

Minutes, Thursday, August 24, 2023

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MICHAEL L. LENHART, PUTNAM COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORK COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM(S) FOR 2024 (FY 2025), AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Engineer is planning to make capital improvements to Putnam County public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Putnam County, Ohio:

Section 1: Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
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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.... \$60,000.00
(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	\$60,000.00

(Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

American Rescue Plan.....Purchase order 46441

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

Children Services.....Purchase order to Casey Gibson for adoption assistance for \$ 652.77, Purchase order to Adopt America Network for adoption assistance for \$ 10,000.00. Purchase order to Putnam Co Family & Children First for 12% advancement fee of SFY 24 Multisystem Youth for \$ 8892.12.

Capital Improvement.....Purchase order to Muhlenkamp Building Corp for change orders 2 ,3, & 4 on the grandstand totaling \$ 22,325.00.

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm none

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk attended the COOP Training meeting at the Office of Public Safety.

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

The minutes from Tuesday August 22, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Tom Gustwiller stopped in to ask about the storm sewer project on Sunset Drive. He said there is a storm sewer running behind his house so a new one along the road is not needed. There is a 4 inch along the road being replaced by a 6 inch. Mr. Gustwiller is asking if he is required to tap in to the new line. The Village of Ottawa will take over the sanitary sewer once the storm sewer is separated. The Village has agreed to take it once this is completed. The residents will have to vote if they want city water. There will be meters installed on the wells to measure the water usage for sewer billing. The Commissioners are trying to save the residents money from having to pay for an

operator of record through the County. Mr. Gustwiller asked about the housing division along Rd M & Rd 11-J why they have not had to get public services. There is no findings and order from the EPA on record.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to update the Commissioners on the construction project at the Fairgrounds. Tim said the pipes and manholes in the sewer lines are running properly for the dog shelter. There is not enough room at the road so the lines were rerouted and all changes have been documented on the prints. A gas line was located that services the dog shelter and Maintenance building, that was not marked. So, there may be a change order needed. The sewer cleanout line from the dog shelter was not flowing but was flowing from the rain, so it needs to be looked at if there is a break down. Tim asked about having the Village help pay for the manhole since it provides drainage for the street. Tim will talk to Gary Hermiller about locating the rest of the line for the dog shelter.

Ottawa Township Trustees, and Kyle Gerding met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the Road 12-K ditch layover. The Commissioners did view the road. There are no new developments. Kyle looked at the house lot for Hamel, with putting in a 60" with a swale over the pipe to replace his 72". The landowner was not happy with that. Kyle said he reviewed the project again and said the ditch does not have to be as wide as originally proposed, which would be a cost savings to the township. The trustees are willing to give Mr. Hamel some dirt rather than paying to truck it off. The 60" tile is not feasible for the project. The trustees want to keep it moving the trustees are willing to give Mr. Hamel 80' drive expanding his current 40' drive. And his drive will have to be dug up and lowered. All the landowners are getting different deals due to project modifications. There should not be different amounts offered to different landowners. The ditch will be laid over to plan for future widening of the road if needed. The trustees want to know if the Commissioners are willing to use eminent domain if the remaining landowners do not agree. The Commissioners are all ok with the price of \$13,000 for the remaining properties based on an appraisal from Aaron Siefker.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder absent Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners resumed session.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers met with Brian Hilvers and Nancy Erhart who came in to discuss the EMS Union Contracts. The Commissioners had questions for Brian and Nancy.

- What Ratio of EMS to Transport? Full Time does 67.9% of 911 calls and the rest are done by volunteers.
- Current Funding is 600K levy and \$2.1 million budget-yes and it will go up
- What happens when Medicare goes down big time? Will there be a bigger levy? If insurance pay out goes down, yes will need more tax money.

- How many added since you took over? 10% raises in two (2) years? 2023- 2 new positions
14-16 and office staff open positions not previously filled.
- Where are you housing new staff? Capital Budget questionable?
They are not getting help from the state for new housing.
- Staff raises early so new year budget level? \$1.00
- Can you get longevity in first signing only, then steps and % raises The steps and formulas will be reviewed.
- Does Sick Leave and Vacation payout on retirement match the County's policy? Yes, it is the same

Brian stated that Putnam County does the transports from PCACC/Mercy-St. Rita's rather than them calling LACP.

The commissioners want to look into all options and one of those are to look into bringing Hanco EMS into Putnam County.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the kick-off meeting to establish the new Western Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion,

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday August 24, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm