

Minutes Thursday, June 22, 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.... \$36,000.00

(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	\$36,000.00
(Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)		

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

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

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

Vote: Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm
Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm

Joe Burkhart brought in the quote information on the new NIMBLE back-ups. There is a trade-in option for the old Nimbles also which would cut the cost by a third. Original cost \$180,000 cut to \$120,000.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held a joint teleconference with Paulding and Van Wert County Commissioners for the collection on joint county ditches Alphonse Utrup # 820 and Eugene Kaverman #814. Also with Paulding County to collect maintenance on the Bobenmeyer, Cowen, Van Ness, and Wannemacher ditches.

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

The minutes from Tuesday June 20, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Tim Schnipke met with Commissioners to discuss maintenance issues with Home Health roof and the basement exit at the EMS House. Tim had a quote for the access door at the EMS house from Steve Miller for \$14,500 which includes a Bilco door and access. There is a handicap ramp that can be installed for the EMS house Tim also got a quote for a replacement roof at Home Care and Hospice. New sheeting is needed in some spots since there are soft spots. This section of roof was not replaced when the building was remodeled. The Commissioners questioned using metal instead of shingles. Tim can get quotes for metal roofing also. The Commissioners would prefer a local contractor. The Commissioners are ok with the door for the house.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended a Zoom meeting regarding the Ohio EPA Grant Award. A presentation was given on the awarding of the grants. The total amount of grants awarded for 2023 was \$6.8 million, for 165 projects. There were technical difficulties on the EPA end so the meeting will be rescheduled.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners resumed session.

Mike Boaz and Eva Von Sossan of Board of D/D met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the Board of D/D levy and budget needs. Mr. Boaz did apologize again for not being prepared on Tuesday. He has the information that was asked for on Tuesday. Mr. Boaz shared a spreadsheet with the balance figures of revenue and expenses for the past few years. He shared the revenue created with the levy over the past few years also. Mr. Boaz explained the program costs and the percentages that are contributed by the state. The existing levies could be non-collected for a few years to use up some of the carryover balance. Mr. Boaz is looking at keeping the Board of D/D from being reliant on State funding because it is ever changing, depending on who is holding office. The ten-year levy gives the time needed if the state and federal funding sources change. A five-year term would not give sufficient time make the necessary changes if they would occur. How much were the expenses reduced after going private? The expenses during COVID were less due to no services being provided during COVID. Mr. Boaz explained the match funding that is received and the differences due to privatizing the services. There are no longer employee expenses from

Brookhill since privatizing. Mr. Boaz explained the separation and the choices in services. Brookhill has their own board, separate from Board of D/D, but they are still Putnam County people. The County still owns the buildings and leases them to Brookhill. The Commissioners asked about the numbers of clients and employees and the expenses for them. Eva explained the waiver match expenses. Mr. Boaz explained the administrative costs for the cafeteria services, transportation, and Special Olympics. For employees there are 6 SSAs and 3 early intervention specialists but with 15 total employees. The client numbers were inquired. If the client numbers have increased, that is a reasoning for increased expenses. Break down can be provided. Commissioner Lammers suggested holding off on a levy for five years. The environment may not be the same in five years. The Board of D/D is willing to look at non collection of the current levies. Mr. Boaz said there was no opposition to this levy prior to this and now is the time for it to be on the ballot. The changes needed may not be done prior to the election. It can be put on and non-collected or waiting to put it on in a later election in five years. A replacement levy would lower the millage collected. What number should Mr. Boaz use for budgeting with no funding from the fed or state? The funding from fed and state has decreased over the past 10 years. The balance will be reduced if the levy is on. A new levy with lower millage collection was suggested by Mr. Schroeder. In a recap is Mr. Boaz looking at a reduction? A new levy with a new valuation. Renewal levy is same rates a replacement levy is new rates. If a lower millage is collected then a non-collection would not be needed. Mr. Boaz did not want to do a non-collection on the same year as asking for a renewal, he wants to retain his funding. What is comfortable amount to keep as a balance to cover costs? Somewhere \$4-5 million. The change in the term of the levy will be looked at to see if it is allowed or doable for renewal. In Boaz's defense he thought the Commissioners were on board with a renewal. Mr. Boaz is ok with someone telling him to justify his expenses. There will be an increase in real estate tax rates and CAUV values will be increasing.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, June 22, 2023.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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