

Minutes Thursday May 7, 2026

Mr. Wehri moved to approve signing the rental agreement for the Event Center to host the quarterly NW Ohio Commissioner & Engineers meeting on October 14, 2026.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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 008, Capital Improvements

4008-40-010-503000, Contracts Projects.....\$ 200,000.00

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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

Office of Public Safety.....to Phantasm Design for Feb uniform charge for \$ 89.19.

To Phantasm Design for Feb uniform charge for \$ 347.81

....to Bound Tree Medical for disp care supplies for \$ 18.90

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 absent
Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker
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Purchase orders & Travel Requests

Airport Operations.....Purchase order to State of Ohio UST Fund for insurance on 2 underground fuel tanks at Airport \$ 1,100.00.

Capital Improvement....Blanket purchase order for cameras and building security for PCOPS for \$ 120,000.00. Purchase order to Carl’s Hardware & Flooring for carpet in the Commissioners’ office for \$ 5,464.00.

Office of Public Safety....Blanket purchase order for Uniform allowance for \$ 10,000.00. Blanket purchase order for vehicle maintenance for \$ 25,000.00.

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

Purchase order Adjustments

Mr. moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Wehri Mr. Brubaker

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Wehri mentioned that Jaime in the Records Office was asking about flowers for the door by the ramp. They said to ask Ginger & Teresa if they are ok watering and if so, let Jaime know. She can take care of getting them and the commissioners are ok with paying for them.

Planning Commission Nolan Croy met with Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm to discuss planning commission board updates and member terms. Nolan shared the list of board members and their terms. The focus has been trying to keep three trustees on the board. There are three on the board that are no longer trustees. The Health Dept representative has also left employment, Beth Skulina will be reappointed. The Soil & Water position has also changed employment. There are four positions that need to be reappointed. Blanchard and Sugar Creek townships are not zoned and it would be good to have a representative from one of those townships. Sugar Creek is looking into getting zoned. A township can put it on the ballot for the people to vote on. Riley just became zoned. The tax abatements on the data centers were discussed, in relation to the job creation versus the tax incentive. There is nothing formal for restricting data centers. Van Wert county has a data center not sure if it is up and running and there are plans for a solar field there as well. What do the Commissioners want to see and how do they want to approach it.? There are people who want them banned. The data centers will only come if there are sources of power and water. The vicinity of the stone quarry has water level issues. How can you put together rules to control water supply? Who will police it? Would it be the Health Dept? The Commissioners can give recommendations for trustees to appoint to the planning commission board. A few recommendations were given and Nolan will contact them for interest. What do the Commissioners want to see with the data centers? Setback requirements, decibel limits and water usage limits would be items to start with. The power usage cannot be limited. Nolan explained that HB 51 gave power to set limitations and rules. A 2-mile circumference on water wells was proposed. A geologist would be needed or well drillers could provide insight as well. There should be another trustee meeting before they break for summer. Nolan will make contact with a few of the suggestions for interest in the board positions. Nolan will start putting together some rudimentary data center regulations as well. It was questioned why nuclear power is not bigger. France produces most of their power through nuclear.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited by Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm, Cindy Landwehr, Clerk and Brian Hilvers.

EMA Director Brian Hilvers met with Commissioners Wehri, and Schlumbohm to discuss equipment, maintenance & employee discipline. Commissioner Brubaker joined the meeting via teleconference. Brian wanted to inform the Commissioners that he is using HAAS. Where other

vehicles will be alerted that emergency vehicles are approaching through travel apps like WAZE, Car Play etc. \$400 per year per vehicles he is using it to 4 vehicles. There are more car companies that are participating in this service. This will track the speed and locations of the vehicles as well.

Cardiac monitors -a lease could be \$222,354 for 14 monitors per year. where monitors would be upgraded at the 5years into the lease on a 10-year lease. Purchasing new would be about \$900,000. A payment plan could be done as well \$178,391 per year for a 5 yr plan then the monitors would be owned. \$ 53,450 per monitor. He is looking for grants to make the purchases EMS is not considered essential services by the state, fire is but not EMS. If they were deemed essential, they could get equipment grants. Brian is submitting a letter to request to be considered essential services. The Commissioners can contact the reps to give support for the consideration of EMS becoming essential. There are about 15 county EMS agencies within the state. Brian would like to go with option one so he knows will be getting new monitors. At the end of the 10 years would there be any value left in the monitors? They will be evaluated. Preventative maintenance would be included with the lease also which is now being paid separately. if they could be paid for it would be a better deal, granted then the monitors would not be replaced in 5 years. A resale of the old monitors could be \$5,000 each. Brian would have to do the preventative maintenance if they are purchased. The monitors could be traded in also. Could the county get the prices from the trade-ins? The county should not pay the interest if we don't have to. The advanced technology in five years is not known yet. Leasing works for those who do not have the money at the time. An outright purchase would be more cost effective. If a few monitors are replaced each year that may confuse employees with different models of monitors. The county needs to be cautious with the spending with the new EMS building and other expenses. There is money now but we need to think of the future as well. If the state could recognize us as essential there could be a chance of reimbursements.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session with Brian Hilvers, Commissioners Wehri to discuss employee discipline.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker absent

Commissioners Wehri and Schlumbohm went back on record. No decisions were made.

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

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Wehri held a discussion with Cindy Landwehr on the state auditors note in regards to the VIP approval processes. A letter will be written to document the approvals that are done.

The minutes from Tuesday, May 5, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

The Lima News called in to get a response from Commissioners Schlumbohm and Wehri on the untimely death of the sitting Clerk of Court Kim Redman. The Commissioners gave comments on her years and quality of service to the county.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker absent

Commissioners Wehri returned to the office.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

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