

## Minutes for Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to sign the Biennial Sub Agreement between Ohio Department of Job & Family Services and Putnam County Board of Commissioners effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers; Cindy Landwehr, Clerk

Commissioner Schroeder arrived at the office.

Todd Herpst of Metalink called in to talk to the Commissioners regarding the upkeep and maintenance of the land for the Communication tower. The parcel has not been mowed. Mr. Herpst wanted to make sure who is responsible for the mowing. The Commissioners will confirm with Brookhill grounds keepers and see if that area has been too wet to mow yet this year.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions regarding Alternative Energy Zones. Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel joined the meeting. The Commissioners think the original offer from Avangrid was low and they were aware of the resolution that was in passed and aware of the legislation in place. The Commissioners would like another proposal from Avangrid. Avangrid did not approach the Commissioners until after the project was under way. Now Avangrid wants to reduce the taxes paid to the County not to the other entities. The other payments cannot be changed they are set to be paid according to the set tax rates. The \$2,000 discretionary portion is the only amount that can be changed. Vinton County that Avangrid used as an example is less populated than Putnam County. This would bringing in a large amount of money (approx. \$300,000) anything above that would be a deal for Putnam County. But using the AEZ, Avangrid would be saving money rather than paying the per megawatt rate on energy produced. The Commissioners would still like to see another proposal and answer why Avangrid thinks that the AEZ PILOT payments are negotiable when it was an established legislative resolution from 2011. The amounts that could be received were discussed as to what would be a "good deal" for the County. The Commissioner want to see the project proceed but they do not want to "give away the farm" to get it. Avangrid is still getting a break with the AEZ Pilot program rather than paying the per megawatt production rates. There was no communication with the Commissioners from Avangrid at the beginning of this project, 70% of the leases were signed before the Commissioners were even approached by Avangrid. The Commissioners are willing to work with Avangrid but they do not know how Avangrid was informed that the PILOT payments were negotiable. The Commissioners do not want to rescind an existing resolution that has been in effect since 2011..

The minutes from Tuesday May 28, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schroeder yes Schlumbohmyes

Commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 p.m..

Steve and Sharon Teffenhardt met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the Dwight Maag Tile project that went through his property. Steve was very grateful to get a meeting set up so quickly. Steve said first it was an annoyance for 2 years, and then troublesome for 1 ½ years and now in the last couple months it is starting to be serious crisis. They love this community, have been going to the meetings in regards to the flooding here in Putnam County. 5<sup>th</sup> generation family in that home. Yard trashed since November, unhygienic, lots of people asking what is going on with yard. Basement has flooded drastically 7 times since November. Had slight flooding before, has improved until November. Not clear water now, muddy due to excavation. Catch basin is in south east. Water is coming from north and a little from south and then flows west toward Tawa. Gravity drain in basement then someone put a short retaining wall around it. Water does not come in this though. They think it is coming in through the floor or walls somehow. Tile that drains basement used to go south. 21 years living here in a farm area and have never had issues like this. We were told it would be two years ago by Maag's who were doing the work themselves and they would take care of it. December equipment sat. 6 feet hole by driveway was left. They put posts and made people aware. Lots of nuisance items. Driveway is mud now, never had that problem. Couldn't use garage Turf Concepts took over in November. Eventually hole got filled in. Garage frozen shut. Never dried around that garage. Yard has dried. Surface water that gets in garage. Sink hole in driveway. They think a tile got cut somewhere that is leaving water around them like this. Have never complained about any of this but now with the supposed fixes that were done, we should not be having all of these problems. Sharon said they now have a bill for the septic lid for \$1500. Dan Creager farms their 7 acres, Jeff Giesige from Soil & Water and Jared from Turf Concepts were out there. Jared tried to tell him white flag where edges were. Dirt on top of septic and caved it in just before Christmas. Was open for 4 months and called Soil & Water and said Robert Sewer Service. Steve told Robert's Sewer Service the bill needed to go to Turf Concepts. Vince asked if the engineer has said anything. Steve has brought to their attention 2-3 times and it doesn't go anywhere. Commr Schroeder and Schlumbohm said you were probably on the tile they abandoned. Sharon said two weeks ago, furnace stopped. The one motor recently replaced is going bad now. Moisture super exceeding the rust on appliances also. The furnace workers are telling them that it is going bad and it is due to the moisture in the air. Sharon said it is always dirty and doesn't ever completely dry out now. We feel we have been very patient. Two days ago had a long conversation with Jared from Turf. He was trying to convince him to pay for the lid. Steve gave Turf down payment to run a tile around the house for them and need to figure it out. But when Gary Hermiller was around he gave him a lot lower quote to do the work. Turf Concepts should be the Engineers responsibility. Steve said he has tons of pictures and video. Steve & Sharon said properly fix basement tile issue. Restore drainage properly. Install a proper sump pump. Driveway gravel fixed up. Promise to make yard whole and acceptable. Doesn't have to be beautiful but something presentable. If this isn't fixed soon, he is thinking he will need to rehome the family temporarily. He invites all to come out and smell the house because it is bad. The Commissioners will check with the Engineer to verify the tiles and which tiles were cut off. Mr. Teffenhardt did research the elevation of the tiles and the

outlets. His downspouts were rerouted to the new tile rather than through the septic system now. Mr. Teffenhardt thanked the Commissioners for meeting with him and listening.

Ottawa Township Trustees, Don Croy and Jim Leopold met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss roads and right of ways in the area of Road I-9. The area was viewed on GIS and the original plats were viewed. There is no documentation showing where the township accepted care of these roads. The minutes from 1988 may show the acceptance and can be researched. Mr. Hempfling does not have an easement to use Lake Drive for farm access. Cell towers were also discussed with the Trustees.

Judge Borer and Cheryl Hermiller came in to inform Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers of the changes for his Youth Subsidy Grant and how it will affect his budget going forward. Judge Borer said his 2019 grant money cannot be used for detention or probation within the rule. He can carry over a portion into next year. The administrative assistant will now be paid out of Community Service funds rather than the Probation funds. Cell phones and copier maintenance expenses must be moved to other funding sources from the County. There is some funding remaining until June 30, 2019 that can be used to upgrade the vehicles. The current vehicles are Impalas. A newer vehicle with low miles would be preferred not necessarily new. The current cages may be able to be transferred to the new vehicles. The Judge wanted the Commissioners to know that due to the changes with the grant funding some of his expense may have to be transferred to be paid out of the County portion of his budget.

Bill Unterbrink was contacted and agreed to mow the area near the Communication tower.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions regarding Sewer Dist #2 and the fund balance. The Commissioners will have a meeting to explain to the resident to the repairs and maintenance costs involved. The rates will remain at this time until the pumps are repaired. Bob Benroth and Jeremy Maag from the Auditor's office joined the meeting. County General Funds have been advanced to the Sewer Dist #2 fund to assist in paying for the repairs in the amount of \$ 17,000. A letter will be sent to the residents to inform them of the meeting and the repairs that were needed. The Commissioners are working to get the rates reduced for the residents once all the repairs are complete.

The Commissioners were not aware of the brochures and the signs that have been made up regarding the recycling. The public needs to be updated on what is accepted for compliance with the recycling.

Mr. Schlumbohm left for the day.

Bob Benroth talked to Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers regarding the budget and planning.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

