

Minutes for Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board has received requests from the various departments of Job and Family Services for approval of travel expenses for the month of February 2019. now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, hereby approve payment of the expenses per the attached list in accordance with Section 325.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorizes the Auditor to issue warrants per attached list upon receipt of invoices and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue any advanced warrants as necessary.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
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Mr. Lammers called the meeting to order with Mr. Schlumbohm by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Burkhart stopped in to update Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers on the pole removal near the Hickory Street. When the digging will be done for the new ramp the current wires may be an issue since they are only buried 2 ft. The digging will be down to 48 inches for the ramp. New fiber may be needed to be rethreaded under the street and have new entries into the building. New conduit can be put in with the new wire. The current phone system is through fiber the elevator phone line is a physical copper line. Joe will talk to the vendors to get everything lined up. The fiber will provide access capacity for future expansion. The need for external security cameras was discussed. The current cameras will be maintained and additional cameras will be looked at in the future. This will be done separately from the courthouse renovations but in coordination with it.

Jeff Reinkemeyer of Avangrid Renewables, and Dyllan Borchers of Brickler & Eckler, Dave Niese, Palmer Township met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to continue discussions on the Alternative Energy agreement. Martin Verni of Putnam County Sentinel joined the meeting also. The request has been sent in by Avangrid for a permit the project. The applications are being prepared to get the project started this year. After an agreement is found an application to DSA will be done for a qualified energy project under the PILOT statute. DSA will contact the County to confirm the AEZ and PILOT are in place than project can be certified. Martin asked about the energy costs and the target costs and rates, Avangrid will be dealing with a wholesale market rather than the retail markets. Lazard, (google LAZARD) can be a reference for energy costs LCOE (leveraged cost of energy). Wind and natural gas are comparable in price. This project would thin flim PB style of solar panels. The panels would catch light from both sides. Bob Benroth joined the meeting. Vince asked about

the subsidized costs with these panels. The subsidized figures do not include the AEZ amounts. Even with the AEZ abated rates the property taxes in Ohio are rather high compared to other states. With the PILOT as a substitute for the property taxes the financial exposure is higher in Ohio. Ohio has the advantageous location for joining the power grid, transmission capacity. The rates in Illinois were compared to Ohio. Solar power is becoming more competitive. The advantage of wind is it has a higher capacity factor. It will produce more compared to solar. The cost will go down on solar in the future. The policies in the US are more open than in Europe. The cost to produce a megawatt compared between the different types of energy was questioned. The interested customers are not tied to a mandate. No quotas will be met it will be all private companies. The utilities have already contracted out for their needs. So there is no demand from utilities at this time. The future does seem to look good for solar energy production and need. The life of a solar panel was questioned, about 20 years. But they can be refitted also.

Mr. Lammers moved to go into executive session with all Commissioners and Dylan Borchers, Jeff Reinkemeyer, Bob Benroth and Dave Niese to consider confidential information related to the specific business strategy, of an applicant for economic development assistance, and negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion to go into executive session.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go back on record at 11:05 a.m.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion,

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

The bid opening for the Bridge Replacement on Road 19 over Blanchard River was held

The bid were received as follows:

Contractor	Bid amount	bid bond
R G Zachrich	\$1,923,412.00	bond included
Eagle Bridge	\$ 1,874,000.00	bond included
R & I Construction	\$1,650,328.00	bond included.

Mr. Schroeder moved to table the bids for further review.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

The minutes from Tuesday February 216, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

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

Mr. moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners resumed session.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the final public hearing for the Warrington/Sugar Creek Joint County Ditch Amendment #8 at the Bath Township House in Allen County.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions regarding the Home Health Board creation. The Commissioners held a conference call with Liz Zink-Pearson of Pearson & Bernard PSC the attorney who issued the memo regarding the request for the separate Home Health Board. Steve Coburn-Griffis joined the meeting. The ORC has been reviewed for guidance in the board creation. The Auditor's Tax ID is currently being used and if it were to be used for the new board he would need to be advised. A similar situation happened in Lake County which would be an example. Community representation is recommended. The new board must comprise at least three members five would be ideal and manageable. A resolution from the Health Department or the Board of Commissioners would be needed for approval. The Board will have to be involved with the quality improvement program. It could be set up similar to the ADAMHS Board. It could be best to set up a Medicare service provider as a separate corporation for liability reasons. If separate it would create an issue with the employees and their PERS benefits, the Prosecutor should be advised. The Commissioners want to retain the continuity of service to the community. A resolution would be needed from another county that has this set up as an example. The Health Board can focus on different public needs such as the opiate epidemic and the Home Health Board can focus on their issues also if separated.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day.

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers held a conference call with Michelle Rider at Werlor Recycling regarding some rental space for the trailers with the containers for the residents for the week of March 25. They are looking for a secure location during the distribution of the bins. The Village did offer an area but that area is only dirt there is no foundation. The Commissioners will check on the liability of this situation and get back to her. Mr. Lammers asked about a county recycling program and if Werlor would be willing to take over the current program. Michelle said she would check on the operations of the recycling. Mr. Lammers suggested she contact Rob Fawcett about the insurance.

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 28, 2019.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

