

Minutes Tuesday May 19, 2026

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 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 2080, Computerization-County Court

2080-31-080-506000, Miscellaneous.....\$ 37,687.00

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:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2026.

For Auditor...

From...1001-30-024-502100, Co. Conveyance Medicare.....to 1001-30-024-502000, Co Conveyance OPERS ...\$.01

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes
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Mr. Brubaker moved to accept the job descriptions that have been submitted for the IT Director and Assistant IT Director.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Brubaker said he has surveyed adjoining counties IT personnel departments for wage rates and with the additional cybersecurity requirements from the State and the on call status of the IT department after hours for the Sheriff and EMS. The IT Director and Assistant IT Director are getting an hourly increase starting on May 23, 2026.

Then and Now Payments

Airport Operations...to State of Ohio UST for insurance for underground fuel tanks for \$ 1,100.00.

Ditch Maintenance....to J & M Excavating for work P Langhals Dt # 795 for \$ 2,220.00

...to NWO Properties for work on the Lammers Group # 797 for \$ 4,205.00

Mr. Brubaker 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

Veteran Service Commission....Travel request for Matt Prenzlin to attend the NACVSO annual conference in Reno, NV May 30,2026 through June 5, 2026 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration, parking and other totaling \$ 3,439.52.

Ag Complex....purchase order to Vulcan for fire suppression repair at Ag Complex for \$ 2,800.00.

Sheriff....Travel request for Phil Sherrick and Tim Amstutz to attend the 2026 Jail administrator conference in Columbus, OH on Sept 27-29,2026 with expenses for lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 880.00.

County General.....Purchase order to Hohenbrink Excavating to repair the sidewalk in front of Courthouse for \$ 607.50. Travel request for Commissioners Brubaker & Wehri and Cindy Landwehr to attend the NW Ohio Commissioners & Engineers meeting at Middle Bass Island on Jun 11, 2026 with expenses for mileage and registration totaling \$ 146.00. Purchase order to Village Hardware for planer for \$ 799.99.

County & Landfill.....Purchase order to Kahle Supply for spray & fertilizer for properties for \$ 181.00.

Engineer.....Travel request for Michael Lenhart & Kyle Gerding to attend the 2026 Land Records & Surveying Conference in Westerville, OH on June 4, 2026 with expenses for meals, registration and parking totaling \$ 560.00.

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees ...Blanket purchase order for recycling advertising giveaways for Fair & Senior Expo for \$ 1,500.00. Purchase order to Midwest Wire Group for Wire bale ties for \$ 5,200.00.

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

Capital Improvements.....addt'l needed to PSI for addt'l soil testing and trips charges for \$ 3,530.50

...addt'l needed to Technicon Design grp to cover permit fees for Oh Dept of Commerce for fire alarms in EMS bldg. for \$ 808.00.

Ditch Maintenance....add'l needed to Sand Ridge Excavating for work on Dutch Run # 840 of \$ 2,102.80

County General...add'l need to FDAR for labor matters for \$ 5,133.75

Mr.Brubaker moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Brubaker told Commissioner Schlumbohm he had a second person approach him about the water over in Vaughnsville. The residents have noticed a decline in the quality of the water and the coloring is even different. The residents were wondering if the data center has something to do with their water over that way as a possibility. Commissioner Brubaker would like to get a discussion on record about it and try to figure out who they would need to talk to for discussing it. Commissioner Schlumbohm mentioned maybe Planning Commission.

Commissioners called Tim Schnipke about a request that was received of planting a tree in memory of Kim Redman, Clerk of Courts. The Commissioners went to view the yard of the courthouse to see the best location for the new tree.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Commissioners and Sheriff staff.

Sheriff Brian Siefker and staff Brandi Anspach, Mark Brecht, and Staci Schroeder met with Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker to discuss their 2027 budget. Mark started with the vehicle quotes for the next year and would like to add an option for cameras to the vehicles. Switching cameras from car to car has created some issue with the operations of the cameras. The cameras are not included in the quotes the cameras would be about \$5,600 each. The Commissioners are willing to purchase two cars for the next year not three. Before Covid it was two vehicles per year. The grants were discussed and the percentages of the county's portion to pay. If the county would take a year off of applying for the camera grant, to start over they would go back to getting them 100% funded. An updated sheet for vehicles was requested to include mileage. Last years cars have not been received. Radios, cameras have been switched to new cars. Due to changes in body style of the vehicles not everything can be changed to new vehicles. No additions were included in the budget requested for this next year other than wages. And the union contracts will be negotiated next year. The budget meetings are appreciated by the Commissioners and they appreciate the work the Sheriff does to stay within their budget. The Commissioners are looking at other figures or increments for giving raises. The county's contribution to the MAN Unit was brought up. Cole Bowers is the new representative and is doing well so far. An additional request of covering expenses for a counselor a new addition to the MAN Unit. Clarification of who is managing the Opioid funding is needed. The additional amount that the request for the MAN Unit must also be clarified. The payment of the PIO position was also questioned. The Sheriff's office questioned why they were billed for this position. The Sheriff was involved in the original discussion for the PIO position and it was thought he would share the position. They have a person who manages the social media accounts. They have a policy of who can release information to the public. Another meeting will be needed to clarify and discuss this position. With Cole going to the MAN Unit there is one short on the road patrol. It is not an additional position it was just an empty position. A question of the retired K-9 Luka, was not officially taken off duty by the county. A question of how many drones the county has was brought up. Insurance will be confirmed on the K-9's and

the drones. Mark is working to get his drone operator license also to assist until the other operators are present. There are backup operators available at some of the schools. Don't order the vehicles yet. The Commissioners want to confirm numbers and make sure this year's vehicles come in. They also want to see the number to include the cameras. The employee retention has been good recently including at the jail. There are no scheduled retirements that anyone is aware of. Brian will contact Hilvers and Kim Rieman regarding the PIO and setting up another meeting.

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

The minutes from Thursday, May 14, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri and Brubaker returned to the office.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker met with the Landbank Board for their meeting.

Commissioners asked Dean Meyer about annexation agreement terms has the village discussed any terms.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day.

Bob Benroth stopped in to share information on an inquiry about the county's operational funds regarding the property taxes and our responsibilities of funding with Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker. He also shared some information on Veteran Services and the requirement of the county to provide a facility for the Health Dept. On the Health Dept. the county is not obligated to fund them for operation, the County Advisory Board would assess the townships and villages for needed funding. Bob shared some financial history on the operation of the Health Dept. The townships and corporations have not been assessed for Health Dept. operations for the past twenty years. There are 31 votes to vote on Health Board members and the Commissioners only have one of those votes, the townships and corporation have the other 30 votes, so if the Health Dept. cannot operate within their budget the townships and villages must pay for their operation. The staffing level of the Veteran Service Commission was mentioned in comparison to past years staffing levels. Worker's compensation payments are being paid annually now instead of monthly to be eligible for a discount. Sugar Creek Township passed a levy for roads this past year in Nov of 2025. This levy got missed on the tax bills due to the conversion. It was found before the bills were mailed but were already printed. The township did not get a first half settlement payment, and any property owners who paid their whole bill will be getting another bill for second half taxes to pay this levy. Bob will be sending a letter to notify the Sugar Creek residences of the billing error. The factors for the second half taxes have not been received yet from the state regarding the inflation caps. Some taxpayers may be getting credits.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

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