

**Minutes for Thursday, September 26, 2019**

Mr. Schroeder 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 115, Wireless 911  
115 SER, Services.....\$4,500.00

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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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 113, PutCo Water/Sewer  
113 MISC, Miscellaneous.....\$ 45.00

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. Lammers moved the adoption of the following:

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County is a member of the Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center (W.O.R.T.H.), a community based corrections facility located at 243 Bluelick Road, Lima, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Member county it is incumbent on this Board to act in conjunction with the other member boards of commissioners to reappoint the Commissioners' appointment to the Facilities Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Bruce Showalter was appointed by the Boards of County Commissioner to fill the vacancy of Michael Kirkendall for the remainder of the unexpired term of Michael Kirkendall which shall expire on October 12, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Section 2301.51 of the Revised Code, this Board, in conjunction with the other member boards of W.O.R.T.H., wish to reappoint Bruce

Showalter to a full three (3) year term effective October 13, 2019 and ending on October 12, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That this Board, as a member county, and with the collective Boards of County Commissioners, hereby reappoints Bruce Showalter to the Facilities Governing Board of W.O.R.T.H. for a full three (3) year term effective October 13, 2019 and ending October 12, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the clerk of this Board certify a copy of this resolution to the Facilities Governing Board of the W.O.R.T.H. Center which resolution will be included with the resolutions of the other eight (8) member counties, which collectively shall constitute the appointment of said member.

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 County,

Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending

December 31, 2019.

For Commissioners

From....1 A 2,Comp of Employees.....to....14 B 1, Accrued Vacation & Sick.....\$14,805.96

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. Lammers 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 001 Clerk of Courts

From...2 M 9D1, Travel.....to.....2 M 1A, Visiting Judges.....\$1,516.00

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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**Now and Then Purchase order**

**E-911.....Purchase order 39393**

**Youth Subsidy..... purchase order 39014**

**County General.....purchase order 39612**

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

Mr. Schlumbohm 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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Lori Rayle stopped to give the Commissioners an update on the Recorder's office and inform the Commissioners they may be getting some questions regarding their upcoming training for the new system.

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

Sarah Kreinbrink with Assured Title stopped in to talk to the commissioners about the Recorder's Office.

Martin Verni stopped in to confirm the Commissioners' discussion subject regarding the solar farm.

The Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers had a brief discussion about the communication tower and the river gauge financial assistance. Some options of separating the tower from the river gauge assistance could be presented to the Village. Some renegotiations may take place with Metalink regarding the communication tower.

Commissioners Schroeder, Lammers and Schlumbohm held discussions regarding the solar farm resolution. Mr. Schroeder brought up a CCAO article from 2010 that talked about the solar projects and some of the options the Counties can go with. The Commissioners discussed abolishing the AEZ resolution. The resolution that was presented was reviewed by the Commissioners. The Commissioners still would like to talk to Dale Arnold of the Farm Bureau. The Commissioners are seeking legal advice specialized for AEZ projects. A list of legal advisors with knowledge of AEZ was reviewed by the Commissioners. In the verbiage of the resolution the director is mentioned and who would be the director be, Development Services or Power Siting Board? If keeping the AEZ resolution any project not having an agreement the AEZ resolution would take effect. A call was made to Dale Arnold to get his opinion on the matters the Commissioners are reviewing. Mr. Arnold was not available for the call.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Cindy Landwehr, clerk.

The minutes from Tuesday September 24, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Dale Arnold returned a call to the Commissioners to discuss his suggestions on the AEZ project. Mr. Arnold will need to review their request and he will get back with them next week.

Commissioners Schroeder & Lammers attended a Board of Revision meeting.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left the office.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes

Commissioners returned from lunch.

The minutes from Thursday September 19, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Gary Lammers, Joe Burkhart, Brad Brubaker and John Love met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the Tower Memorandum of Understanding. The Commissioners have discussed the situation and have given permission to Mr. Schlumbohm to go back to the Village of Ottawa to work on resolving this issue. At that time the Commissioners are proposing to be guarantor to Metalink if

the tower should become obsolete or abandoned that it will be taken down at that time. These changes will be proposed as amendments to the contract.

Mr. Lammers moved to go into executive session at 1:13 p.m. with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Joe Burkhart, John Love and Brad Brubaker to consider pending or imminent court action Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners went back on record at 1:53 p.m.

No decisions were made.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the Shane Fitzwater Joint County Ditch first hearing at 2:00 p.m. in the assembly room with Paulding County Commissioners Holtsberry and Klopfenstein.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left the office.

Anna Mae Blankemeyer stopped in to talk to the Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers about the Recorder's Office and the change in software again. She is concerned about the operation of the Recorder's Office. She was questioning the Recorder's competency for making the decision to change the software again. This is the fourth time that office has changed their system in the last 14 years. As an attorney she is concerned about the state of the County's records. The Commissioners explained they do not have any power or authority over another elected official. Mrs. Blankemeyer is concerned as a taxpayer also. She said it is not fair to the taxpayers nor is it fair to the office staff.

Adam Cupp and Jonathan Fortman met with Commissioners Schroeder, and Lammers, Bob Benroth and Kim Nordhaus to discuss AFLAC and the flexible spending accounts. The open enrollment period for the employees was discussed it will start October 11. The employee meetings will be scheduled also. The meetings are the presentation of any changes to the insurance programs that are offered. Adam brought up the AFLAC program. There are 5 on the dependent care and 36 on the flexible spending accounts. The flexible spending accounts were explained that pre-tax money from paychecks is put into an account for an employee for medical expenses. Dependent care is \$5000 for services day care or senior day care. If an employee would spend all of their money prior to the end of the year and would not work the full year the county would have to still pay the amount to the flexible spending account, since the amounts are paid up front at the beginning of the year. Gary Suever the past AFLAC representative for the County paid the monthly fees on behalf of the County, Gary is retiring as this is no longer getting paid by him. Adam wants to know if the County want to stay with AFLAC & Wageworks, if they want to transfer to a different FSA program or not offer the FSA. Adam and Jonathan are more concerned about the health insurance. Can the Commissioners say that AFLAC must pay the fees or they cannot come in to solicit to the employees on work time? There are some hidden administrative costs to the county for the processing of these accounts. The fees would be there with any FSA program. Adam and Jonathan will ask AFLAC about the fees. Adam submitted their bid for being the County consultant also.

The budget distribution of payroll was discussed by Commissioners Schroder and Lammers with Bob Benroth and Kim Nordhaus and the impact of the percentage increases on the County General fund for payroll. There are differing opinions on giving

a percentage increase or a flat rate increase. Doing a flat rate increase the benefits would have to be adjusted accordingly also rather than knowing the percentage.

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, September 26, 2019.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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