

Minutes for Thursday, August 1, 2019

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 003, Job & Family Services,
Children Services
SS 13, Transfer Out.....\$70,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

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	\$5,000.00
	(Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)	

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

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, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2019.

Fund 103, Community Corrections
From..103 CS-19, Contract Services....to.....103 ST-99, Payback.....\$3,260.55

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

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, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2019.

For Sheriff

From....6 A 14 D2, Gasoline.....to....6 A 14D1, Maintenance Contracts.....\$ 7,272.55.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

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 008, Capital Improvements

N 1, Capital Projects.....\$ 3,500.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
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Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction subsidy agreement for the T-CAP grant for \$ 150,000.00. for two years.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
Comm. Jrl. 114 , Page 87-92

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the CORSA Property Valuation Selection for the County. covering all building at replacement cost of \$ 16,644,700.00 through CORSA.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
Comm. Jrl. 114 , Page 93

Mr. Schlumbohm 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 General Ditch 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	Q 40, Advance In	\$ 2,000.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Cap Imp.....purchase order 39340
Wireless 911.....purchase order 39167

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

Community Corrections..... purchase order to Treasurer State of Ohio for unspent balance from 2018 grant for \$ 3260.55.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders and travel requests.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

Mr. Schroeder called the meeting to order with Mr. Schlumbohm and Mr. Lammers Tom Giesken and Aaron Baumgartner by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Liebrecht introduced Aaron Baumgartner to the Commissioners as the new CEO of the Putnam County YMCA. They are interested in bringing the YMCA programs to all Putnam County areas it is not just Ottawa YMCA. The values of the county are wanting to be instilled in the Putnam County youth. The basketball and volleyball is big as well as the swimming program. There are programs being scheduled for teens a Fifth quarter party for after football games. E-sports programs is being started also. Pandora-Gilboa has started an E-sports team. The YMCA's website is being redone to make things easier to find.

Village of Ottawa employees Jack Williams, Barb Hermiller and Dean Meyer, met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the Sewer district #2 billing. Mr. Schlumbohm shared the information he obtained about the quote for rebuilding the pump station for sewer district #2. Bockrath & Associates is working on the engineering and applying for grant funding. The County is also ordering some manholes seals for the lower laying manholes. The wet well lid will be raised also about 6 inches. The percentage of the village paying the bills was discussed. The repairs that have been done will also be paid partly by the village. The Usage bills for the sewer district was discussed and the averaging of the billing. The check valve and impellers have been replaced and the usage bills have gone down since then. The results of the smoke & dye tests done on Sewer district #2 were reviewed and none of the repairs were done in sewer district #2 or at least not documented. The Commissioners would like the Village to have the policing authority on the sewer district. The issue of storm sewer installation in non-annexed areas was discussed and the possibility of grant funding for that project. Jack Williams explained the storm sewer plan and the need for engineering by Bockrath. Maintenance will be an issue also. Using issue II local government monies for the project at one time was discussed. The resulted from a recent smoke & dye test in Sewer dist #2 will be shared with the Commissioners. The Commissioners want to work with the village to move forward and help these residents that are affected by this. Mr. Williams explained the new standards coming down from the state. The Commissioners would like to turn over the sewer districts to the village eventually. Pohl Rd is included with Sewer dist #1 not sewer dist #2. Jack recommended turning all the sewer lines over to the Village at one time, not individually. The County runs under the Villages NPDES permit but with the new standards the County will have to have a separate permit. The usage bills from the past two years for sewer district #2 were reviewed. Mr. Lammers explained the time span when the pump was malfunctioning and a correction of the bills was requested. Mr. Williams said to put it in writing. Mr. Williams said that would not have happened if the Village was maintaining the pumps. The Village will pull pumps monthly. Mr. Lammers feels that the bills were not reflecting the correct amounts due to the water not being processed. There are seven months where the averages were extremely high and should not have been, some of the bills were adjusted. The Commissioners are looking to make the repairs needed. The Village will review the bills and rain events and see if any other adjustment can be made. Mr. Williams explained the processes that have been gone through throughout the life of the sewer system. Mr. Williams explained the issues with the storm water and the sewer system. There needs to be drainage available for the surface water to get away. The standards that were followed when the subdivisions were created were discussed. The Commissioners would like to create a new maintenance agreement with the Village. The Commissioners will have to write a letter requesting the Village to perform the maintenance. The Village is willing to take it over. The County's upgrades coming to the Sewer district #2 will be compliant with the Villages specs. The County is looking for a billing average correction from October 2018 through May 2019. The Commissioners think it has been about 3 years since the pumps were not maintained properly. The Commissioners will write a letter to the Village within the next week.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Keith Schierloh sat in on the agenda also.

Keith Scheirloh gave the Commissioners an update on his grant funding and the programs that it will cover. The planned assumption of budgetary responsibility for the probation department has been deferred.

The minutes from Tuesday July 30, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Bob Benroth and Kim Nordhaus met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss a personnel issue. Gabbie Martin of Cunningham Law office and Martin Verni of Putnam County Sentinel also joined the meeting. Gary Lammers could not join the meeting due to a court appearance. Bob Benroth informed the Commissioners the meeting is regarding the Recorder. Bob shared a letter he received from OPERS regarding the Recorder and her approval for application of disability. The Auditor was instructed to complete forms and submit them to OPERS. OPERS set the date of July 31, 2019 as the effective date for receiving the benefit. However if the employee remains employed after the date of July 31, 2019 the disability payment will not be made to the employee. Bob sent a letter to Mrs. Recker to confirm her application and a courtesy to not miss the deadline. At this time August 1, no action was taken by Mrs. Recker and the Auditor's office was not contacted for any questions regarding the letter. The application was initiated by the employee not the County. This process is simle to the retirement process where the Auditor would have to certify to OPERS the employee's employment status in writing. Mr. Benroth sent the letter to Mrs. Recker so she would not lose any benefit she had applied for and would not miss the deadline. Bob wanted the Commissioners to know this application was not followed through. There is a possibility that if the disability would be applied for again it would not be approved by OPERS. The Commissioners are concerned about the service to the County residents as well as the benefits to the employees. This is a frustrating situation. Bob asked do the Commissioners have any actions they can follow to remove an elected official from office, since the Prosecutor has been looking into it. The Commissioners thanked Bob for keeping them informed. The Auditor does have to respond to OPERS regarding this situation and he asked if the Commissioners had any comments to add to the response. They did not. Bob will be informing OPERS that no response was received.

Gary Lammers stopped in after his court case to talk to the Commissioners regarding the issue that Bob informed the Commissioner about. Gary said that OPERS had to do some kind of evaluation to determine the need for disability benefit. And a date was to be determined for the termination of her employment. He spoke of Bob's letter addressed to Mrs. Recker to remind her of the July 31, 2019 deadline to respond to OPERS to accept the disability payments. There is no statute to follow for removing an elected official from office for this particular situation, unless the official is not able to physically attend to perform their job. The Secretary of State's office was consulted for guidance and nothing was available at this time. Due to the other office employees being able to continue to perform the services needed for the public the job is still being performed. There have been other situations in other public office seats where people have stepped down from their position due to cancer treatment and progression, but those people made the decision on their own. It is hoped that she gets the care and treatment that is needed.

Gary informed the Commissioners of that the appeal will be in August 27 for the Road 5 cases. The Commissioners would like to discuss the need to retain Frost Brown and Todd to continue.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, August 1, 2019.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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