

Minutes Tuesday February 17, 2026

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the flow of traffic in the court house will be at a minimum on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, and to allow employees to attend services if they so desire.

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby close the Putnam County Court House at noon on Friday, April 3, 2026.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm absent Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
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Mr. Brubaker moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, 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 (2039-41-390-510000, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (2006-21-260-421000, Transfer In).....\$ 711.30

(Oct-Dec 2025)

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm absent Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board has received requests from the various departments of Job and Family Services for approval of travel expenses for the month of February 2026.

Anna Swanger	Feb 22-25	Change Processing Training- Lima, OH
Jen Helmke	Feb 22-25	Change Processing Training- Lima, OH
Jill Vaughn	Feb 22-25	Change Processing Training- Lima, OH

now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, hereby approve payment of the expenses per the attached list in accordance with Section 325.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorizes the Auditor to issue warrants per attached list upon receipt of invoices and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue any advanced warrants as necessary.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm absent Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker 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, 2026, 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 113, PutCo Water/Sewer

5113-66-010-503000, Sewer Usage-Pohl Rd.....\$3,500.00

Fund 1001, Planning Commission

1001-30-200-506001, Other Exp Planning Commission....\$530.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

County General...to Village Hardware for miter saw & stand for \$ 609.96

...to Glandorf Lumber for construction at Health Dept for \$ 17.99

Office of Public Safety.....to Okuley's Pharmacy for oxygen for \$ 581.50

...to Phantasm Design for uniforms B Fry for \$ 177.95

Probate/Juvenile... to Column Software for publication S Vealey for \$ 56.00

...to Column Software to publication for S. Miller for \$ 55.99

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm absent Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none
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Purchase orders & Travel Requests

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.... Purchase order to Lakeside Propane for propane for recycling for \$ 2,000.00, Purchase order to Putnam County Engineer for Recycling Fuel for \$ 1,000.00, Blanket purchase order for supplies for \$ 3,500.00 Blanket purchase order for Repairs for \$5,000.00, Blanket purchase order for other expenses for \$ 5,000.00.

Dog & Kennel... Purchase order to Put Co Ag Society for 2025 electric/water/sewer & propane for dog shelter for \$ 980.83.

Job & Family Services.... Purchase order to Adriel School for foster care maintenance for Z & E Howell for \$ 55,000.00

O-G Road Complex..... Purchase order to Village of Glandorf for monthly water usage for \$ 580.00

PutCoWater/ Sewer... Purchase order to Ottawa Water Works for Pohl Rd sewer usage for \$ 24,000.00

Capital Improvement... Purchase order to Buckeye Custom Fab for metal cover for Annex building for \$ 750.00.

Planning Commission.... Blanket Purchase order for reimbursement of renewal fees for \$ 530.00.

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

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm absent Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none

Purchase order Adjustments

Mr. moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior to the meeting by Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker, Joe Burkhardt and Cindy Landwehr.

IT Supervisor Joe Burkhardt met with Commissioners Brubaker & Wehri to discuss courts software. Joe presented information from new vendors. Funding would need to be reviewed for a new software purchase. JAVS is the recommended software over VIS by Joe. The computers would also need to be upgraded which would add to the cost. A total cost of \$220,000 should cover all the costs. The judges will be consulted also. The current software is working but is at end of life and can no longer be upgraded. The arraignment equipment at the jail is over 10 years old. Probate has upgraded their computers and received grant funding to help pay for their upgrade.

The Commissioners asked about an IT opinion on the request for security cameras at the parking areas at the O-G Road Complex. Joe said it can be done and is not sure it is big problem, but more cameras can be added.

Tracy Warnecke stopped in to ask one of the Commissioners to sign checks for the landbank. She will get Commissioner Brubaker added as a signer for the landbank to replace Commissioner Schlumbohm as a signer.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to review the changes received from Technicon on the EMS building addition. The concrete change was due to a change at another job site not our site. Did we not have state approval on the plans? Will we be having more unnecessary changes? There is an additional charge for labor when there is no concrete poured yet. The changes in the electrical switches/plugs and the added labor charge were reviewed. When those are also not installed yet, why is there a labor change. Why are we paying for a switch when it was included to begin with. Tim will call County Electric to confirm some of these changes. Commissioner Schlumbohm called in to join the discussion. Tim reviewed the switch change request and did not understand the labor charge change. Tim will review to see if another switch has been added and if we need it. Brian Hilvers joined the meeting also. John is ok with the concrete change. And he is ok with change #2 and the door changes which is 8 yards of additional concrete. It was discussed earlier but did not get moved. The plugs and switches for the generator were discussed.

Brian Hilvers called a meeting with Commissioners to discuss disciplining an employee.

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm abstain Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners went back on record, no decisions were made.

Brian Hilvers had a recall on the new remounted ambulance and is trying to get the original chassis back. The new chassis has already been paid for so a refund will have to be issued and the old chassis will need to be retrieved from Penn Care in Indiana.

Brian said he has talked with Ross, Site Manager this morning and the digging for the footers has started. If the weather holds out more progress can be made.

Sam Langhals stopped in to talk about the Village of Ottawa and the contracts that are being sent out. He does not want to be forced to annex to the Village of Ottawa. Why is he being forced. Sam is of declining health and would like to resolve this for his wife so she does not have issues going forward. Sam was told if he did not sign the letter that the Village would shut off their water service. The county turned the waterline over to the Village of Ottawa. It was recommended Mr. Langhals talk to a lawyer to see what his options are going forward.

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

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker held a bid opening with Ben Cooley of Crawford Murphy Tilly for the Airport Box & T-Hangar Construction. The bids were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>		<u>Bid Bond</u>	<u>Bid amount</u>
Schimmoeller Const	Kalida, OH	included	\$1,753,374.80

Rupp-Rosebrock, Inc Liberty Center, OH included \$1,294,000.00

Mr. Brubaker moved to table the bids for further review by CMT.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes

These are high bids compared to the estimate. Ben explained this is a five-unit T-hanger with a box on the end. These bids are too high to approve. And available funding is only \$950,000.00. The size will need to be adjusted to lower the price. Something more reasonable is needed there is time to redo the application before May. This will be rebid in March. The hangar size will have to be reduced to meet the funding available. If more funding is needed for the airport they may have to wait due other construction project. The use of the available federal funds would be good for this project. This would be cold storage for aircraft.

Marcello Aguilar with CRI Digital Pitney Bowes met with Commissioners Brubaker & Wehri to discuss postage fees through them. The management of our shipping and mailing was reviewed. The county does not have a large amount, of outgoing packages just public notices as letters. The county does not have a large amount of outgoing shipments of packages, just letters for public notices.

Commissioners Brubaker and Wehri called Dog Warden Mike Schroth regarding a dog that was picked up near the Putnam-Paulding line in Perry Township. The dog had injuries and previous scars from neglect. The dog was supposedly reported lost/stolen in Paulding County but not reported in Putnam County. The dog warden wants to make sure this dog goes back to a safe home. The owner has had dog fights reported at his property. There had been 13 dog tags purchased for this residence on Friday from Paulding County. The dog fights are Paulding County's issue. Putnam's issue is a dog running at large. The dog has been seen by a vet. Schroth is coordinating to get the dog returned to the owner. Paulding County will follow up and check on the dog after it is returned to the owner Randy Coleman.

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker placed a call to Randy Coleman the owner of the dog, he was not available.

The minutes from Thursday, February 12, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners returned from lunch.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

