

Minutes Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, 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 001 County General

15 A 15A, Advances Out...\$ 8,600.00

(For Ditch Maintenance)

and also

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Ditch Maintenance Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15 A 15A, Advance Out	R 5, Advance In	\$8,600.00
(Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)		

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Landfill Clos/Mnt.....Purchase order to Bowser Morner for explosive Gas monitoring plan updates for \$ 11,000.00.

County General.....Purchase order to Village Hardware for tools for maintenance for \$2,500.00.

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

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder no Mr. Lammers no Mr. Schlumbohm absent

Treasurer Tracy Warnecke came in for the Investment meeting with Commissioner Schroeder and Lammers & Kim Redman.

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers called Kayla Cooper who wanted to discuss a complaint on the dog warden. She called on Thursday and made the complaint and it was not looked into until Monday so she was disappointed it took that many days. Within 24 hours of him evaluating the situation that lady the complaint was against called and left a threatening

voice mail about her calling the dog warden and complaining. She said the woman is not in the right mind and probably does not realize her voice mail was threatening so the friend is contacting her family about that issue. She feels that the dog warden shouldn't have told them who called and made the complaint. She talked to the Allen County Dog Warden and they told her they shouldn't have been told who called. She heard that the person who the complaint was against is a friend of the dog warden and that there have been multiple complaints and it has been an ongoing issue with not getting addressed. The dog is in Putnam County. She got a puppy from the woman and was upset about the living conditions. The mom was severely underweight and the puppies had no water. The dog is not a dangerous dog. The living conditions of the dogs and they are significantly underweight is an issue for her. The commissioners told her they were going to look into it and they will get back to her. She said the Allen County Dog Warden said no point in time would they ever tell anyone who called and complained. The commissioners said it sounds like there are two issues one is non-anonymous/anonymous and that the conditions in the home are unfit.

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

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers talked to the Dog Warden Mike Schroth about the complaint from earlier. Mike Schroth said they aren't the best conditions but they are not bad enough to take the dogs away. He has also had Deputy Greg Westrick out there with him and anytime they have gone out there they both felt the same way that it is not necessary to take them away. He has been there 3-4 times. About 4-5 months ago her dog got loose and he had the dog at the shelter full of mats and burrs. When she got the dog back, he told her that she needs to take the dog to a groomer and get it taken care of. When he went back, she had taken care of it. She has a Great Pyrenees long haired. The commissioners asked if complaints can be made anonymous or not? It is all public record. But Mike said he didn't give a name just said it was who took two puppies. Mike Schroth said he will stop and talk to the lady with the dog again to follow up on the dogs in the future also. The commissioners called Kayla back and let her know.

The minutes from Tuesday, March 21, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Nancy Kline with the Putnam County Sentinel came in to talk to the commissioners about the Event Center at the Fairgrounds. She is going to do an article on it.

CDBG Public Hearing #1 was held in the Commissioner's Office with Ashley Siefker, Ben Martens, Bob Heidenescher., Jeff Vance, Barb Hermiller, Jeff Krouse and Troy Recker were in attendance.

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Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday March 23, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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