

Minutes, Thursday June 30, 2022

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners have received a request from Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities to change the names of Fund 022, Brookhill Center School, Fund 028, Community Residential-MR/DD Srv, and Fund 044, MR/DD Medicaid Reserve.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to change Fund 022, Brookhill Center School, Fund 028, Community Residential MR/DD Srv and Fund 044, MR/DD Medicaid Reserve to the following:

- Fund 022, Putnam DD/Brookhill Center
- Fund 028, Putnam DD Community Residential Srv
- Fund 044, Putnam DD Medicaid Reserve

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion
Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
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Mr. Lammers 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 115, Wireless 911
115 UL, Utilities.....\$32,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion
Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder 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, 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 170, American Rescue Plan.

170 EXP, County American Rescue Exp.....\$ 3,288,551.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Putnam County Commissioners recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity;

WHEREAS, the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of delegates from different participating jurisdictions, including representatives of state and local governments and non-governmental organizations, interested in understanding and addressing the region's needs. The Commission is a forum for discussion and sharing of ideas and information among communities regarding local and regional issues. In addition, the LACRPC serves in an advisory capacity to community decision-makers who rely on the data, analyses, and planning recommendations the Commission provides.

WHEREAS, the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission currently includes over 20 local governments and has for over 60 years addressed challenges and opportunities associated with growth and development in west-central Ohio, as well as working with its members to improve the quality of life within the region, both rural and urban alike; and

WHEREAS, Board of Putnam County Commissioners believes it would be advantageous for Putnam County to join the Western Ohio Rural Planning Organization and to take advantage of the opportunities provided within the organization as a means of benefitting the citizens of Putnam County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by Board of Putnam County Commissioners:

SECTION ONE: The Administrator is authorized to execute necessary documentation and the Fiscal Officer is authorized to remit the membership dues to join the Western Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization. Furthermore, Board of Putnam County Commissioners hereby appoints the Putnam County Engineer and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners as their two representatives on the Western Ohio Rural Planning Organization committee.

SECTION TWO: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in

such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including § 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall be in force effective July 1st, 2022, after its passage.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

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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. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder

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Purchase orders and travel requests

County General.....Blanket purchase order for travel/lunch & learns/ wellness supplies for \$ 200.00.

American Rescue Plan.....Purchase order to Glandorf FI Optics/Glandorf Telephone for fiber to Sheriff's office 7 yrs for \$ 31,920.00.

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. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none

Jodi Warnecke met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Bob Benroth and Jeremy Maag along with Steve Coburn-Griffith regarding the Council on Aging Levy. Jodi presented information and is requesting to do a replacement levy. The levy is the major funding source for Council of Aging. With the population age going up their services would need to be expanded. Transportation is the biggest service. They have 10 vehicles. There were 568 trip denials from 2021. They would like to expand the fleet with additional vehicles as well as other services. There has been several years since they had an increase in millage. They are looking at a .6 mill levy with .4 increase making it a 1 mill levy, which is a 66.6% increase. The services have increased the agency has doubled in staff so increased funding is needed. The staff is working with the health Dept with an outreach person. That the Health Dept funds with a grant and levy funds from Council on Aging. They would like to maintain the position. There is a growing trend for social services provided on the local level. There are many services that are provided to the citizens, medical equipment closet, fall prevention classes, aging in place services, along with transportation. The 1 mill levy would = approx. \$989,000. of funding for them which is a 419K budget increase from 570K. 2023 is a re-evaluation year in Putnam County. There was a small increase in levy revenue from the last re-evaluation. Jodi provided

the itemization of the differences in the .6 mill versus the 1 mill. They do receive donations for services since they are not allowed to charge for services. Commissioner Lammers asked about the solar farm payments and how it would affect the payments from the landowners. The percentage of the collection is what Council on Aging would get, there would be a larger collection with the solar farm payments. The levy would be for 5 years. Jodi believes the Council on Aging is cost efficient, however there are instances when family is not available to assist in caring for their elderly family members. The Commissioners were asking about waiting a year until after the re-evaluation. The Commissioners are not in favor of additional taxes to the landowners. Jodi said they wanted to try now for the new levy. Jeremy asked about the funding from United Way and other sources has that fluctuated over the years. There is a reserve of funds, that is for building maintenance. The first levy was in 86 and in 89 the levy has taken the role of major funding for Council on Aging. Since the majority population is aging there will be an increase in need of service. There are several counties and agencies that are reliant on levy funding since the state funding has not kept up and been increased as needed for the increased need in services. There has not been an increase in millage for the Council on Aging levy since 2009 however, there was a change in the funding in 2017 due to revaluation of real estate. The increase in taxes is troubling to the citizens with the current state of the economy and the increase in other costs to them as well. Bob explained the valuations of the real estate taxes and done by the state and the values have increased 35% over the past few years which increased the taxes on the landowners. Jodi explained if the taxes are increased the citizen could use the services which could lower their own travel expenses. These services could help. There was a client who needed radiation, who also only had one daughter who could not take off work continuously to get her mother to the treatments. Thanks to the Council on Aging the mother got the treatment that was needed and the daughter kept her job and her income. The Council on Aging is not a county agency. They would like to be able to purchase gas from the County Engineer. Jodi said if they do not get the Commissioners' permission for a renewal levy, she could get a petition for a higher levy. The Commissioners' requested a lower levy amount rather than a huge 67% increase. Jodi said they would have to start over with the filing of the levy for the lower amount. Jodi says the need and the demand is there for the 1 mill levy. They cannot expand services on the lower amount. Bob said the council is looking at the aging population where the commissioners are looking at the whole population. Jodi said the Board of the council has looked at everyone when making this decision. Bob and the Commissioners clarified the council on aging does care about others but their major concern is the aging population. A big concern is the current state of the economy and how this will affect the households aging or otherwise. Majority of the vehicles were purchased with ODOT grant funds. They have applied for more ODOT grant vehicles but with the vehicle shortage they are waiting. The solar farm payments, was the council on aging approached to make a donation toward Miller City? No, they did not. The solar payments are still a few years off of coming in until the farms are up and operating. A vehicle from Endera a local manufacturer was discussed. Jodi is hoping to keep just one levy campaign rather than having two and doing an additional levy.

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

The minutes from Tuesday June 28, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Bob Schmenk met with Commissioner Schroeder regarding ditch drainage issues.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers called the Engineer about allowing the Council on Aging to purchase gas from the County Engineer. The Prosecutor was consulted on this question and since the Council on Aging is not a government agency, they are not eligible to use fuel from the Engineer. There are other entities that are not allowed to buy fuel from the county either such as schools, townships, etc. If they would be allowed to use the fuel, the fuel consumption volume would significantly increase along with the expense to the county. The Engineer recommended the Council on Aging approach Brooky's or other gas vendor to get some sort of bulk purchase discount. The gas prices are fluctuating a lot now.

Ryan Moran and Jeremy Gerding met with Commissioners regarding Bob Schmenk and his drainage request. Mr. Schmenk was referred to the Ottawa township trustees and given information to file a ditch petition. The trustees did not think a replacement was needed at that time since the tile was not damaged and is still working. Ryan said a meeting was held for this ditch and it was agreed to clean the ditch. The existing tile that Schmenk wants to replace is a surface water pipe and cannot be ditched into, Mr. Schmenk wants to retiling his field and tap into the said pipe.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday June 30, 2022.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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