

Minutes for Thursday, October 3, 2019

Mr. Lammers 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)	\$8,500.00

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 to approve signing the Sheriff contract for Gerdeman-Hovest business auction.

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 230-231

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 117, Probate Supervision
117 MIS, Miscellaneous.....\$100.00

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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Now and Then Purchase order

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

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder
Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder
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Purchase orders and travel requests

Sheriff/Jail.....Travel request for Brent Meyers and Miguel Ortiz to attend the OPOTA Jail Administrator course in London, OH Dec 1-6, 2019 with purchase order for lodging and registration for \$ 1300.00.

HOME Funds.....Purchase order to JT Home Services for R Wright change order for \$ 750.00.

County General.....Purchase order to Lima Armature Works to rebuild motor for jail g-lift for \$ 300.00, Purchase order to Kalida Truck Equipment for aluminum bed for salt truck for \$ 7900.00. Purchase order to National Salt Distribution for 3 pallets of salt for \$ 654.15.

EMS.....Purchase order to Stryker Corp for cot maintenance for \$ 3000.00. Purchase order to Spin Life for 24" wheelchair for \$ 425.00.

Probate Supervision....purchase order for postage through 12-31-19 for \$ 50.00.

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 none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers none

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

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the courthouse project progress meeting at 8:30 a.m. with Tim Schnipke, Aaron Vorst, Brady Schroeder, Joe Burkhart, Kevin Niese, and Craig Schroeder.

Joe Burkhart met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss updating the county websites. Joe is getting quotes for new software to update the website. It is running about \$8,000, which does not include protection. ADA compliance is also becoming an issue with websites. So he is looking for quotes that include ADA compliance also. Secretary of State would assist with the security of the website. There are ten years of minutes available on

the website and Joe questioned if that would still need to be available. Joe needs to know how the Commissioners want to handle this and how much they are willing to spend.

Commissioners called Greg Bockrath regarding taking a portion of the Fairgrounds out of the flood plain so the FEMA grant can have a site for the new storm shelter.

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

The Commissioners held discussion on the river gauge funding for Ottawa. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding will be based on the life of the river gauge. Metalink will have to work with the Village to come to an agreement for the tower. The County contract with Metalink will have to be reviewed. The current term of that contract is 10 years. The Commissioners reviewed the draft MOU that was sent to them regarding the river gauges and some revisions may be made. The Commissioners will have to talk to the Prosecutor.

The minutes from Thursday September 26, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

The minutes from Tuesday October 1, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners returned from lunch.

County Prosecutor Gary Lammers stopped in quick to talk to the commissioners about Joe Schroeder getting him a copy of an updated memorandum for the river gauge funding and tower. Commr. Schlumbohm said he wants where practical added because he doesn't want to encourage unusual expenses. Gary Lammers said in the actual contract, he will put all the topics on what agreeing to. Commr. Schroeder said he is uncomfortable with it. Personally he wants to ask in Gary's professional opinion, what did we do wrong? To Vince, he thinks the memorandum looks like we stepped on their toes and he didn't think we did. Commr. Schroeder asked what Ottawa's big hurry was on this? Commr. Schlumbohm said Metalink is going to supply internet for the week of the fair. Gary Lammers said life of gauge or successor gauge, that at a certain amount of time, the village and county need to sit down and review it. Maybe it would be time to look at a different gauge, expenses can go up or down, or things change so it would be good to have a review. He said this memorandum is just the party's involved original guide to start from. The contract would be what would bind you once that contract is made up. Commr. Schroeder does not want to see 99 years. Commr. Lammers said he does not want to see that 99 years either. They would like future commissioners down the road to be able to decide if this is something the county should continue. Commr. Lammers would like to see an amount, a resolution has to tie us to a contract for the life of a gauge. He said \$5,000 a year for the life of gauge with a review of every 10 years. Can we agree to add to contract with Metalink that if they don't tear tower down the tower when they are done with it then we take care of it or can we do a bond that provides us as landlord to assure the tower will be taken down when they vacate the property. Commr. Lammers said he would sign the resolution then a contract. Vince thinks the gauge is going to be obsolete eventually with

satellite. Gary will get with Metalink's attorney and Joe Schroeder again on getting the gauge issue settled first. Then an agreement about the tower coming down if it becomes obsolete.

Melissa Trentman and Aaron Anspach with AFLAC agent met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers. Bob Benroth and Kim Nordhaus to introduce themselves and inform us of some changes due to Gary Suever retiring. Melissa will be taking over for Gary and the open enrollment period is coming up. Melissa is willing to work with Adam Cupp and Jonathan Fortman also. Melissa also works with Wageworks for the FSA that are available to the employees. Wageworks and AFLAC no longer have a contract together. The fees that were involved were previously covered by Gary Suever. Those Wageworks fees will no longer be covered by AFLAC. The Wageworks fees are \$50 per month for compliance and \$4 per participant per month for the FSA. The FSA are not AFLAC accounts. When these accounts were started there were no fees passed on to the County and with the transition to Wageworks those fees were covered by the agent. HSA and FSA accounts were discussed and the differences. The banks can manage the HSA but not the FSA. The employers set aside the money for the FSA at the beginning of the year. If all the money is not used it would go back to the county. There are 36 participants in the FSA and 5 in dependant care so it would cost the county \$2600 per year. The per person fees could be passed on to them (\$2 per deduction). AFLAC would still like to meet with the employees and anyone not interested would have to sign a waiver. There is another option of another company to take over the FSAs but they would need to meet with 75% of the employees. The other company would not charge the \$4 per person fee. The Commissioners would like to save the employees the extra fees, but the convenience of not having to switch is also a benefit. The Commissioners are in agreement to have Melissa ask about the other company taking over the current FSA accounts. There is no guarantee the other company will pick up the accounts but the bid will be made due to the time constraints with open enrollment coming up. There is a \$500 carryover allowance on FSA accounts.

Jodi Warnecke of Council on Aging, and Mike Klear of EMS/EMA met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss transportation. Jodi gave a history to the Commissioners on funding for vehicles through ODOT. There is a transportation plan that covers four counties Hancock Hardin Wyandot and Putnam. Council on Aging is the lead agency for Putnam County. 5311 rural transportation is the grant funding that Putnam County is eligible for. This would cover the on demand trips in the gaps in service. Jodi can only provide service to people over 60 through Council on Aging and D/D can only service the D/D people. If this is something the county would like to pursue the Commissioners support would be need to expand the services to those who fall in the gaps in the service that are already provided. The grant is a 50/50 match so some funding would be needed by the County. Community Action had financial support from several entities for the match funding. Some state funding would be eligible match funds also. Jodi said they are asking today if this would be something of interest to the County that they should pursue. ODOT covers 80% and local agency would provide 20% of funding for services and vehicles. We can decide the service area by doing the research. Allen County would not be eligible to be a lead on this grant due to them not being rural. This would not be a bus service with set stops it would have to be scheduled. Second shift or later in the day and weekends is an area that needs more services. Would it be cheaper to hire an outside private entity taxi service to take over the services. Jodi said they average about 10 trip denials per week. Jodi said with more vehicles they would be able to expand services. More funding would be required to expand the hours. The transportation plan needs to be updated

every 4-5 years but it is reviewed annually. October 24 is the next transportation meeting and ODOT will be there. The availability of Lyft and Uber in the County was discussed. The vehicles needed to move wheel chairs are larger and not as cost effective as cars would be. Mike Klear said his services end about the time the doctors' offices would close. Mike said his services are billed through Medicaid and Jodi said they do not do billing they encourage donations and are funded through the levy. Jodi said they did provide ramps for a house but she does not have the manpower at this time. The planning would be in 2020 and the funding would start in 2021.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held a conference call with David Nash an attorney specializing in alternative energy projects. Marin Verni set in on the meeting.

Mr. Verni left the meeting due to executive session.

Mr. Schroeder moved to go into executive session at 3:05 p.m. with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Mr. Nash to consider confidential information related to the specific business strategy, of an applicant for economic development assistance, and to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go back on record at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, October 3, 2019.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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