

**Minutes, Tuesday November 7, 2023**

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2023.

For Office of Public Safety

From 120 SA3, Full Time Employee Salaries.....to.... 120 MED, Medicare.....\$1,200.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 326

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 081, EMA

W 6, PERS .....\$ 800.00

W 1, Salaries, Employees-EMA.....\$ 8,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 327

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Fund 015, Soil Conservation

L 1, Salaries.....\$ 21,000.00

L 11, PERS.....\$ 4,000.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 328

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2023.

For Dog and Kennel...

From....B 3, Supplies & Repairs....to...B 11, Insurance.....\$ 700.00

From...B 7, Veterinary Services.....to...B 11, Insurance.....\$ 700.00

From....B 7, Veterinary Services.....to....B 8, PERS.....\$ 300.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2023.

For Common Pleas...

From...2 B 8, Witness Fees.....to....2 B 10, Travel.....\$500.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 330

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For Auto License & Gas

K 12, Materials-Roads.....\$ 50,000.00

K 24, Other Expenses.....\$ 75,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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Fund 018, General Ditch

Q, 27, Contracts-Services.....\$ 16,418.15

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:

**WHEREAS**, SFN 6931928 is also known as PUT-TR 18-A-0.346 (located 0.16 miles South of TR B-13 in Palmer Township) and SFN 6932509 is also known as PUT-TR M-6-0.037 (located 0.03 miles East of TR 7-L in Riley Township); and

**WHEREAS**, SFN 6931928 is currently a posted bridge with a 10 Ton load limit and SFN 6932509 is currently a posted bridge with a 5 Ton load limit; and

**WHEREAS**, SFN 6931928 and SFN 6932509 are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and the Ohio Historic Bridge Inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to preserve these bridges due to their historical significance, the Putnam County Commissioners, Palmer Township Trustees, Riley Township Trustees and the County Engineer agree to permanently close these two bridges;

Now therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Engineer to close the SFN6931928 and SFN6932509 bridges and to install any necessary barricades and signage for these closures.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

**WHEREAS**, Kim Redman, Clerk of Courts, has asked the Board of County Commissioners to establish a new revenue line for Fund 52, Title Administration.

and

**WHEREAS**, An employee moved to a different position and their compensation was not deducted from the correct fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Since the compensation was continued out of the wrong fund, a transfer is needed to replenish the depleted Fund 052, Title Administration;

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to establish the following revenue line:

52 TI – Transfer In

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:



Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2023.

For Title Administration

From.....52 OT, Other Expense.....to.....52 FR, Fringes.....\$ 2,050.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent 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**

**Veterans.....**Travel requests for Stan Oren, Dennis Hanneman, Brian Siefker & Burnell Rau to attend the Veterans Service Commissioners fall conference & training in Dublin, OH on Nov 17-19, 2023 with expenses for each person for mileage, lodging, meals and other for \$643.62 each with a grand total of \$2,574.48.

**Dog & Kennel.....**Travel request for Mike Schroth to attend the NW Ohio Dog Warden meeting in Auglaize County on November 8, 2023 with no expenses. Travel request for Dog Warden Mike Schroth to attend the CCAO Winter Conference in Columbus, OH on Dec 6-8, 2023 with expenses for lodging, registration and parking for a total of \$550.00.

**LEPC.....**Purchase order to US Safety Gear for booms, Pads and socks for \$ 1500.00.

**Capital Improvement.....**Purchase order to Muhlenkamp Building Corp for change order #7 on grandstand for changing paint specs and adding concrete slab and perimeter fence and French drain for \$ 1,784.00.

**Common Pleas.....**Travel request for Judge Keith Schierloh to attend the OCPJA Winter Conference in Dublin, OH Dec 6-8, 2023 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and parking totaling \$ 1,075.60.

**County General**.....Purchase order to Point Security for new walk through metal detector for \$ 4,552.00.

**Children Services**.....Purchase order to Genacross Family & Youth for foster care maintenance for \$ 25,000.00.

**General Ditch**.....Purchase order to Sand Ridge Excavating for wok on the Shane Fitzwater Dt # 995 for \$ 104,899.60.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Tim Schnipke stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers about trimming trees at O-G Road. Tim talked to Chip's Grinding. Tim said he would also have him grind the stump out in the courthouse lot. The O-G road roof is in progress. The grandstand electrical work is starting, some panels and lights needed to be moved. Tim said there is an issue with the generator and the quote from Kahle is too much. Tim is trying to get prices from Caterpillar also. It is thought that Kahle's quote is excessive, they would rather get a base price and pay for extras as needed. Tim also brought up that the 750 gal. water storage tank for showers at the jail is leaking. Tim said it will be very difficult to replace due to it being in the mechanical room in the attic. The tank is merely a storage tank it does not heat the water. Tim would like to replace it with a 275 gal. tank. An on-demand system was also brought up and would require the mechanical room to be rearranged. Should Tim get quotes for an on-demand system? He can talk to All-Temp for a quote.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the Elected Officials meeting.

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

The minutes from Thursday November 2, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

An Ottoville resident came in to complain about the increased taxes over the past few years. He is retired and his monthly expenses have increased by \$1,500 per month since he retired 5 years ago. The increased license fees and gas tax in addition to the increase real estate taxes coming. The internet sales are now taxed. The Commissioners said to remember these increases at the election polls when considering the tax levies that are presented. The solar farms and wind farms were brought up. If the power that is generated would be used here it would be different but it is not.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions on the 2024 budget, the increase on wage rates and any other changes with Bob Benroth, Cindy Landwehr and Jeremy Maag. Bob asked the Commissioners about their plan for and capital improvement projects in the coming years. The condition of the Annex and jail buildings were brought up. The jail is currently having boilers issues. Bob explained the incoming revenue for capital improvement fund, which is the sales tax and the Ag Complex rental income. The condition of the Crime Victims building was also brought up. Bob asked if a new building could be built in place of Crime Victims

building that could house the other offices needing new space, as an example. Bob advised the Commissioner to think about setting aside money now for future building needs. The Pandora Nursing Home was brought up for a Veterans Home and moving the Veteran Service Commission and Home Health there. The county does not have money for purchases or renovations at this time. The wage increase amount for 2024 was proposed as 4% but not decided upon yet. The Commissioners want a full board present to make that decision. The interest revenue was inquired as to what amount was projected for 2024. Jeremy Maag joined the meeting and shared the revenue projections for the interest income for 2024 is it projected at \$1,000,000 and for 2023 it was projected as \$ 900,000. Based on 4% interest rates. There is a difference in the budget for 2024 with a deficit of approx. \$900,000. The insurance increase will 8% for 2024. The Commissioners will have another discussion next week when all of them are in.

Ryan Moran met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss a complaint of the award for the Shane Fitzwater Tri County Dt. Bob Zimmerman is upset that the bid was awarded to Sand Ridge Excavating. Bids cannot be withheld from certain contractors. The project was bid out per ORC. Ryan is informing the Commissioners about Mr. Zimmerman's personal opinion of Sand Ridge based on a private project. Mr. Zimmerman must file an injunction to halt the project. The project will start in early 2024. Mr. Zimmerman does own a gun store. This ditch project will be county run and supervised. Sand Ridge Excavating is also aware of the situation.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder absent Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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