

Minutes, Thursday September 7, 2023

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:

Minus appropriation:

Fund 001, Board of Elections

3 A 3B, Ballots & Envelopes.....\$200.00
(E/C of Aug 29, 2023)

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
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Mr. Lammers moved to approve a change order #2 for the Event center to Helms Construction to replace two model TD-95-38-S –HC Underbar Refrigeration Coolers with two Model TD-80-30-HC Underbar Refrigeration Coolers decreasing the project amount by \$ 1,550.00.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions on selecting appointees for the WORPO Committee (West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization). The Commissioners themselves will be filling the elected official positions. They will ask Darren Schimmoeller if he would be interested in being their Subcommittee designee for the County,

based on his experience with ODOT. They will also seek an appointee from the township trustees and the Village of Ottawa for the largest city/village representative. A representative of full WORPO membership is also needed as well as other subcommittee members. They are looking to ask Amy Sealts to be on the committee as well. The committee selections must be submitted by Sept 30 to Michael Goettemoeller of Choice One Engineering.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the Planning Commission meeting.

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

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Kim Nordhaus met with Adam Cupp of UIS Insurance, Laurie Basinger, Jonathan Fortman of Fortman Insurance to review the CEBCO insurance renewals for 2024. Prescription cost have gone up so that contributed to claim cost increases. The member equity was used to lower the rate increases. The Commissioners want CEBCO to continue using the member equity to keep the increases down. The changes to the premium rates were discussed. The 2024 increase will be 8.5%. CEBCO is being opened up to villages and townships. There are requirements for them to join. The 2024 insurance rates were reviewed. The State Employment Relations Board medical insurance survey numbers were reviewed 85 of 88 counties participated. The premium amounts for Putnam County are comparable to other counties. Putnam County's insurance program is extremely competitive. They are shopping for new carriers for the ancillary services to keep the rates increases at the minimum. Being in the consortium the costs are comparable to not being in a consortium it is a benefit right now. It is advised to keep an eye on that to make sure there is still a benefit. Putnam is at the end of the first year on a three-year cycle with CEBCO. No program changes are being recommended at this time, no cost savings to justify. The Commissioner do not see any need to make any plan changes. The availability of prescription drugs and the charges for them were discussed. The decisions are due back to CEBCO on Sept 15.

Mr. Lammers moved to accept the rates as suggested with no plan changes.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

The Commissioners signed off on keeping the plans as they are.

CEBCO is adding the SWORD program which was explained by Melissa Bodey when she was here. Which will be promoted. Business solver is another program that will be presented. There is also a program coming that can help Kim to confirm that everyone is enrolled in the programs they need. Kim asked about open enrollment meetings. There are no meetings scheduled this year. The enrollment can be done online. The dental and life updates will be sent as soon as they have them and if meetings are needed then they will be scheduled. The local dentists do not need to join a network since they are not at a loss for patients.

The minutes from Tuesday September 5, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended a joint county conference call with Allen, Van Wert, Auglaize and Mercer counties to discuss joint county ditch maintenance assessment collection. The Commissioners also discussed collecting maintenance on Dutch Run with Allen County.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday September 7, 2023.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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