

Minutes, Thursday August 4, 2022

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 018, General Ditch

Q, 27, Contract services.....\$ 5,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
Comm. Jrl. 117, Page 487

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MICHAEL L. LENHART, PUTNAM COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORK COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM(S) FOR ROUND 37 (Year 2023), AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Engineer is planning to make capital improvements to Putnam County public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Putnam County, Ohio:

Section 1: Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
Comm. Jrl. 117, Page 488

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, 2022.

For Sheriff/Jail

From...6 A 2, Full-Time Union Salaries ...to....6 A 2C, Full-Time Non Union Salaries ...\$ 12,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
Comm. Jrl. 117, Page 489

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, By the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, __2023__; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of ____Putnam__ County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of ____Putnam__ County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

**SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET
COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount To Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation
	Column I	Column II
General Fund	2,571,697.58	
Mental Health		601,314.00
Brookhill		3,149,720.07
E-911		1,228,243.44
EMS		557,017.41
TOTAL	2,571,697.58	5,536,294.92

SCHEDULE B

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Est. of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
GENERAL FUND:		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on not to exceed years.		
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:		
Levy authorized by voters on 11-3-09 Mental Health not to exceed 5 years.	0.30	208,276.11
Levy authorized by voters on 11-3-14 Mental Health not to exceed 5 years.	0.40	393,037.89
Levy authorized by voters on 11-2-10 Brookhill not to exceed 10 years. Replacement	0.50	390,783.34
Levy authorized by voters on 3-2-04 Brookhill not to exceed Indef. years. Replacement	2.00	1,387,816.95

Levy authorized by voters on 5-6-14 Brookhill		
not to exceed 10 years.	1.60	1,371,119.78
Levy authorized by voters on 11-3-09 E-911		
not to exceed 5 years. Replacement & Increase	1.25	1,228,243.44
Levy authorized by voters on 11-5-13 EMS		
not to exceed Indef. years.	0.65	557,017.41
Levy authorized by voters on		
not to exceed _____ years.		
Levy authorized by voters on		
and be it further		

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of

this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
Comm. Jrl. 117, Page 490-492

Now and Then Purchase orders

Ditch Maintenance.....Purchase order 44643

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Veteran Service Commission.....Travel request for Bob Kroeger, Jonathan Balmer, Matt Prenzlin to attend the OSACVSO Fall School in Dublin, OH Sept 14-16, 2022 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and other totaling \$ 2,195.80.

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 Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder

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

Judge Borer met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss his 202-2023 budgets. Judge Borer has hired a new clerk Lori Petersen so she is new additional staff going forward. Additional wages and fringes will be needed to cover this staff addition. The Judge may have a person retiring in the Probation area in the near future. There is a significant increase in cases of delinquent children with mental issues. So, with this increase there is also

an increase in the housing of these children, which in turn increases the costs. Additional funds will be needed for these cases. JFS could reimburse for some of these cases. The Commissioners recommended he get as much reimbursement from JFS as possible, since they get State funding. The Commissioners asked why the new hire was needed, if the work load changed. The Judge did not ask for more funding at the time of the hire due to having funds. Now with the other staff earning more time off and accounting for vacations and sick leaves another person is needed in the office to cover the workload. The Judge said is asking why the Commissioners are not in favor of the additional staff now when they were back in March. The Judge said they are trying to get the work done on time that was not getting done due to the staff shortage. Reporting was not being done, which they are getting caught up now. The past records have not been sorted for moving to the new retention center also. The Judge is hoping to get that done also when the weather is cooler. The budget figures were reviewed and the changes to the monthly numbers were questioned. Since there were three pays in July could explain the increase in the July amounts. If the Judge would have one of his people leave employment, would he be replacing them. He does not know at this time it depends on who it would be and the job they do. Some of his staff is cross training with the others to help out with the workload. The explained some of the cases are not even Ohio children, they are here due to staying with grandparents from out of state parents.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to talk to the Commissioners about hiring a new custodial person to take over when the temporary person goes back to college. An interview was held yesterday the person is interested and ready to start. The Commissioners are in favor of the new hire and she can work whatever hours work for her.

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

Alaina Siefker met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss updated recycling baler quotes. John Schlumbohm is going to get a hold of Aaron Welch at DNC to ask about the additional 2-year service on it; whether or not it would be good for 2 years after the first one-year warranty. Alaina tried to call the EPA and ask what date they use for the start date for sure so we know since the grant is supposed to be a one-year grant. Which baler they go with for the updated quotes may depend on the date unless as long as it is ordered and encumbered EPA would accept that. We will wait to see what they say on that.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions with Gary Lammers and Rob Fawcett on the request received to pay for representation of past Veteran Service employee due to audit of service. The case is ongoing.

Gary recommended going into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session with Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers, Gary Lammers and Rob Fawcett to discuss the request received to pay for representation of past Veteran Service employee due to audit of service.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners went back on the record. No decisions were made.

The Commissioners then decided to have the Prosecutor write a letter to address the situation with the Veteran Service Commission. He will address the letters that were received in June and July requesting payment of legal fees incurred by past director. And after review of the request, the County at this time has decided to decline the request for payment of the legal fees incurred to this point.

The minutes from Tuesday, August 2, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners received an updated 2023 budget from the Board of Elections and in reviewing the updated figures the Commissioners are not in favor of the compensation figures that were submitted for 2023. The Commissioners are looking to put another wage freeze on the Board of Elections staff for at least one year, possibly two. The Board of Elections employees received an additional mid-year raise in 2022, so the Commissioners feel they are not eligible for another increase at the beginning of the next year.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners resumed session.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers met with Ashley Siefker and Tim Schnipke to discuss the Ag Complex rental rates.

Kevin Niese, Todd Gerdeman and Gillian Stechschulte of Technicon Design Group met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Tim Schnipke to review the Fairgrounds and Grandstand construction plans. The handicap ramp for the grandstand is set to be replaced although there is no foundation or wall under it so it will sink again. They are recommending to put some kind of foundation under it to keep it from sinking and washing away again. Technicon wants to know if the foundation should be added to the plans for bidding purposes. Is it still cost effective of rehabbing the grandstand? If all the concrete on the front of the grandstand is removed then all the foundation beams can be accessed. The west end is the worst of course due to being exposed to the weather. The depth of the supports is not known. The concrete around the grandstand is deteriorating should that all be replaced also. Replacing it was recommended rather than patching. The concrete steps will be replaced and all made uniform. Do they want to replace or patch the roof? It was recommended to replace the roof. It can be metal. Tim asked about insulating the roof. Some of the sheeting is ok and some needs replaced. Two by four purlins could be added and put the new metal roofing on top. The siding of the building was also discussed. Covering it with steel siding was recommended due to the water damage at the bottom. The doors will be replaced with new steel doors. Windows will be replaced with new vinyl windows. The ticket windows that are used will be redone. The west side is rotten and needs to be replaced. It was asked if it would be cheaper to replace with steel than native lumber. They will check. The changes will be made and the plans will be represented for approval for bidding. The spouting and downspouts for the roof were inquired. Are more downspouts needed? Additional downspouts could be added and eventually added to the drainage from the area in back of the grandstand. The asphalt will need to be redone, since it is higher than the door sills. The area will need to be graded for drainage needs. Azack (plastic wood) was recommended for the bottom of the grandstand building. The

Commissioners know this will be a difficult project to price. Commissioner Schroeder left for the day.

Gillian presented some plan changes on the new building. The size of the building was decreased by 2,000 sq ft. An option of the building partition was discussed. The kitchen and serving windows was discussed. No serving windows will be needed for kitchen just bar area. With the need for partitions for 4-H and merchant booths a separate pole building style building can be built for storing the partitions which could be used in place of the entertainment tent. Since this new building will have heat & a/c Tim is asking what kind of power source will be needed. Bidding should be out by early next year, Jan 2023. Technicon has subcontracted with Bockrath & Assoc for the drainage design for the building area.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday August 4, 2022.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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