

**Minutes Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

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, 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

14 D 1, Various settlements..... \$31,732.16

Fund 068, Mental Health

AA 11, Other expense..... \$7,394.65

Fund 100, E-911 System

100 MS, Miscellaneous..... \$15,115.44

Fund 022, Brookhill Center School

8 E 7, Miscellaneous expenses..... \$38,705.87

Fund 063, Health

E 12, Other expense..... \$11,839.96

Fund 120, PCEMS

120 OTH, Other..... \$6,849.82

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

**EMA.....**Then/Now blanket purchase order for EMAO for Winter Symposium for rest of balance from March 7, 2023 for parking and meals for \$47.04.

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

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes    Mr. Lammers absent    Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder no    Mr. Lammers absent    Mr. Schlumbohm no  
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**Purchase orders and travel requests**

**EMS.....**Blanket purchase order for vehicle maintenance for \$13,000.00.

**EMA.....**Blanket purchase order for expenses for 2023 Emergency Management Association of Ohio (EMAO) Spring Conference on April 4-6, 2023 for \$842.00. Travel request for Stephanie Moore to attend the 2023 Emergency Management Association of Ohio (EMAO) Spring Conference in Columbus, OH on April 4-6, 2023 for registration, lodging and meals totaling \$396.00. Travel request for Brian Hilvers to attend the 2023 Emergency Management Association of Ohio (EMAO) Spring Conference in Columbus, OH on April 4-6, 2023 for registration, lodging, gas, parking and meals totaling \$446.00.

**VET SERVICES.....**Travel request for Jonathan Balmer to go to Cleveland VA Regional Office to pick up the VA Access Card in Cleveland, OH on March 29, 2023 for mileage reimbursement for \$217.46 and other expense for \$10.00 with a total of \$227.46.

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

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

Maintenance Tim Schnipke came in to talk with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm. Maintenance backed one of the trucks into the other. Mark Ricker in Ottoville about \$1600 to get the truck fixed that is staying. The other truck is going away so they are replacing the taillight and calling it good. Tim will get a PO and the commissioners said they don't think it will be more than the deductible so insurance shouldn't be needed. Tim said they have 4 church benches that have been in storage for 4 years and asked if they can put them on the auction. Commissioners said they can put them on auction. Fertilizer was picked up yesterday and they are going to the sale today at the Village Hardware. Recycling concrete will be May or June, when switch for the fair to the back, going to keep it back there. Soil & Water want some renovations done and asked if they can get someone to do it. Commissioners said that was fine.

Robert Gray met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss some Clymer Ditch over at East side of Grove maintenance issues. The corn fodder from lots of rain in November 2022 covered about an acre and was 4 inches thick. It also plugged the culvert so the county cleaned out the culvert only. His goal is to figure out how to try to handle it and use best management practices for it. He would like to do what he can to the best of his ability. He did get most of it burnt with a lot of concerns from people around there calling about the smoke and being a hazard for the road. Robert feels it will become more of a problem down the road and is trying to be proactive about it. The commissioners said they would have to talk to the Engineers Office and Soil & Water about it.

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

The minutes from Thursday, March 23, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Tracy Warnecke and Staci Corsaro and Craig Gephart with Huntington Bank came in to discuss the Huntington landfill trust account with Commissioners Schroeder and

Schlumbohm. Staci & Craig passed out their business cards and a portfolio packet for each of the commissioners and Treasurer. Craig talked about interest rates over the last year and said that Huntington has an extremely well-balanced portfolio at Huntington and are still in great shape compared to some other places. They will be reassessing where the economy is in June. Craig went over the portfolio pages he passed out.

Jeannie Verhoff came in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm about her employment at the EMA for transportation.

Mr. Schroeder moved to go into executive session with Jeannie Verhoff and Commissioner Schroeder to discuss complaints against a public employee.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Schroeder yes Lammers absent Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners went back on record with no decisions made.

EMA Brian Hilvers & Nancy Erhart came in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm about billing for non-transport. Brian said if they get called for cardiac, overdose, or diabetic issues and then the patient doesn't want to be transported, they currently don't charge for that. According to Great Lakes, the going rate for other agencies to charge is \$360 for those calls. If they have any other injuries with first aid or blood pressure checks, those going rates per Great Lakes would be \$180. For example, on diabetic calls, they are there for an hour usually. Commissioners asked about Medicare patients, will they pay charges for that. Brian said they are working on looking into that. They are hoping Ohio will follow suit with another state that recently takes care of it for did that. If they go to a scene and don't do a transport, they do not do a charge right now. The only ones that they want to charge are the people that are treated and not transported. Accidents won't be billed for non-transport because they have to know who calls and requests the EMS. Most times they don't know who called for an injury accident because it usually is someone else that called 911. If they just go to an injury accident and they don't do any treatment, they won't bill. Right now, they only charge for injury accidents if they have to be transported. Great Lakes would need a resolution if they are able to do this. Brian has an example of the wording for a resolution and the commissioners asked him to send that to Cindy for when she gets back to work. Just as an update, Brian said that he got job descriptions done for himself, Stephanie and Nancy. He is working on the other staff job descriptions yet. His staff will continue to do the schedules for transports and he doesn't want to lose any drivers.

Ryan Moran and Nolan Croy came in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss Pike Run behind New Cleveland Church. Paula Weis had talked to Vince about the water not draining. Jeremy Gerding went out while it was dry and said the bank was full. He found a big tree base jammed in the cross over. Ryan told Vince he can let Weis's know that Verhoff Excavating was hired and he got it out of there and their drainage should be working properly now. Nolan asked if they attended the meeting last night at Soil & Water about solar. Powell Creek phase 2 & 3 proposal is over double the original and is looking at adding property over toward 109 including Martin Kuhlman's. Ryan said in regards to Robert Gray from the morning meeting that they need to make sure they keep the water flowing and maybe they can look into splitting the cost for trucking the waste away.

Len Meyer came in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm about traffic issues and solar. He has an issue with several things in the county. He got pulled over for speeding and the deputy was sitting in a cornfield. He didn't think they were allowed to sit in a cornfield. He said the front vehicle was swerving and the vehicle behind him was riding the back of his car and he wanted out of the situation and went to pass the car. He got pulled over for speeding. The commissioners said we don't have a say on this and he said he knows but wanted to make sure they were aware of it. Len doesn't agree with why he got the speeding ticket. He explained his interpretation of the laws of the ORCs he printed off for speeding and passing. He said there isn't a speed limit when passing a vehicle. The commissioners said yes, you go by the posted speed on the road you are passing on. You can't drive faster to pass but Len said it doesn't matter what speed you drive. Commissioners asked when this was and Len said it was November of last year. He said Judge Niese wouldn't let him speak about his reasoning of why he shouldn't get this ticket and saying he is being charged for something he didn't do. Len then brought up that he thinks everybody should have the same color headlights and go back to the normal amber color lights. Commissioners said you could go to the House or Senate and plead your case for that kind of legislation. Len then brought up that when he was in the military, he flew jets and took out power plants in other countries and he thinks in the next 10 years Russia or China will take out our grid and if we aren't prepared it will be chaos. People and businesses need to look into solar. Len said people don't understand hertz. Cops radar is 25,000 hertz, when get x-rays done, you have a lead apron that absorbs the hertz. He wears lead all the time, 2 bracelets and 1 necklace to help with absorbing the hertz so it doesn't hurt your body. He thinks a lot of police that he knew that passed away at an early age is because of the radar.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder yes    Lammers absent    Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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