

**Minutes Tuesday March 10, 2026**

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS,** The Board of County Commissioners are the owners of a Ferris 15X3300 Lawnmower used by the Putnam County Maintenance. and

**WHEREAS,** The Putnam County Maintenance is trading in the Ferris 15 X3300 for a 2026 Ferris ISX 3300 through Gary’s Repair, Pandora, OH.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to permit the Putnam County Maintenance to trade-in the Ferris 15 X3300 VIN 4002202644 for a 2026 Ferris ISX 3300 VIN 4002479380 for \$10,099.00.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes  
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Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the Program Year 2026-2027 sub Grant agreement between Greater Ohio Workforce Board Inc (GOWBI) and Putnam County starting July 1, 2026.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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, 2026, the following sum be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 035, Solid Waste District Disposal Fees  
5035-67-010-506001, Recycle Day Expenses.....\$ 3,600.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

**Then and Now Payments**

**Engineer....**to EJ USA for basin grates for\$ 6,686.80.

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

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker

**Purchase orders & Travel Requests**

**County General.....** Purchase order to Gary's Repair for trade in of 15 Ferris to purchase a new Ferris for \$ 6,000.00.

**Sheriff.....**Travel request for Lt. Iliff and Sheriff Siefker to attend the OTOA conference at Kalahari resort in Sandusky, OH on June 7-12, 2026 with expenses for registration, lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 2,040.00.

**Job & Family Services....**Purchase order to Pitney Bowes for postage machine lease for \$ 1,800.00. Purchase order to Pitney Bowes for postage machine supplies for\$ 1,000.00.

**Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees....** Purchase order to Cherryroad Media for advertising for Recycle day for \$ 600.00

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

**Purchase order Adjustments**

**County General....**additional needed for Power House Electric for repairing exits signs for \$633.50.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk at the Putnam County Event Center. Tim Schnipke and Alaina Siefker also sat in.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker held a public meeting at 9am at the Event Center for sewer district residents with Kyle Stechschulte of the Village of Ottawa to discuss the county's sewer districts being turned over to the village.

Commissioner Schlumbohm led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker; Cindy Landwehr, Clerk; John Folk and Lori Navarro of Job & Family Services.

John Folk JFS Director met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss agency updates. Lori Navarro of Workforce Investment, Lori will be talking about the youth

workforce ages 14-24. John explained the TANF program is making some funding available for the youth WIA programs. The youth program is assistance for the lower to moderate income families. They provide driver's license assistance and training funding. Once they graduate, they are assisted to get into the workforce. There are schools such as Apollo that is a parent school to help get experience to qualify for a job. Tutoring services are also provided. College assistance is also provided for registering and enrollment and filing for financial aid. Transportation and child care is also provided if needed. Uniform services are provided if needed. Assistance with paying any outstanding school fees that hinder graduation qualifications. There is guidance to start their own business as well. Budgeting tools are available to help with new workers. There is an incentive program to build responsibility, to create a career profile in Ohio Means Jobs they can receive \$50, keeping at least a C grade they can also qualify for payments. When they graduate and provide a copy of diploma, they get \$150. Job retention for 6 months is another \$150. Any positive improvements they can qualify for payments. Lori does follow-ups to keep in contact to keep them improving and getting additional incentives. There are about 20-25 kids in Putnam County in the program with some waiting to enroll. The referrals come from the high school guidance counselors. Additional referrals could come from probation officers, which is not used here. The Workforce Partnership will be visited to see what can be added to get more resources available to the youth of the county. The transportation can be done with the additional transportation programs already in place. There is no money to outright pay to set up the transportation, it can be used to pay for the use of the transportation. Putnam WIA is volunteering for funding from the state for summer work aid, which does have income qualifications. John will be contacting the schools for assistance to get enrollment. The students will be assessed to find jobs that they are interested in and want to learn. The main goal is to have the youth stay employed. The 16-18 year olds, Juniors & Seniors will be targeted, at the schools to get them experience and help them earn the incentives. Lori left the meeting.

JFS updates-all positions are full. There are some new employees going through training. The quarterly service numbers were reviewed. The state's error rates of 6.75% Putnam County is below that. The county is required to do 15 quality controls to determine if the number submitted are correct. This is an unfunded mandate, with additional work without additional money. The county's quality controls will start on Apr.15. The errors could be on the agency side or the applicant side including the applicant not turning correct information or turning it in on time. The applicants will have a work requirement mandate which is another unfunded mandate. Any errors that will be found will have measured applied to eliminate them. The Family Services Planning committee members will be appointed by the Commissioners and any changes will be sent to the Commissioners for appointment. The non-emergent medical transportation services need to be better coordinated within the county. All the entities providing services need to be contacted. Traveling for the county was questioned if there is assistance on a break down while traveling. The CORSA policy will be reviewed. Can an out of town employee be allowed to take a vehicle home if they are traveling to Columbus for the county the next day and it is shorter to leave from their house rather than going back to the office? This can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A one year agreement was done with Van Wert County for assisting in the absence of their director until a new one is named. John wants to work on partnerships in the community to fill gaps and holes in assistance and get out and make contacts, he is meeting with the Kiwanas and Optimists. The agency employees have not been involved with reaching out to the community. Getting the local employees out talking to the public to spread the word on

assistance that is available to expand services. Beth Coleson is interested in being on the Community Action Commission with HHWP.

John requested an executive session to discuss employee compensation.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker and John Folk to discuss employee compensation.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion

Vote Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners went back on record at 12:35pm. No decisions were made.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker held a conference call with Kevin Erford and were invited to attend the Board of D/D meeting held at the ESC at 4:30pm today.

The minutes from Thursday March 5, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker resumed session.

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker attended the Board of D/D meeting at the Educational Service Center at 4:30pm.

Commissioners Wehri, and Brubaker held a public meeting at 7pm at the Event Center for sewer district residents with Kyle Stechschulte of the Village of Ottawa to discuss the county's sewer districts being turned over to the village.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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