

**Minutes, Tuesday October 3, 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:

Fund 100, E-911

100 UPG, Upgrade System.....\$ 65,000.00

Fund 115, Wireless 911

115 UPG, Upgrade Systems.....\$65,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to sign the Good Faith Offer from the Ottawa Township Trustees and Putnam County Commissioners to Michael L. Hamel & Jean A. Hamel for the purpose of a ditch layover on the east side of Road 12-K between U.S. 224 and Rd. M for \$ 13,000 per acre for acquired land and \$ 500 per acre for construction easement.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schroeder moved to sign the revised Good Faith Offer from the Ottawa Township Trustees and Putnam County Commissioners to the Osterhage Family Trust for the purpose of a ditch layover on the east side of Road 12-K between U.S. 224 and Rd. M for \$ 13,000 per acre for acquired land and \$ 500 per acre for construction easement.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

**Then/Now Purchase orders**

**Capital Improvement.....Purchase order 46573**

**ADAMHS Bd.....Purchase orders 46328-46331**

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

**County General.....**Purchase order to All Temp Refrigeration for boiler/water heater maintenance for \$ 1,590.00.

**Recorder.....**Travel request for Sherrilyn Britsch to attend the ORA winter conference Nov 12-15, 2023 in Columbus, OH with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 532.00.

**Auditor.....**Travel request for Jeremy Maag to attend the ODA winter conference in Reynoldsburg, OH on Nov 28-29, 2023 with expenses for lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 185.92.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm none

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers met with Stan Oren, and Matt Prenzlin from the Veteran Service Commission & Denny Schroeder from Van Buren Township and Ottie Weis in regards to the township cemetery. Mr. Weis said he would turn in bills at the end of the year for cemetery maintenance. He did that and the bill was rejected this past year. Mr. Oren said he would give \$500 for maintenance every three years for cemetery maintenance, not landscaping. Sugar Ridge cemetery has been the only cemetery that has ever turned in maintenance bills of all the cemeteries within the county. Mr. Oren said they did give \$6,000 in the past for the replacement of flagpoles. Mr. Schroeder was a trustee for 36 years. He and Mr. Weis put up the gazebo at the cemetery. What would happen if the gazebo blows down in a wind storm who would repair it? Repairs would go through veterans' administration and maintenance is done by the township. The gazebo was bought by the veterans and the township has taken care of the maintenance. The Commissioners do not have any responsibility in this situation. Whose insurance do the cemeteries fall under? Mr. Schroeder asked about the millage that goes to the Veterans Services. The money that is not used by the Veteran Service Commission goes back to the county. Mr. Oren said they have paid for repairs in the past not maintenance. Trimming bushes, spraying and weeding is considered maintenance. An AG opinion was read where the Commissioners are responsible for preserving the cemeteries. The Veteran Service Commission will no longer pay for any maintenance at cemeteries. Mr. Prenzlin said this bill will get paid but any further bills must be approved prior to work being done at any cemetery. A decision must be made for future maintenance needs for memorials within the county. The local VFW posts and Legions could put forth some funds to cover these maintenance costs. Going forward it was joked that the Commissioners would pay for it. What happens if the local clubs meet their contribution limits, then the next step is going to the Commissioners to cover the expenses. The memberships of the local veteran clubs is depleting and so the funding will also be decreasing.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the elected officials meeting.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Steve Leopold joined the meeting.

The minutes from Thursday, September 28, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Nolan Croy stopped into talk to the Commissioners regarding a solar farm under construction in Hardin County that is waiting on solar panels.

Tim Schnipke stopped into update the Commissioners on some maintenance issues. There are spots in the floor in recycling that need leveling and filled in. Chris Yeager left Ohio Logistics and there will be a new contact person. Barry Woodyard is looking for rental space also. Greg Bockrath sent an email about fixing a wet hole at the fairgrounds in the parking area. A drain was put in but not approved prior, which will be another increased change order. Tim shared the info received from Greg Bockrath. The RFP must be submitted before payment is approved. The Commissioners are ok with getting the work done prior to the rain coming this week. Kevin from Technicon contacted Tim about the fascia on the grandstand it was missed on the drawings, so a price will be submitted. A price is still awaited also for the fence in front of the grandstand. The east end of the grandstand there is tin going on the inside walls but there is none listed for the east end room. Tim can use the leftover pieces and finish the siding. The galvanized posts are listed to paint, they should not be painted it will peel off. The ceiling in the room could be painted instead, the Commissioners are ok with that paint swap. Tim has a bill to submit for moving the wiring.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day.

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers talked to Ashley Siefker regarding Columbus Grove's grant allocation amount.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm absent

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday October 3, 2023.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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