

Minutes, Thursday September 9, 2021

Now and Then Purchase orders

Ag Complex.....purchase order 43067

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

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Purchase orders and travel requests

Children Services.....Blanket purchase order for foster care for \$ 10,000.00.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

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

Tim Schnipke met with Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers to discuss some maintenance quotes. Tim received two quotes for the sidewalk repairs at the Sheriff’s office entrance, Dale’s Concrete was chosen due to being the lowest. The sidewalks will also be sealed to keep the salt from deteriorating them. Tim had a quote from Schimmoeller Construction for work at the Health Dept. replacing windows. The exposed concrete from the basement will be power washed and sealed. An outside sump pump will be installed and piped to the parking lot drain. \$98,978 is the total bid. A fan control replacement quote for the courthouse was submitted as \$680,000, chiller was \$114,000, the room units and new plumbing and piping is \$ 565,000. This would be a capital improvement expense. The expense for prevailing wage was discussed for the courthouse project. The cost of new generator for jail is \$100,001, which E-911 will cover the expense. New intercoms and cameras for the jail \$202,055, it was questions if this could be an ARP expense, the Auditor will be consulted. There are still some quotes that have not come in yet, for new jail -Jail chiller, jail kitchen hood exhaust. The air is kept on at night now to minimize the humidity that collects through the night to keep the floor dry. Tim is hoping the work on the jail chiller will be done this year.

Commissioner Schlumbohm joined the meeting.

Mark Hoorman met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to give an update on the Swine Improvement Committee. The committee received some grant funds for more projects at the fair. They are looking at new gates for the south hog barn. The Commissioners prefer they work more directly with the Fair Board also. They are collecting bids for the gates. A new wash rack is being looked at between the hog and dairy barn and the correct drainage will be needed. Some other drainage was discussed. Mark asked if the

Commissioners knew of Matt Hughes, who raises funds for fairgrounds. Mr. Hughes helped to raise funds for the Henry County fair to building one large building for all livestock. Mark would like to present a project to build a large livestock venue for our fair. Any improvements to the fairgrounds will benefit everyone. The local fair board is divided as to what are most important improvements. All the buildings need work. Mark presented a new building to replace the restroom building and junior fair office and combine with a show arena. The Commissioners wanted to know how much Mr. Hughes charges. The Commissioners are in favor to have the Swine Committee to approach the Fair board with their ideas. The parking and crossing the street during the fair was discussed, closing the road or putting in a cross walk. The new building that Mark is proposing could be used for open class shows, flea markets and indoor soccer.

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

The minutes from Tuesday September 7, were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers called Bob Benroth regarding the construction collection on the joint ditch Warrington/Sugar Creek Dt with Allen County. Allen County has not certified the assessments each year, they only certified the first year of collection so Putnam has not been collecting for the past four years. Putnam County will advance the funds to Allen County and then collect from our residents to repay the advance for the years needed.

Bob Benroth, Lori Rayle, Mike Lenhart and Greg Luersman met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the Planning Commission. Greg started off the meeting with a written proposal for the transfer of duties. The salary for the planning commission will now go to the tax map budget. Nolan Croy will be taking over the planning commission responsibilities and a recorder employee will be paid as a tax map assistant for make the position full time. The funds for fringes for the recorder employee will have to be added to the recorders budget so she can pay the employee. If/when the Engineer would move out of the courthouse the tax map must stay at the courthouse, so the tax map position would need to have a new location within an office in the courthouse. The Engineer would then have someone else to fill in when Nolan is on vacation. The office space for Nolan is not known yet, however this could be a change in 3-5 years. With the digitizing of the Recorders books may make some space for a desk in the future. The current planning commission money will transfer to the tax map to cover the additional pay needed for the assistant. Since Greg will not get paid from the planning commission the GIS funds will cover the difference with the funds moving to the tax map budget. The assistant will need training for tax map so the position will not start until Oct 1. The Tax Map and Recorder work together with reading the deeds and plats and this will make it her a better employee and give her more knowledge to do her recording job as well. More funds will need to be added to the Recorders budget to cover the fringes needed to pay a full-time employee. The additional amount needed will be figured when the type of insurance needed is known whether single/family. PERS is 14% medical would be about \$18,000 per year. The issue of having one person representing two different entities on the approval process on plats was discussed, since there are other entities approving it will be ok.

Bob brought up the ARP funds and some changes and direction that has been given from OBM. It will be discussed next week.

State Auditors Brenda Troyer, Elizabeth Sudlow, met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Bob Benroth, Angie Heitmeyer, Jeremy Maag and Tracy Warnecke for the exit conference for the County 2020 audit. The CARES grant was tested for the 2020 audit. The change to GASB reporting was discussed. The County presented reports on a cash basis rather than GAAP. The citations and comments were reviewed. Brenda explained if a TID is created that, that entity would be audited separately. The audit would depend on the activity. The costs of the audits were discussed. They explained that the sunshine laws would apply across the board for all the entities including policies and regulations.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers resumed session.

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers joined a teleconference with Joint County Board from Allen, Auglaize, Hardin and Hancock to discuss maintenance assessment for the Ottawa River Watershed.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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