardianship

2055-31-080-503000, Services.....	\$ 1,715.00
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Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker absent 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, 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 2121, Sheriff/Jail Commissary

2121-32-130-504000, Commissary Expenses.....	\$ 35,663.40
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Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

From....2051-30-030-501100, Treasurer Emp Compensation.....to...2051-30-030-502100,Treasurer Medicare.....\$ 110.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker absent 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, 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 2084, HOME Fund

2084-38-010-506250, Private Rehab.....\$96,163.00

Minus appropriation:

Fund 2085, CDBG

2085-38-010-506208. CDBG, Admin.....\$ 21,617.00

2085-38-010-506204, CDBG Fair Housing\$1,950.32

2085-38-010-506240, CDBG Home Repair.....\$141,257.00

Minus

Fund 2164, CDBG Alloc Grant

2164-54-010-506202, CDBG Alloc Admin Grant 2.....\$14,864.00

2164-54-010-506204, CDBG Alloc Proj 1 Grant 1.....\$ 117,658.75

Minus

Fund 4133, ODOD Demo Grant

4133-40-010-503000, Demolition Costs.....\$85,405.83

4133-40-010-503002, Pre-Demo Costs.....\$23,554.66

4133-40-010-503001, Post Demo Costs.....\$36,305.00

Minus

Fund 8064, EZ Compensation

8064-46-010-503003, Comm Comp Payment.....\$ 1,970.65

8064-46-010-506050, Township Payment.....\$ 7,866.76

8064-46-010-506000, Village Comp Payment.....\$ 1,010.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker absent 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 County General

Fund 001,

From... 1001-30-010-504000, Commr Supplies....to 1001-30-010-502100, Commr OPERS....\$ 1,523.47

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Wehri moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Enhancements (OCE), provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County plans to identify its affordable housing needs through OCE's required planning process of consulting with local housing service providers in Putnam County, and evaluating local distress criteria; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to participate in the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) Program, housing rehabilitation and repairs to low and moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County intends to partner with the Allen County and the City of Delphos in order to maximize grant funds and improve the potential to be funded; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County has the authority to apply for and administer CHIP program funds on behalf of the County and City partners; and

WHEREAS, appropriate Public Hearings will be held to receive public input for the application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County completed procurement requirements consistent with Department of Development, OCE's Program Policy Notice 21-03 and the Putnam County processes procure Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) to act in connection with the application and to provide assistance in program design, administration and implementation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the President of the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County is hereby authorized to submit an application via Sales Force for funding to the Ohio

Development Services Agency, Office of Community Enhancements, for up to \$1,100,000 in PY25 CHIP program funds.

SECTION 2. That the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County hereby selects and authorizes GLCAP to prepare said application on behalf of the Putnam County Commissioners and procures and designates GLCAP to administer and implement the CHIP program, should it be funded.

SECTION 3. That the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County hereby understands and agrees that participation in the CHIP program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 4. That the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County understand and accepts the responsibility and oversight of the entire grant.

Be it resolved, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

County General...to Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff for EMS labor matters for \$ 472.50

Board of Elections...to USPS for PO box rental for 2026 for \$ 198.00

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

Engineer....to Custar Stone Co for stone for \$ 1,382.91

Clerk of Courts.....to NW Ohio Court Mediation Service for MC Med svc 1qtr 2026 for \$ 2,500.00

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

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes
Exceptions: Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker Mr. Schlumbohm none
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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Job & Family....Blanket Purchase order for ESAA Preservation & Reunification for \$ 1,000.00.

County General....Purchase order to Crime Victim Services for annual contribution of \$ 6,500.00

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Purchase order Adjustments

County Airport....add'l needed Kev's Repair for van battery for \$ 14.09

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Bill Rieman met with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm to discuss the Putnam County Historical Society Museum's capital grant. The grant was awarded for \$250,000. The museum wanted to buy more property to expand the museum but the seller changed their mind. The Historical Society is working with Troy Recker from Bockrath & Assoc. on the grant application. ODNR is administering the grant and has requested additional information of a government sponsor. Since it is a county museum is it thought the county should be the sponsor. It is possible in the future if the society would no longer be active the museum would be turned over to the county. A payee account will have to be set up with Ohio Pays to receive the grant funds. This is a reimbursement grant also so the money must be fronted first. The Historical society is prepared to go to a bank to get financing. Bill submitted some forms that must be completed by the government sponsor. The Commissioners will have Ashley Siefker the County Grant Coordinator look over the forms as well. Plans for a new museum addition were shared. There are more items available for display at the museum that are being stored in the old Ottoville school. The Historical society is hoping that the Commissioners are willing to be their sponsor. The Commissioners are willing to be the sponsor. The form needs to be returned in the next few weeks. The next project at the museum will be updating the restrooms which have not been changed since the 70's when they were put in.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Wehri attended the Investment Meeting with Treasurer Tracy Warnecke.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to talk with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm about Deb Mansfield coming in to train the new hire for a few weeks after Deb's retirement. The pay rate was discussed.

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

The Putnam County Sentinel's KC Allen called to talk to the commissioners. He attended the Ottawa Village Council meeting last night. He said they had a utility discussion and the mayor told them if they have any water or sewer services they will have to annex. KC played some of his recordings of the meeting for the commissioners to hear. He said the village mentioned that the longer this goes on, the more regulations are coming and it will be more expensive. John told him that the waterlines were turned over to the village in 2019 so the county does not own any waterlines as of then. For sewer to have an operator of record, the County would have to hire or sub-contract someone. John said that they want to do this process the right way so it is most beneficial for the residents that are in the sewer districts. It was mentioned that some of the residents don't want to pay the Ottawa 1% Income tax. For the record, the county in NO way, shape or form has the county ever offered the township trustees any money or anything. In the recording, Mike Siefker mentioned that a trustee told him that the commissioners were offering money to the trustees so that the trustees don't sue the county. Siefker said it was one of the outgoing trustees that told him that. The commissioners said if a resident annexes, the township will lose some money so the village is offering an aggregate sum of money for the tax revenue that they will lose to go to the township. It is a normal process for municipalities to transfer money to a township when they lose money and lots of municipalities do that. The commissioners are wondering if there was just a misunderstanding in the discussion between that trustee and Siefker and they were referencing that possibly. The commissioners also told KC that any questions involving the village he will want to reach out to verify their information with them too.

Ryan Moran and Jeremy Gerding met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Wehri to hold a bid opening for the Kreinbrink Dt #1000. The bids were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid bond</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Liebrecht Farm Drain	10% check	\$ 73,359.00
ADJ Excavating	included	\$ 65,080.30
Sandridge Excavating	included	\$ 70,792.65
WD Excavating	included	\$ 87,213.00
Gerding Ditching	included	\$ 69,799.35

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to table the bids for further review.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker absent Schlumbohm yes

The minutes from Thursday, December 18, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Wehri yes Brubaker absent Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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