

Minutes Tuesday March 3, 2026

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, 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 2151, PSI Grant

2151-31-060-506003, Expenses\$ 2,317.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
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Mr. Wehri moved to approve the Statement of Cash from Revenue & Expense as of February 28, 2026.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 002, Auto License & Gas

2002-33-160-503001, Contract Services-Bridges.....\$ 255,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 001, County General

1001-38-014-501100, Co Emp Retirement Payout...\$ 50,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve signing the Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Staff with Put Co JFS from March 1, 2026 to Feb 28. 2027.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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 057 Airport Construction Grant

8057-42-180-509000, Advance Out.....\$ 108,000.00

(Advance back to County General)

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Airport Construction Grant Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8057-42-180-509000,Advance Out..	1001-20-010-42000,Advance In	\$108,000.00

(Repay Advances from Oct '24)

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve Change Order #1 for the EMS building addition for building & plumbing correction per ODOC increasing the cost by \$ 3,747.36 with new contract sum of \$ 5,871,703.21.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wehri moved to approve Change Order #2 for the EMS building addition for minor removal of material & labor for forming & pouring, additional concrete and additional labor for concrete foundation increasing the cost by \$ 2,420.17 with new contract sum of \$ 5,874,123.38.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve Change order #3 for the EMS building addition for light poles, routing of conduit, CT enclosure, meter, disconnect & manual transfer switch relocation, with one light pole eliminated increasing the cost by \$7,478.90 with contract sum of \$ 5,881,602.28

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the Service Agreement between the Putnam County Commissioners and the Putnam County Health Department for services of a Public Information Officer starting Jan 20, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Then and Now Payments

Office of Public Safety....to Put CO EMA for annual services supplied to EMA for \$ 15,000.00

...to Marbee Printing & Graphic Art for Put Co Emergency Response Plan Books for \$ 3,950.00

Dog & Kennel.....to Lakeside Propane for propane for \$ 379.80

Probate.....to SHI International Corp for 7 desktop scanners for \$ 7,914.13

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the then and now payment 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

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Purchase orders & Travel Requests

County General...Purchase order to Power House Electric for repairs/upgrades to exit signs for \$ 1,850.00

Veteran Service Comm...Travel request for Kyle Frias to attend the NACVSO Annual Conference in Reno, NV May 28, 2026 –June 5, 2026 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals. Registration. parking and other totaling \$ 3,216.53

Landfill Closure/Mnt....Purchase order to Bowser Morner for professional svcs 2026 eDMRs, sampling, leachate reports & 2025 annual report prep &submit for \$ 43,840.00.

Office of Public Safety.....purchase order to Put CO EMA for Haz Mat Roll over tanker simulator for \$ 12,000.00.

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

Mr. moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker

Monday March 2, 2026

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker met to review and discuss the agreement for the Enbridge Ohio gas line relocation for the EMS building addition, along with a payment of \$6,528.00 which will be paid by Touchstone and the county will reimburse. The agreement was reviewed and approved to sign.

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve signing the agreement.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion

Vote Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes

This must be done to keep the construction moving.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Alaina Siefker met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker to discuss recycle day for 2026. Alaina showed them the pricing sheet from ERG Enviro out of BG. After reviewing the numbers from last year and prices, the commissioners think it would be great to collect the same items as last year. Recycle Day is April 18, 2026 from 9-Noon.

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker went to the Courthouse Lunch Room to attend the Elected Officials Meeting hosted by Auditor Bob Benroth.

Commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance with Mr. Boaz, his staff and clients.

Board of Development Disabilities (D/D) Mike Boaz came in for the presentation of the proclamation for D/D awareness month along with some of their staff and clients Tammy Wurth, Allison Hellman, Sue Sisson, Eric Morman, and Katie Cherry.

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

Clerk of Courts Kim Redman, Judge Niese, Lauren Selhorst- Probate Clerk and IT Joe Burkhart met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Brubaker and Wehri to discuss JAVS courtroom software. The current court recording system is BIS and is having some operational issues. Video arraignment is not working as it should and having to bring the prisoners up to the courthouse may have to resume. Judge Niese was also trying to use Zoom and was having buffering issues with that as well. These issues are creating discrepancies in the recordings. The prices for the JAVS software and equipment were reviewed. Joe explained warranties and costs with those. There is no depreciation on the equipment in the 2-3 years. The court system does not have excess funds for these upgrades. Court special project money cannot be used for equipment upgrades. Judge Niese would also like more work done to his courtroom as there is plaster coming off the walls. Could some of the Law Library funding be used for this upgrade? That will have to be decided yet. The current court case management will need to be upgraded as well as that will be discontinued eventually. This court recording system has not been upgraded for at least 20 years. Probate did do an upgrade with grant funds but those funds are expended. This is essentially an unfunded mandate that the court records must be available digitally. The maintenance fees on the upgrade could be lower and just pay as we go on services needed. If the court system needs it the county must pay for it. Some counties who have JAVS were contacted to set up viewing to see how it works. Court stenographers are harder to get since there are fewer of them available. The current court recording system has reached its end of life and has lasted quite a while 20+years, any updates can create issues with saving recordings as well. Judge Niese invited the Commissioners to come up and view the plaster and ceiling in his court room also.

The minutes from Thursday, February 26, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker returned from lunch.

Village of Ottawa's Kyle Stechschulte met with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker and Alaina Siefker to discuss updates on proposals for county sewer districts, Pohl Road & contract agreement for operator of record. John had some items in the agreement for operator of record of how the districts are now. He will get them to Kyle to review. Village increased all the village residents for sewer also. They need funds for maintaining their sewer districts. Commissioner Schlumbohm said IT is going to have the event center set up for the meetings. Kyle will put his presentation on a thumb drive and bring that for the meetings and will also bring his comparisons chart to go over. He will reach out to Joe in IT. Commissioners asked Kyle if we could pay the village to be our operator of record if we keep the districts. He said they are already shorthanded at the sewer plant so they would not be able to do that. If we got an operator of record if we keep the districts, that fee would be divided amongst the residents and the sampling cost would be added too. Kyle said that operator would just have to have a collections license. Kyle said the village could look at a pre-annexation agreement for some residents. They have no plan to run water down any of those areas as of now but if it would ever come in, the typical charge for going to the water would be \$1200-\$1500. He said there are a lot of misconceptions with some of the residents so it will be good to show them all this information. He hopes that everyone will come with an open mind, to listen and understand.

In the end, this will save a lot of them money. If anyone would like to do a one on one to understand it better, maybe we can take the vote at a later time and choose a deadline to have the vote back from them. All but two residents in the Pohl Road district touch the village or will.

Bob Benroth arrived for the Record's Commission meeting and gave an update on the Veterans Service Commission and that their assistant director, is getting a raise along with a large amount of marketing items that have been purchased in addition to a new car. The Veteran Service Commission gets a half a mill of the inside millage. The inside millage is being collected again this year. There was one year where we did not collect the full amount.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker attended the Record's Commission Meeting with Bob Benroth, Gary Lammers, Sherri Britsch and Kim Redman.

The Commissioners asked Gary Lammers if he would be attending the public meeting for the sewer districts. Gary said he will be able to attend one of the meetings. He has talked with Kyle Stechschulte from the village. The costs that would be included with these changes were discussed and what would be passed on to the sewer customers. The Commissioners would like to have the mayor attend the meetings also. Gary has also been in contact with Joe Schroeder, Ottawa Solicitor to gain some information on the village's plan to move forward. Are there future annexation plans? Some of the property owners feel they have not been informed of possible annexation sometime in the future. Previous administration of the village should have shared that information with the property owners. The letters the village sent out did not set the proper tone for the presentation of this information to be shared with the homeowners. Gary has a meeting set with Joe Schroeder to review a timeline from the village.

Bernice Croy called in to talk to the Commissioners regarding having a dog missing. She called the dog warden and did not get a response for 10 hours. She did find her dog back without assistance. The Commissioners did inform her that the dog warden was off on medical leave and there is a part time person who is helping until he returns to duty.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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