

## Minutes Thursday April 9, 2026

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio hereby has advertised notice of two (2) public hearing relative to the adoption of a Resolution to reestablish and/or renew a levy of a tax to increase the rate of sales & use tax by 0.25% upon every retail sale made in the County of Putnam, State of Ohio, except sales of motor vehicles, watercraft and outboard motors which are required to be titled pursuant to 1548 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the purpose to provide additional revenue for the County's General fund as specified in Sections 5739.026(A)(3) and 5741.021 of the Ohio Revised Code and upon the storage, use or the consumption in the County of Putnam, State of Ohio, of Motor Vehicles, and watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled in the county pursuant to Chapter 1548 of the Ohio Revised Code, acquired by a transaction subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and, in addition to the tax imposed by section 5741.02 of the Revised Code, tangible personal property and other selected services, which is subject to the tax levy by the State of Ohio as provided in 5741.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, and tangible personal property and services purchased in another county within this state by a transaction subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.

And

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose to provide additional revenue for the County's General Fund as specified in Sections 5739.026(A)(3) and 5741.021 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board deems it advisable in this shape proceedings to reestablish and/or renew, effective July 1, 2026, the levy of a tax increasing the rate of sales & use tax by 0.25% upon every retail sale made in the County of Putnam, State of Ohio except sales of motor vehicles, watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

And

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose to provide additional revenues for the County's General Fund as specified in Sections 5739.026(A)(3) and 5741.023 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board deems it advisable in this shape proceeding to reestablish and/or renew, effective July 1, 2026, the levy of a tax increasing the rate of use tax by 0.25% upon the storage, use or the consumption in the County of Putnam, State of Ohio, of Motor Vehicles, and watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled in the county pursuant to Chapter 1548 of the Ohio Revised Code, acquired by a transaction subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and tangible personal property and other selected services, which is subject to the tax levy by the State of Ohio as provided in 5741.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, and tangible personal property and services purchased in another county within this state by a transaction subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code for the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Putnam County both individually and collectively.

And

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that additional revenues are still needed for Putnam County to meet future needs, and where the current additional 0.25% sales & use tax is set to expire June 30, 2026, it is anticipated that the additional general revenue will be required for an additional five (5) years.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that, effective July 1, 2026, that a tax be levied in the amount of 0.25% upon every retail sale made in Putnam County, State of Ohio except sales of motor vehicle, watercraft and outboard motors which are required to be titled pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code and on the storage, use or other consumption in Putnam County, Ohio of Motor Vehicles, and watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled in the county pursuant to Chapter 1548 of the Ohio Revised Code, acquired by a transaction subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and tangible personal property and other selected services, which is subject to the tax levy by the State of Ohio as provided in 5741.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, and tangible personal property and services purchased in another county within this state by a transaction subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code for an additional five (5) years, which is subject to the tax levy the State of Ohio as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 5739.026(A)(3) and 5741.023.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, State of Ohio in so adopting and authorizing such additional collection this 9th day of April, 2026, does hereby direct the Clerk of said Board to immediately forward a certified copy of such action to the Ohio Department of Taxation.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that this tax levy is in addition to any other tax levies previously imposed by law.

Mr. Schlumbohm        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 2100, E-911

2100-32-240-506000, Miscellaneous .....\$ 14,934.10

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

**Bd of D/D...**to Kan Du Group for ADS NMT Dec for \$ 703.21

**EMS...**to Phantasm Design for uniforms- Nov 2025 –R Smith for\$ 187.90

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 none Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none  
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### **Purchase orders & Travel Requests**

**Sewer Dist #1 & #2** Purchase order to Powerhouse Electric for Phase Rotation Tester for \$ 233.94

**County General...** Purchase order to AEP for monthly usage Apr-Jun county bldgs for \$22,000.00 of O-G Road for \$ 6,000.00 for Ag Comp for \$ 10,500.00. Blanket purchase order for construction expenses at Office of Public Safety building for \$ 2,000.00.

**Sheriff.....**Travel request for Deputies Brent Meyers and Mark Doster to attend courses at Owens on various dates in 2026 with no expenses listed.

**Title Admin.....**Travel request for Renee Kline and Brianna Siefker to attend the OCCA Title Conference in Columbus, OH on April 22-23, 2026 with expenses for mileage, lodging, & registration totaling \$ 327.36.

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....**addt'l need for Vehicles repairs blanket of \$ 1,500.00

...addt'l needed for Contract Services blanket for \$ 5,000.00.

**Capital Improvement...**addt'l needed to PSI for soil testing for EMS building addition of \$2450.00

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Maintenance Tim Schnipke came in to show Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker pictures of the lot across from the old JFS parking lot on Third Street. There is a neighbor to the property that has a truck, van, two trailers and camper being parked there. The maintenance guys need to work on the fence that has some issues so they are going to have Cindy prepare a letter kindly asking him to remove the property. Tim is hoping to start the work on the bushes in the courthouse yard soon. They will be working on lawns today.

Commissioner Wehri led the Pledge of Allegiance with Charlie Mlcek, Commissioners Schlumbohm and Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk.

Rep. Latta staffer Charlie Mlcek met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss federal issues. Mr. Mlcek is originally from Monclova and now works in Latta's office in D.C. He is looking to get a feel for what is going on in Putnam County. The Commissioners said the EPA and Landfill issues are foremost on their mind as well as the SNAP funding. Commissioner Schlumbohm explained the "supposed pollutants" at the landfill and that the issue has now been turned back over to the State EPA. The National EPA did come out for a surprise inspection and after that it was turned back to the state EPA. The state's error rate and the effects on the local Job & Family services of SNAP funding. The funding has been cut from 50% to 25% for the program. The President's budget is different from the State's budget and there are other changes also. The President does want people to get back to work and so do the Commissioners but the assistance is still needed. Cuts will have to be made somewhere and will flow down to the County level to make up the shortages and there is no control for them to fund unfunded mandates from higher up. The federal deficit is on everyone's mind, it cannot be maintained forever. Latta is conscious of it and thinks about any bills that come up involving spending. Commissioner Brubaker may be getting appointed to the public emergency committee with the CCAO due to his history, The Next Gen infrastructure will be needed for the expansion of the 911 system to cross county lines and being able to forward calls to appropriate departments. The federal assistance for the next gen infrastructure is needed. The reclassification of tele communicators is also an issue that needs to be visited. A county wide transportation project is being created through HHWP Community Action Commission, our rural county does not have transportation services. There are some services for medical assistance visits and elderly services but the under 55 age group does not have transportation assistance. Workforce is a statewide problem. Putnam is a big Agricultural County, so keep the farmers in mind. Eliminating outside forcing from owning farm land is something Ohio can look into. Increasing the grain prices and evening out the tariffs. The expenses for farming can be looked at the fertilizer and seed expenses are high. Charlie will take this info back to Latta's office and will get answers to the questions as well.

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

The minutes from Tuesday, April 7, 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 and Brubaker returned from lunch.

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 Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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