

Minutes, Thursday, July 20, 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 033, Recycle Grant
33 RLG3, Other.....\$ 2,740.00

Mr.Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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, 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 039, WIA
39 YT, Youth\$ 20,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 150

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 006, Public Assistance
H 15, Other Expense.....to.....H 35, Transfer Out.....\$12,747.48

and also

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From Fund 006, Public Assistance (H 35, Transfer Out).....to..... Fund 004, Child Support (A 13C1E, Transfer In).....\$ 12,747.48

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

be it RESOLVED

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 004, Child Support Enforcement (2 B 35, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$19,584.91

(Jan 2023 through Mar 2023)

And be it further RESOLVED

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 003, Children Services (SS 13, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$).....\$ 82,572.99

(Jan 2023 through Mar 2023)

And be it further RESOLVED

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 039, Workforce Investment Act (39 TO, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$ 50,625.52

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 152

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Putnam County Commissioners received a request from Brian Hilvers, Putnam County Office of Public Safety Director, to authorize him to prepare and submit applications for financial assistance and enter into a Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement required for The Ohio Department of Transportation SFY 2025 Transit Funding, and to execute contracts as required for the Transit Funding Grant.
now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, Brian Hilvers is authorized to prepare and submit applications for financial assistance and enter into any agreement and execute contracts as required for The Ohio Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2025 Transit Funding Grant.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
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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, 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 110, Airport Operation

110 OT, Other Expenses.....\$ 13,705.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 154

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the following sum 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 50, Advance Out.....\$ 23,615.50

(Advance back to County General)

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Q 50, Advance Out (Repay County General for advances of Sept '22, Oct '22 & Dec '22)	A 25A, Advance In	\$23,612.50

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

Sewer Dist #1.....Purchase order 46288

Airport Operations.....Purchase order 46290

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

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm absent
Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm
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Purchase orders and travel requests

Recycle Grant.....purchase order to DNC Hydraulics for a baler hopper for conveyor for \$ 2,740.00.

Sewer Dist #2.....Purchase order to Ottawa Water Works for Jul-Dec usage for \$ 7,500.00.

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 none Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm

Kevin Niese of Technicon Design Group and Greg Bockrath and Troy Recker of Bockrath & Assoc. met with Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers and Tim Schnipke at the Fairgrounds to view the site and review drainage plans for the Grandstand and new Fair building. A new outlet was proposed for the grandstand drainage and a cistern was uncovered under the merchant's building. There are other pipes that were discovered under the buildings during construction also that must be decided what to do with, whether to keep, move or cap.

Ashley Siefker met with Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers to review the Bennett CHIP Rehabilitation project and specs.

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

The minutes from Thursday July 13, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

The minutes from Tuesday July 18, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Brenda Troyer of the State Auditor's office stopped in to update the Commissioners on the audit process for the county. The planning phase of the audit is complete. She explained which federal programs will be tested this year. Brenda also explained that the expense of the Veteran Services audit is included with the total audit expense. The Commissioners did not have any other questions. The audit should be done by the end of September.

Staci Schroeder of the Sheriff's office returned a call to the Commissioners regarding the request for increased appropriations for the Sheriff's department along with the wage increase for this year. She will forward the MOU with the Sheriff Union for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers held discussions with Nolan Croy, Planning Commission, Bob Benroth, Auditor and some public attendees regarding the solar facilities zoning regulations. In the Blue Harvest solar facility near Continental there are wires that are visible above ground but do hinder the mowing and maintenance of the solar facility. The main wires run east west and there are drives that go north south so this is restricting maneuverability within the facility for rescue vehicles if needed. Nolan contacted the townships not all are zoned. 11 of the 12 that are zoned. Jackson is proposing at their next meeting to pass a no solar within their township. Another is proposing nothing over a .5 megawatt. Most townships have concerns and will let the Commissioners make the final decision. None are out right against them but they are also not looking to get as many as they can either. The Planning Commission's rules that have been approved are appropriate for now. The next Planning Commission meeting is in Sept. The township assoc. will hopefully meet in August. The Commissioners are seeking input from the townships for further regulations. The Prosecutor will also be included in the discussions. The Commissioner can pass a resolution to restrict under 50 megawatt facilities. Are there any extra public notifications needed. Vince read the allowable processes with the HB 501. This would not affect inside municipalities. Any incorporated areas are not under the authority of the County Commissioners. Are there proposed changes as of yet? Nolan met with all townships multiple times last year for the writing and organizing of the current rules. Nolan recommended the resolution from the Commissioners. As the time it is

thought to wait and see what Powell Creek looks like after it is up and running. Blue Harvest will be contacted to enforce the maintenance appearance and mowing. Vince contacted other counties that have been involved with solar facilities. 50 megawatt equals about 400 acres. Nolan recommended a consideration of bringing the limits down to 1 megawatt rather than 1 - 50. Adrian said there was a meeting and Avangrid stated that they will still proceed with pursuing future projects within the county. Avangrid has made an attempt at setting a meeting with the Commissioners and then the Commissioners will convey their thoughts with the process of Avangrid. The Commissioners will share the thoughts from the residents with Avangrid. The Commissioners have sought input and direction from CCAO on the allowances and restrictions of alternative energy facilities. The Commissioners have changed their mind regarding this project and the purpose to get Miller City a public sewer system. There are other options for Miller City to get public sewer. The public notice during COVID was not considered adequate. It is very concerning that a foreign company can come into the County and have control over acres and acres of local farmland. The health effects regarding these facilities and materials were questioned the Commissioners want to wait and see since the technology is changing every day. Deb Niese said, she was approached about solar panels and they declined even with an offer of more money. A concern over the possible filing of bankruptcy by this company and who will clean up the facilities after they are gone or out of business. Avangrid is a Spanish sister company to Iberdola who wanted to put in wind mills a few years back. What would happen if there would be adverse health effects in the areas near these facilities? The health dept would be notified immediately. Have an outside studies been done on the panels other than by the company. That is not known. And with everything changing it would be difficult to determine. Brandon Barlage asked if the meeting with Avangrid would open to the public. Yes, any meeting is be open and public invited. The Commissioners informed the group that they can look at the Commissioners' calendar online via the county website and see the schedule and view minutes from previous meetings. The Powell Creek project was three years into planning before it came before the Commissioners. The older people are getting targeted. The school did not need the additional funding. The original plan was painted as a pretty picture with many benefits. The Commissioners were told that every landowner in the area was informed of the project, but it was found that was not the case. The homes along the road by the school will be surrounded by solar panels. No one wants to look at just solar panels. There are other communities that got or are getting public sewer systems Belmore, Dupont and Cloverdale and Gilboa is in the process. The OWDA grants were questioned if Miller City would qualify. Putnam County is already in the top 10 in the State for cancer cases within the County what will this do? There are other issues for that. Putnam County is in the top healthiest counties with CEBCO the insurance provider. There is a study commencing in the Continental area for contaminants in the water that could cause cancer. The homestead that are adjacent to this project do not have any rights to stop this project. This goes with the landowner rights where they can do whatever they wish with their land that they own. It was recommended to talk to their representatives and senators to voice their concerns. There is a statement in the ORC that the power siting board must consider public interest in the projects. The Commissioner are in the process of reviewing a resolution to restrict any solar farm within Putnam County over 50 or over megawatts. It will also be reviewing to restrict smaller projects also. The Commissioners are going to wait and see on what is already happening. Powell Creek project has been approved; the expansion Pike Run toward Leipsic has not been approved yet. The Pike Run project is thought to be larger. Allen and Hancock Counties have already passed resolutions to restrict the solar facilities. Monroe townships rules will be shared with all the townships. There

are Facebook groups organized for and against the solar projects. The individual townships that are zoned has their own zoning boards.

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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. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday July 20, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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