

Minutes, Tuesday February 8, 2022

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, 2022, 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 081, EMA

W 9, Other Expenses\$ 10,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

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Now and Then Purchase orders

County General.....Purchase order 44011

Prosecutor.....Purchase order 41314

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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

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Purchase orders and travel requests

IT.....Travel request for Joe Burkhart to attend Central Square Technology conference in Orlando, FL March 27-30, 2022 with expenses for meals, registration & other totaling \$ 1000.00.

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

Mr. seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder

Commissioner Lammers called in to join Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm in discussion of ARP allowable expenses. He said since the rules have relaxed on the allowable expenses, they can put more toward the fairground improvements of the grandstand and new building. They also discussed the request from Amy Sealts for the workforce development position that is wanting to be created. The program within the schools is changing to bring specified vocations back. This new workforce position would coordinate with the schools to help to fill the available jobs within Putnam County. Commissioner Lammers does not want the state

or DC dictating what we do in our County. The vocational classes will not be brought back in to the public schools. The idea that not everyone needs to go to college needs to be instilled within the kids already in elementary school not just high school. The skills will not be taught to the students it will show the teachers that there are other jobs available without going to college. The purpose of this is to educate the educators about what the options are for the students. Putnam County could use its own vocational school, instead of sending those students to other counties. The Commissioners are negotiating on the amount to be given to the CIC to initiate this position. If the County ceases giving money to the position, will it continue, how will it be sustained? The Commissioners will ask Amy how it will be sustained.

Brian Hilvers met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and to discuss the ARP purchases for the EMS/EMA. Commissioner Lammers joined via teleconference. The Lucas device has been paid for but not the power cot yet. The power cot is being delivered to Braun to be installed in the new ambulance. The EMS/EMA received grant money also. They are getting approx. \$304,000 and have only gotten \$44,000 so far. The Tahoe that was ordered will not be needed. Brian will use the current pickup that the EMS has as his vehicle. The order for the Tahoe will be cancelled. The suction units will be paid for by the EMS grant money. The grant can cover the new EMS vehicles also. Cameras for intubating patients will also be purchased for each squad. New IO drills for the squads will be purchased for putting in IV's in the bone if a regular IV cannot be put in. Once Brian gets all his money, he will enter it into a spreadsheet to share with the Commissioners. Brian will set up a new line item in his fund for the grant money. Brian will not have enough funds to purchase a new squad but can he split the purchase between two funds. The Commissioners recommended asking the Auditor about splitting the purchase. Brian brought up the COOP plan Continuity of operations plan he received a quote for updating the plan. The Commissioners asked if the was required or just something did. Brian shared a copy of the hazard mitigation plan also. A copy was given to all Villages, a copy will be at the library and will be available online on the County's website. Brian brought up getting the squad repaired that was just in an accident. He just got a squad repaired that had DEF put in the fuel tank by mistake. On Apr 30 HAZMAT will be doing a trench rescue demonstration along the new road. The Commissioner will give permission and Brian will have to give proper notification to village and check OUPS. The Commissioners said to stay near the parking lot area as Glandorf owns on the other end of the road. Brian will also fill in on the 300 units when there is not someone available to work, to make sure there is someone on available on the road. Brian will check with the Auditor's office about getting paid for that.

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

The minutes from Thursday February 3, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Bob Benroth stopped in to ask about the match funds for the OSU Extension versus the Soil & Water match funds. The Commissioners were aware that OSU would be short for the retirement payout and did not want to increase their budget so they just made for the adjustment at the time of the retirement. Bob wanted to make sure the Commissioners knew that those employees are not paid by the County, they are employees of OSU Extension.

Bob also brought up the employee blood draw and the gas cards. If an employee leaves after the blood draw and before the gas cards are issued, they forfeit the gas card. A date may need to be set for the eligibility of the gas card.

Amy Hoffman of Palmer Energy met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to review the results of the RFP for electric facilities. Commissioner Lammers listened in on the phone and Bob Benroth sat in on the meeting. Amy had the RFP results for the electric contract. The pricing is not great right now. Putnam is included with 10 other counties in the RFP. Current contract is with Dynegy at 0.0398 which is ending. The three-year term rate is currently the lowest rate. Amy explained the capacity levels over a multi-year deal and capacity pass-through pricing versus the all-inclusive pricing. Amy said the recommendation is the 36-month term and they will refresh again once the agreements have been reviewed to get the best rate. The capacity cost is not known at this time but will be included. They will hold off until early mid-March, hopefully the harshest weather will be over by then. They are hoping the numbers will go down but they may not. The demand capacity is looked at to determine capacity rates.

Bob said there are some counties doing a resolution for using ARP funds for revenue loss, the money still needs to be spent directly out of the fund it was deposited in and not transferred to the general fund or capital improvement fund. The guidelines have been loosened to make more expenses allowable.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm held discussions regarding the ARP expense of the workforce development position with Amy Sealts and Suzy Wischmeyer via teleconference. Commissioner Lammers listened in on the phone. Amy was disappointed that the Commissioners would not fulfill her request of fully funding the workforce development project of creating a position to assist the employers of the county finding employees. Amy said nothing has been done to get this project moving forward. The current curriculum in the schools is changing to prepare the students for workforce as well as college. There are services through JFS for employees also. Amy clarified that the funds would not go toward the schools. It could benefit anyone who be it a high school graduate, a 20-year-old, a veteran, anyone. Amy is hoping this would last beyond the 3–4-year initial funding. It needs to be set up to run and the businesses will take over the funding from there. Amy does have commitments from businesses who will be willing to see this work. The Commissioners are concerned if this is a self-sustaining project. Amy said it will. Commissioner Lammer explained that there are some expenses that will be moved to another funding source freeing up some more ARP funds for this project. The Commissioners are in agreement to give the funds. Commissioner Schroeder says he is always the one who compromises and they must understand that there are going to be other projects that will not get funded since the funds will be gone. Suzy and Amy are excited about this project and are passionate about seeing this through and making it happen. They can say that the Commissioners are supportive of a workforce partnership. The person who will be doing this must have extraordinary dynamics. The Commissioners will make a final decision when they are all in the office together again most likely in March. The plan for the ARP money and how to spend in the years it is allocated. The money will have to be paid to the 501-C3 business that is being set up to employee this position.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Lammers absent Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes