

**Minutes for Thursday, February 7, 2019**

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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>
57 AO, Advance Out (Repay Advances from Apr '18, Nov '18 & Dec '18)	A 25A, Advance In	\$3,850.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes                      Mr. Schlumbohm yes                      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15 A 15A, Advance Out	R 5, Advance In (Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)	\$65,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes                      Mr. Schlumbohm yes                      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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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, 2019, 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 085, CDBG  
T 7A CDBG, CHIP Program Costs.....\$1,176.00  
T5, Formula Expenses.....\$155.00  
T 7C, CDBG CHIP Implementation Costs.....\$ 600.00  
Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes                      Mr. Schlumbohm yes                      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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**Now and Then Purchase order**

**EMS**.....Purchase order 3360  
**County General**.....Purchase order 38527  
**Youth Subsidy**.....Purchase order 36902  
**Juvenile Probation**...Purchase order 36903, 36904, 36905  
**Landfill Clos/ Mnt**...purchase order 38534

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the then and now purchase orders.  
Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes            Mr. Schlumbohm yes            Mr. Schroeder yes  
Exceptions: Mr. Lammers none            Mr. Schlumbohm none            Mr. Schroeder none  
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**Purchase orders and travel requests**

**County General**.....Purchase order to National Salt Distributors for 98 bags of salt for \$533.12  
**CDBG**.....Purchase order to Putnam CO Ag Society for 2019 fair booth rental for \$ 125.00.  
Purchase order to Putnam County Sentinel for public hearing 1 & 2 for CHIP 19 for \$ 600.00.  
Purchase order to Putnam Co Commissioners for cost allocation for \$ 1176.00.

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the purchase orders and travels requests.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes            Mr. Schlumbohm yes            Mr. Schroeder yes

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none            Mr. Schroeder none            Mr. Lammers none

Mr. Schroeder called the meeting to order with Mr. Lammers by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to give a maintenance update. The flooring in the Ag Complex needs to be replaced due to warping in the floor.

Commissioner Schlumbohm arrived at the office.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Cindy Landwehr held discussions regarding the payment to Zuercher Technologies for the new software for 911, Sheriff and Jail. The Commissioners agreed to pay the Sheriff and Jail portion bill from their contingencies line item and will appropriate new funds to cover the remaining portion of the bill, since the expense was not included in the 2019 budget. The Commissioners were also made aware that the Prosecutor's portion for this project was not included in the 2019 budget as well.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers; Cindy Landwehr, Clerk and Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel.

Commissioner Schroeder gave an update from the Putnam County Fair Board. The Fair Board would like to bring a larger name band back to perform at the Fair which would be a larger expense. The Fair board is also in need of a new dump truck. The audit fee for the fairgrounds is going to be higher due to discrepancies found in the past.

The minutes from Tuesday, February 5, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes                      Schlumbohm yes                      Schroeder yes

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers returned from lunch.

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers met with Kevin Niese of Technicon Design Group along with Maintenance Superintendent Tim Schnipke to discuss courthouse renovations. Kevin gave them pictures of what they are thinking about doing for the ramp. He is proposing whole new steps on north end with heat in them. Also going to propose the east side with ramp in concrete to have heat in the steps and ramp. Also proposing cutting sidewalk on east side a little north of new sidewalk concrete and cut it to get equipment in and do new sidewalk there up to the new concrete sidewalk. Tim Schnipke said he thinks we want to use heat and get away from salt. It will last longer that way too. Commissioner Lammers said eventually it will be a one entrance building. Kevin has itemized everything out except for the ramp. Kevin is looking into a new aluminum frame door with same appearance. Tim said the current doors have issues also. Comm. Lammers said to include the doors as a line item in the estimate when he gets final figures. Kevin said he just got some answers on items for the roof about hour ago and said the tile replacement, all new, quote for \$440,000 with at least a 50 year warranty. Metal was quoted for \$550,000 with 30 year warranty. Kevin said he thinks that the metal quote is high and is very confident it would be more like \$350,000. Kevin said the gutters will be fine with tile or metal. The quote is for tile with copper or metal gutter system. Comm. Lammers and Schroeder said it seems like no question to go with the tile and the number was much better than they expected. Frank Irwin Ohio Indiana Roofing wanted Kevin to ask about the gutter system. Kevin said two options. External Copper system may last about 60 years or internal durolast system may only last about 20 years. Comm. Lammers doesn't think an external gutter system would change the look of the courthouse and would like to go that route. He would like to go with the cheaper one as long as there isn't a downside to it. Comm. Schroeder said he isn't sure which he thinks would be better. Kevin will get answers to the rest of the issues in a short period of time. Comm. Lammers asked him to email that once he gets it. Tim asked about doing the ramp the roof and doors as one project or each one separate. Kevin recommended doing it as one project and to have one person manage all the project and coordinate the work and it may save money doing it that way as well. Some price estimates were given for project costs, Kevin can refine the estimates more since he has more definite ideas now. Tim is happy with the communication that has been happening to have everyone up to speed on what is going to be done.

Citizens for a Better Blanchard Group, Leo Schroeder, Glen Karhoff, Dan Ellerbrock, Jim Leopold, Joe Riepenhoff and Jim Hoorman met with Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers to discuss the progress of their proposal for work on the river. Leo wrote up an article on phosphorus and the effects on the watershed and Lake Erie. The rain patterns have changed and there is no sulfur in the rain anymore which would have an effect. The river bank erosion and the farming methods have changed which would effect it also. Leo reviewed all the changes over the years and pattern changes. There are many changes that have happened over the years and the combination of them could be the reason for the increase in the algae. The man that invented Roundup was actually trying to make soap. Mr. Hoorman has some information from OSU showing the phosphorus changes. OSU and NCRS are now agreeing on the

phosphorus amounts. There have been studies done to show the acidity changes in rain and the phosphorus released through the ground. There has been a change from acid rain to alkaline rain. The rain is more intense. In the last decade there have been increased instances of flooding compared to the previous decade. The Blanchard is the most artificially drained river. Putnam County has more tiles drained into the river compared to Allen, Hancock and Paulding counties due to the heavier soil. History has shown that the rain events have changed. The current river level is due to the snow melt since we have not had major rain recently, there are flood warning in the south currently. The Commissioners are interested in having another meeting and inviting other villages, townships and other representatives. March/ April would be a good time to have another meeting. There has been no feedback from the Hancock Co. Commissioners. The people need to be informed of the issues. The correction of this will be expensive but it will be a long lasting solution. Timing is a big factor of when the water gets to Ottawa. If Findlay's water and Bluffton's water can be separated. Ottawa and Findlay are the main villages that are affected by the river and flooding. Mount Blanchard would also be affected. The watershed starts in Kenton. The Commissioners will plan another meeting and invite the joint counties, villages, engineers, townships and soil & water. Dan explained the drainage for Putnam County and the directional draining that happens naturally. Hancock and Hardin counties dump the most water into the Blanchard. There options to receive monetary aid for limiting run off. There is legislation in the Toledo area that could make it so Toledo people could sue farmers, in this area draining into the river, for water quality. Flooding is a result of drainage. Improved drainage in the farmland creates the flooding for those downstream. All the homes in Hardin and Hancock have responsibility to pay for any drainage to the Lake, the whole watershed would benefit. The Blanchard is a small percent of the Auglaize water and it is an even smaller percent of the Maumee. The peaks dumping into the Auglaize and downstream was a concern also. The timing changes for the river downstream were discussed. The Ottawa runs somewhat parallel to the Blanchard. Dan showed a drawing of the drainage of the creeks within the County into the Ottawa, Auglaize and Blanchard rivers. He also explained the rain paths and how the rain hits the areas. There are river gauges on the Blanchard and there is one on the Auglaize also collecting data on flooding. Dan said every drainage improvement can have an ill effect. There is not enough grade in the ground to eliminate flooding completely. The rain event and topography determines on the timing of the flooding. The pinch points on the river hinder the water draining away not necessarily the timing of the draining of the other rivers. The 2007 event was a result of a hurricane dumping approx. 12 inches of rain on the whole watershed it was a fluke. The number of storms that have created flooding events throughout the past 100 years was reviewed. The smaller events are what is being focused on with clearing out the pinch points on the river. And it will aide in relieving the major flooding events also. The information need to be presented properly so the public will understand. An RSVP will be setup for the meeting and feedback questions. Dan asked if any changes need to be made to the presentation. The cooperation from the other counties is what is needed for this project to proceed and grow.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes

Mr.Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, February 7, 2018.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes    Mr. Schlumbohm absent    Mr. Schroeder yes