

Minutes Tuesday May 4, 2021

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve signing the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Target of Opportunity program agreement between Dale Dulle, Business Owner and Putnam County, the agreement between business owner and contractor Schroeder Masonry for the façade and masonry work, the agreement between the business owner and contractor Halker Drywall for rehabilitation work, are also approved to be signed.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers 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, 2021.

For Office of Public Safety

From....120 LIA, Liability ...to....120 SQD, Squad.....\$421.84

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

ADAMHS.....Purchase order 42363-42366

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order 42609

Ditch Maintenance.....Purchase order 42610

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes
Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers none
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Purchase orders and travel requests

EMS.....Purchase order to Stryker Medical for cot accessories –Pandora Squad for \$ 621.84.

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order to Kenneth Bendele to install frames on recycling bins for new truck for \$ 18,000.00.

Capital Improvement.....Purchase order to Klausing Painting to power wash & paint Health Dept for \$ 5600.00. Purchase order to Klausing Painting to power wash & paint Ag Complex for \$ 8300.00. Blanket purchase order for fairgrounds electrical improvements for \$ 6585.77.

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers none

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

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the Elected Officials meeting in the Lunch Room.

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

Lori Rayle stopped in to give the Commissioners an update on her new hires. She only had three applicants within a month for her part time position that is poster.

Bob Benroth met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss employee compensation and the 2021 budget. Bob shared the casino revenue figures with the Commissioners. Bob said the CARES money has helped out with the budget planning.

Mr. Lammers moved to go into executive session to discuss courthouse employee compensation with Bob Benroth and Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to go back on record.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

A meeting will be set up with Kim Redman when she returns from vacation to discuss employee compensation for her department.

The minutes from Thursday April 29, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Ashley Siefker met with Paulette Huber of Poggemeyer and Matt Miller of Continental to discuss the Continental Critical Infrastructure project. Continental wants to apply for the \$500,000 CI Grant to help with road, sidewalk and storm sewer on Lakeland Drive. This project has been in the works for years and

this seems to be the best way to get the funding for it. Because the project is already pretty much finished being planned and changes to the application process, Paulette is hopeful there will be less applications for this round, making the chances for funding approval greater for this project. They hope to have the application in to the State by the June deadline. The Commissioners gave verbal approval to move forward with the application and be the grantee. Paulette will get with Ashley to start the next steps in the application process.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers discussed the recycling program and how to get employees to work. If we use the key FOBs for access will we need a new gate? Do we need to continue with inspectors if the key FOBs are used? The Commissioners will set up a meeting with Joe Hohlbien and Adam Schimmoeller to discuss the recycling program and the changes that will need to be made to continue the program.

Dylan Borchers and Jeff Reinkemeyer of Avangrid met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Bob Benroth to discuss the Powell Creek Solar Farm. Jeff shared that the Road agreements were received. He said the posting for the escrow was not included it should be posted prior to construction. The negotiations are getting in line. Mr. Schlumbohm asked about the current terms being used for the project, regarding being covered under ORC regulations. In the Power Siting Board process the hearing process is done and the project is being considered. There are set backs on intersections within the project area, there were people who were concerned about these issues. A public hearing was held and the proceedings are closed. There is no set timeline for a decision to be made. It is hoped to have the certificate by this fall. There was feedback from folks living on Road 12, those panels were moved to an area without houses. Dylan wanted to cover the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, OAQDA, requirements. An agreement replicating the payments will be done. Dylan has a draft agreement for the Commissioners to review. The agreement will define the requirements and the payment allocation. There would be an addendum for the townships to approve. The Commissioners informed Jeff that they have been contacted by multiple companies for more solar projects. Commissioners asked why this project is bigger. Jeff said it is because that is what their customer want/need, the larger output. A confirmation of the project size was asked, it is approx. 1,000 acres. 100 ft setbacks will be utilized in the project. The polycrystalline panel technology will be used, to identify that the materials used in the panels is not toxic. The labor issues within China were also discussed, since China is where the materials are produced. The company has signed a pledge that they are not using the labor in question. The material under the panels was questioned. The areas will be seeded with vegetation that can be managed. Dylan said he could share the conditions that have been listed for the project by the parties involved such as the residents and Farm Bureau. The possibility of livestock in the panel area was discussed, sheep would be appropriate for size, cattle are too large. The need of inverters was discussed along with the high number of them needed for converting the lines from DC to AC. There is a standardized line size for the collection line coming from the panels to the substation. Solar storage facilities were also discussed an amendment would be needed for the Power Siting Board to add storage to the project. Commissioner Schlumbohm left the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Lithium-ion is the storage technology for now. Bob asked about the anticipation of the bond size growing to match the project size. Bob said since that was the reason for the change in the type of project was receive the benefits for the air quality abatements. Bob asked about the buffer area outside the fence, if it can be farmed, for taxing purposes. Jeff said they can look at it based on owner it is up to the owner and would be less maintenance for solar farm. A farm preservation program was talked about if it would qualify

also. Vince asked about the possibility of other energy sources becoming available. There is an expensive possibility to turn the sources over to renewable energy. Ohio is attractive due to being in the middle of the national power grid, it is also attractive due to the state regulations. Ohio is favorable for business. Dylan will send the information on the OAQUDA requirements and the abatement agreement. There will be informational community nights in Van Wert to share more information as they have it available for those projects.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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