

Minutes, Tuesday April 7, 2026

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the Employment Agreement between Putnam County Board of Commissioners and John Folk as director of Putnam County Job & Family Services extending his service to Putnam County an additional year.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
Comm. Jrl. 122, Page 187-188C

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

5035-67-010-503000, Other Expenses.....\$ 500.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
Comm. Jrl. 122, Page 189

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our resident's lives; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio encourages our fellow citizens to become engaged and aware in services provided by county governments throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the dedication and hard work of the county workforce, who deliver critical services to the people of Putnam County: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Putnam County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as National County Government Month

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes 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 001, County General

1001-30-010-503700, Ins. County Bldgs & Liability...\$ 22,252.00

Mr. Schlumbohm 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:

WHEREAS, The Engineer, Michael L. Lenhart, has deemed it necessary to advertise for sealed bids for the replacement of the CR 11J-0.044 Bridge;

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the replacement of the CR 11J-0.044 Bridge on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 2:30 PM;

And be it further

RESOLVED, specifications are on file in the Putnam County Engineer's Office and may be obtained by contacting the Engineer's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by logging onto <https://putnamcountyohio.gov/bid-info/> and downloading the Bid Document. Each bid shall contain the full name and correct address of every person, firm or company interested in the same and should be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check upon a solvent bank in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, or a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Ohio, for a sum equal to the amount of the bid submitted, as guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and its performance properly secured;

And be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
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Mr. Brubaker moved to approve signing change order #4 for the EMS building addition for a decrease in the project costs of \$ 16,464.85 making the new total \$ 5,865,137.43.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

RESOLVED, that per the request of the Putnam County Commissioners for the purpose of the County General Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2016-42-290-509000, Advance Out	1001-20-010-42000, Advance In	\$51,478.77

(Repay County General advances from Dec. 2024-Jan. 2026)

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

County General...to Tyler Schroeder to reimburse for meals during Engage conference for \$ 49.69

E-911...to US bank for 911 portion of copier bill for \$ 130.00

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

Mr. Wehri 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 CORSA for 2026/2027 CORSA Program costs-renewal for \$ 242,252.00.

Dog & Kennel....Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for 2024 cost allocation paid in 2026 for \$ 6,000.00.

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

Mr. Wehri 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....add'l needed to AEP at Ag Complex for \$ 1,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

Maintenance Tim Schnipke came in to let Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker know that he talked to Engineer Mike Lenhart and he will have a vehicle that they can get for the maintenance. Tim said the truck that is used right now he would not want to drive it down the road it is in such bad shape.

Prosecutor Gary Lammers met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss sewer districts. Alaina Siefker joined the meeting. Gary had met with the Village to discuss the sewer district transfers. The village cannot just cut people off from sewer usage the EPA will have to get involved. The costs will grow to become unaffordable. The district customers split the expense now and if half of them annex that expense gets split between the remaining district customers. It is the county's decision to transfer the sewer districts to the village but there may be added expenses in the future for upgrades. The Village is holding that any sewer customers should be annexed into the village to continue service. The expenses that are known have been shared with the residents. The installed meters have not been used yet due to the village not accepting them and the county does not have the capability to read them. The required annexation has not been mentioned until now. Since the village is the provider of the services, they can set the rates and terms. No fees have been mentioned for the existing customers. A pre-annexation agreement will be drawn up by the village for any residents that agree to the annexation. The village taxes were brought up. Will the residents who work outside of the village get credit? The village solicitor said no. The legislators are discussing. Credit on the village taxes could be a pressure point for some of the residents. Those credits may not cover the expenses from the sewer district, with having to hire an operator of record and other upgrades. With the age of the lines if anything goes bad that would be a large expense to those residents. It makes more sense to add by zones instead of by property. Gary's personal feelings are to join the village. Where would the money come from if the infrastructure needs to be replaced? One resident said there are grants, but those grants are based on area income, and most of the area would not qualify based on income. The village will have the say for providing services outside of the village. No charges have been mentioned by the village on joining the corporation as far as a tap in fee. There are no empty lots in sewer district #1. The township is also a factor in this acquisition a reciprocating agreement was offered for now for a few years. Since Phillips closed is has taken a long time, 30 years, for this to get to this point. Gary's recommendation is to turn it over to the village as long as the costs are not prohibitive. Alaina

explained the reading of the pump meters and measuring the flow in relation to the rain received. There are still mixed feelings within the district in SD #1. The village could say in 5 years that they would not agree to take it over due to the age and condition of the lines. And then those residents would have to pay for the repair or replacement of the lines and system which would be a large expense to them. The village has never mentioned prior, it was asked but Mr. Williams had said it would not be a condition. That has since changed. With the recent movement of trying to improve Ottawa (GO Ottawa) it has brought on these changes.

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Brubaker and Wehri attended the Elected Officials Meeting in the courthouse breakroom.

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

Jared Sunderland met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk to discuss VAWA grant reimbursements. Jared came in to explain a change in the timing of the grant reimbursements from the State. The county will now be billing monthly by Crime Victims Services and will be able to keep the full reimbursement when it is received. The reimbursements will still be done quarterly. The county will advance funds as needed to cover the lapse between the payments and reimbursements.

The minutes from Thursday, April 2, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker left to attend the Electric Aggregation Five County Pool Meeting with John Leutz from CCAO at the Allen County Commissioners Office.

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker returned after the meeting.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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

