

Minutes, Thursday October 7, 2021

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Justin LeHew has dedicated his career to honorably serving his country for 31 years, achieving the rank of Sergeant Major in the United States Marine Corps;

WHEREAS, Justin LeHew, during the course of his career, has deployed in numerous combat operations, and has been repeatedly decorated for acts of bravery, including being awarded the Navy Cross for his actions on March 23, 2003 in An Nasiriyah, Iraq;

WHEREAS, Justin LeHew continues to serve his country by working to recover and repatriate American soldiers missing in action around the globe, through his charitable work with History Flight;

WHEREAS, Justin LeHew is a native son of Putnam County and has epitomized the highest values, moral character and patriotism, which we strive to pass onto all of our sons and daughters;

WHEREAS, Justin LeHew is owed a deep debt of gratitude and, although not sought, should be honored by all who enjoy the freedoms his service and sacrifices have secured and continue to secure;

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED;

The commissioners of Putnam County Ohio on behalf of its citizens, hereby express their appreciation and gratitude to Justin LeHew for his years of service, and continued service, to his country, AND FURTHER, that October 16, 2021 is hereby proclaimed as “Justin LeHew Appreciation Day”

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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

Mr. seconded the motion.

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

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

JFS.....Blanket purchase order for COVID PRC for \$10,000.00.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm Y Mr. Schroeder Y Mr. Lammers Y

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm N Mr. Schroeder N Mr. Lammers N

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, September 30, 2021.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm Y Mr. Schroeder Y Mr. Lammers Y

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

The Commissioners met with County Engineer Mike Lenhart in regards to the drainage along US 224 East of Ottawa. Paul Lehman from ODOT sent some information to Commissioner Lammers. Lenhart brought in a drawing of the drainage out by the churches along East 224 and there is a tile along 224 that is bad in several places. Commissioner Lammers said ODOT said they are willing to help out. They went to the Village of Ottawa and they told Lehman it was our tile. Lenhart said he thinks when it was annexed in maybe the Village excluded the drainage issues and that it would go back to the previous owners. He thinks technically it would be the State but since it is in the village, they will participate but probably not do it. Commissioner Lammers asked who needs to petition it to get this started. Lenhart said he feels privately would be better before petitioning. Commissioner Schlumbohm said if you petition, that would get drug out around 3 years. Lenhart said he feels that ODOT would possibly participate with material and then you would have to pay to have the material put in. Private project usually has an account and the money would have to go into that account. Lammers said the only thing with private that he doesn't feel is a good route is who designs it and where do they go because it would have engineering and you know it is done the way it needs to be. They are going to contact the churches and have them come in for a meeting with the commissioners and Lenhart to talk about the two options to see what they think.

The Commissioners met with EMS/EMA Director Mike Klear along with Brian Hilvers Putnam County EMS and Attorney Tony Molnar with Fischel Downey in regards to personnel. Section 121.11(G)(1) ("To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee") for going into executive session.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session with Commissioner Schroeder and Commissioner Lammers and Mike Klear to discuss the appointment and employment of all of the employees working under the commissioners for EMS/EMA.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

Vote: Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go out of executive session at 9:46 a.m.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

No decisions were made.

Commissioners Schroeder, Lammers and Schlumbohm discussed the meeting. They gave Brian Hilvers, the proposed Director when Mike Klear leaves, permission to look into getting more volunteers for runs. He is going to look into paying by run instead of hourly. He is going to get the information on this and present it to the commissioners once he has it.

Maintenance Tim Schnipke called the commissioners and let them know they are moving some things around in the rental areas in the Ag Complex. He said Hearthside is wanting to rent some more space.

Commissioner Schroeder let Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers know about the fairgrounds meeting from Tuesday night. Commissioner Schroeder said he was going to check on the grandstands with Technicon. Commissioner Schroeder said the fair board would do the work and the commissioners would pay for the tin roof material for the office roof that leaks. Commissioners Schroeder, Lammers and Schlumbohm said they agree to that. They are going to use Capital Improvement money.

Commissioner Schlumbohm let Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers know that from the Glandorf Council Meeting Tuesday in regards to the zoning of the property along O-G Road that we would probably mirror what the village does with their property zoning and restrictions.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Lammers and Schlumbohm and Ashley Siefker, Asst. Clerk.

Commissioner Schroeder let Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers know about the Ag Society meeting from Tuesday night.

The Commissioners met with Auditor Bob Benroth and Kim Nordhaus for an insurance update. Fortmans want to know if the spousal re-certification needs to be done again. The rule hasn't changed. Final decision was to do it yearly. Kim said the next question is whether the employees can do payroll deduction for the HSA. Kim said if that happens, she prefers one bank for it if that is going to happen. Commissioner Schlumbohm said he thinks at this time no payroll deductions and they can start it up themselves and see how many people there are that do it. Employees on their own go to whatever bank they want to. Final decision they all agreed to no payroll deductions and they can start it up themselves and they will see how it goes and how many people do it.

The Commissioners met with Mark Hoorman, Nathan Meyer, Jeff Schroeder & Matt Hughes to discuss the fairgrounds. Bob Benroth attended the meeting also. Mark Hoorman introduced Matt Hughes. Matt helps raise money for 501c3s, mainly schools and fairgrounds. They do a 10 question survey first from the community. People are more likely to donate money or services to those kinds of projects when they know about the project and see what needs done- to see the plan from point A to point B on what the money is all going to. He helped Millstream with their building a couple years ago. Commissioner Lammers said I think you have our support and it is more about getting people to rethink about the funding for the fair and said it would probably come down to the costs. Matt said it is normally 6 months that everything takes.

Commissioner Lammers asked if the fairgrounds has a list of projects that Matt would have. Mark Hoorman said they would like to put up a building at the same time as the one the commissioners want to put out there. Commissioner Schroeder said you need to make sure that the whole fairboard is in agreement for everything and more buildings make more work so you would have to possibly pay someone more hours. Jeff Schroeder said if it is the commissioners building, maybe the Commissioners' office should hire someone to do maintenance for those buildings. Jeff said he understood that. Commissioner Schroeder said Step 1 they would like to see a footprint where the building would go and Step 2 they need to make sure the fair board is for sure on board. Commissioner Schlumbohm doesn't want to see it split, wants to see it all on the same side.

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, October 7, 2021.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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