

**Minutes Thursday December 8, 2022**

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS,** The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners has informed the Board that a petition praying for annexation of certain territory in Union Township to the Village of Kalida, Putnam County, Ohio, was filed on the 9th day of November, 2022.

and

**WHEREAS,** Said petition is hereby attached and becomes a part of this Resolution.

and

**WHEREAS,** The owners of the land, Brian J. Good, which is contiguous with the Village of Kalida, Ohio, requests that the petition be approved, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 709.022. Jennifer Klausing is appointed agent for the petitioner(s), who request that their petition be considered under Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code, and that they be permitted to proceed with their annexation petition under Section 790.022 as a special procedure with the consent of all parties.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** The petition for annexation to the Village of Kalida is hereby granted.

and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of the entire record of the annexation to the Clerk of the Village of Kalida for further processing.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes      Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 244-244J

Mr. Lammers 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 Commissioners

From...4 B 13, Contracts/ Repairs.....to.....1 A 13,Supplies-Microfilm....\$ 12.50

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 245

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Agriculture, administers financial assistance for water quality improvement projects, through the H2Ohio Two-Stage Ditch Grant Program.

**WHEREAS**, the \_ Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District\_\_\_\_\_ desires H2Ohio funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Putnam County Commissioners as follows: 1. That the \_Putnam\_\_\_\_\_ county commissioners will place the Schroeder Two-Stage Ditch on the county maintenance program according to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6137 following the completion of construction.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 246

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to sign the grant contract for the Putnam County Airport for a matching grant for airport Repair/Rehabilitate Terminal Apron at the Putnam County Airport. With project costs as follows:

Total Project Cost: \$ 191,176.00

Total Local Share: \$ 9,559.00

Total Federal Share: \$ 172,058.00

Total State Share ;\$ 9,559.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 247-247L

Mr. Schroeder 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 Auditor...

From....1 B 2P, Auditor PERS....to....1 J 1P, Data Process PERS..\$ 152.12

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes      Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 248

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, 2020

Fund 001, County General

From....4 A 2H, Employee Fringes.....to....4 A 2P, Employer Share PERS...\$1,895.88

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes      Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 249

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, America has an abundant supply of natural gas

The U.S. has been the world's top producer of natural gas since 2011, when it overtook Russia, and it has been a net exporter since 2017. (1)

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the US Department of Energy estimates that the United States has enough natural gas to last for nearly another 100 years. (2)

Ohio is now the nation's sixth largest producer of natural gas, with a production total of 2.33 billion cubic feet in 2020 (3)

**WHEREAS**, natural gas is America's most affordable energy source

Innovations and increases in America's natural gas production have saved an average family of four \$2,500 per year. From 2007 to 2019, that's \$203 billion dollars in annual savings for American consumers. (4)

**WHEREAS**, natural gas helps drive economic development in Ohio

In 2019, there were 375,210 jobs related to the oil and natural gas industry in Ohio—5.3% of state employment. (5)

In 2019, Ohio workers with jobs related to the oil and natural gas industry earned an average of \$65,832 a year. (5)

From 2011 to 2018, 700 new businesses were established across Ohio to support the shale industry, bringing in over \$63.9 billion in new investment. (6)

**WHEREAS**, natural gas is also environmentally friendly

Using natural gas to generate energy results in fewer emissions of nearly all types of air pollutants, including carbon dioxide, compared to other fossil fuels. (7)

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, since 1970, combined emissions of key air pollutants have dropped by 78 percent in the United States. (8)

The United States methane emissions were 10 percent lower in 2020 compared to 2005, despite the United States increasing production of natural gas by nearly 100 percent between 2005 to 2020. (9)

Since 2005, two-thirds of the power sector greenhouse gas emissions reductions are a direct result of the switch to natural gas. (“Natural Gas: A Boon to the U.S. Economy...and Environment,” [Energy In Depth](#), 4/19/18)

**WHEREAS**, in July 2022, the European Union has designated natural gas as a source of green energy (10)

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Troy Balderson (OH 12) has introduced legislation in the United States Congress that would recognize natural gas as a green energy source ([H.Res.1148](#), Introduced 5/31/22)

**WHEREAS**, recognizing natural gas as a source of green energy would support United States production of natural gas and natural gas infrastructure improvement and help identify and remove barriers to the production of natural gas. NOW THEREFORE;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Putnam County strongly urges the United States Congress and state of Ohio to recognize American produced natural gas as a source of abundant, affordable, green energy.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes      Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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**Then/Now Purchase orders**

**Probation Supervision.....Purchase order 45072**

**Community Corrections.....Purchase order 45073**

**County General.....Purchase order 45100**

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

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Exceptions: Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none  
Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 251

### **Purchase orders and travel requests**

**Office of Public Safety**.....Travel request for Brian Hilvers to attend the Coordinated Response Exercise for Pipeline Safety at UNOH event center on January 11, 2023 no expense listed.

**IT**.....Purchase order to PCS for support hours for \$ 4,500.00.

**Veteran Service Commission**.....Travel request for Jonathan Balmer to travel to VA Cleveland for finger printing on Dec 21, 2022 with \$208.13 for mileage expense.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Nolan Croy stopped in to talk to the Commissioners regarding the public hearing that was held on the solar farm rules and address some of the questions that came up. Commissioner Schroeder is concerned about the vegetation and the decibel level rules. Nolan explained that the Technical Review Committee would have the final say so on the projects. The zoning cannot be changed on the solar farm it will remain zoned as Ag. The farmer will still own the land it is leased to the solar company. Nolan had attended many trustee meetings prior to this hearing and answered these same questions multiple times. The township can make more strict rules than what the County has in place. The rules proposed were a good mix to have requirements but yet willing to make exceptions. There would be a Technical Review Committee for each site. Hancock County had their Prosecutor help with setting the rules for Hancock County, where no solar is allowed. The townships can make it more restrictive but not less than the county's rules. The rules will be approved by the Commissioners next week. Flood zone rules will be brought up in the future Nolan said some changes will be needed.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Joe Hohlbein and Alaina Siefker had a virtual meeting with Jamie Zawilla with GT Enviro about grants for recycling. Jamie asked for what kind of items they were looking at for a grant. Commissioner Lammers asked Joe what kind of items he would need out there. Joe said we still need the forklift with a rotator. Alaina read part of the grant we are doing now and it says the Solid Waste District needs the grant for equipment and will in addition to the grant match funds also purchase a forklift with a rotator, install a new overhead door for additional access, and reconstruct the driveway access. She will make a call to EPA to see if a new grant could go toward that forklift. Commissioner Schlumbohm will get some numbers for her on what they are paying for the concrete driveway and door that was installed. Commissioner Lammers said until CDL driver situation improves, we aren't going to add to mobile bins at this time. Maybe in a few years things would be better

and they could add the mobile sites back. Right now, the handling/processing the current load is important. The commissioners would like to also look at updating/modifying the old baler to better handle plastics. Joe said a cylinder is going bad, needs new sheer plates and the belt is getting weak and maybe \$40-50,000 to do that. We will need signage for the new setup. Jamie asked Alaina to send over the grant info we just got so that she has it for a refresher and we will touch base again after the holidays.

Commissioner talked to Joe about operations and told him if he needed any supplies or PPE for the employees, they are available or can be ordered.

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

The minutes from Tuesday December 6, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Jillian Stechschulte and Jenna of Technicon met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the new building designs. Tim Schnipke and Joe Burkhart joined the meeting. The floor plans were shared again and they did not change much from last time. The partition can be added as an alternate add on. It can be added as an alternate. Tim said, the partition would make the building more useful. The site location of the building on the fairgrounds was viewed via pictures. The grass area will be stoned for additional parking and maybe eventually blacktopped. There is currently parking available at the Ag Complex as well. The fair board will be consulted on the blacktop. Tim explained the west fence border of the fair and the existing power poles, there are camper electric hook ups and also sewer hook ups along the fence. There is a surface drainage ditch running along the fence also. The new drawing shows it as parking area. The overhangs on the building were discussed as the need for support pillars. There are lights on the power poles along the drive now. Tim explained where the power would come from for the building. The existing water and electrical lines must be marked to prevent damages. Putting in the stone areas for additional parking could be a later project. The storage of the partition wall was discussed it looks larger in the picture. The light fixtures were discussed. Technicon will consult with JB Concepts for some lighting designs. The colors of the ceiling were discussed and a contrast of charcoal and white is shown. It could be all white with suspended ceiling tiles. Joe Burkhart would like to be included for the technology needs of the building. The awnings are not drive through they are drive up. The awning on the back side for kitchen deliveries could be enlarged for drive under services and removing the utility canopies on the back side. On the front side the awnings could be lifted to 12 ft. so drive through access could be provided. Remove the bushes to make a drive through option for vaccinations. The glass garage doors will be insulated. Tim will need to be involved in rerouting the electrical. There is a lot of drainage that will need to be considered for the new building area. Tim said they were looking at getting gas service which is located across Agner St. That routing will have to be considered also. Part of the construction areas was in the flood zone prior to the diversion channel. The new drainage will have to be able to accommodate the needs. The existing tile under the Jr. fair building is broken down and will need to be replaced. The plans will proceed and the next meeting will be Jan 3.

There is a lot of site work that will affect the bids. And a lot of work is needed. Talk of the technology needs came up and some vendors for designing a system were suggested.

Tim brought up hiring a new employee and offering a starting wage. The probationary period was discussed also. Joe also brought up retaining employees and compensation.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday December 8, 2022.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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