

Minutes, Thursday November 9, 2023

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Broadband Ohio a division of the Ohio Department of Development has opened up applications for The Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG); and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant is available to internet service providers to expand their services to the unserved and underserved areas of Ohio.; and

WHEREAS, TSC-Hanson Communications Inc. has purchased Consolidated Communications which provided services for the former Columbus Grove and Orwell telephone companies and they are interested in submitting two applications for Putnam County; and

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby support TSC-Hanson Communications Inc. in submitting two applications on behalf of Putnam County to provide increased broadband services within the Putnam County area.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
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Mr. Schroeder 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 151, PSI Fund

151 SA22, Salaries\$ 49,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

From....2 M 9D1, Travel.....to 2 M 9D, Muni Court Other Expenses...\$ 1,567.20

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

From..... 1 A 3, Commissioner Supplies.....to 1 A 2P, Employer Share PERS.....\$ 160.00

From.....1 A 6. Motor Vehicles.....to...1 A 2, Comp of Employees.....\$ 865.30

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

From.....1 E 1A, Salary Asst Prosecutor....to...1 E 2H, Employee Fringes....\$15,000.00

Mr. Schroeder 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

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

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

The minutes from Tuesday November 7, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Jason Hedrick and Beth Scheckelhoff met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the 2024 budget. Highlights from 2023 were reviewed. The 4-H program, Farm Safety Day and Conservation Days are successful with the school age kids. They also have adult education opportunities. People are coming in with questions again comparable to pre-COVID numbers. They do soil samples for a small fee. The Master Gardener program activities were discussed and the pollinator gardens that were created at the Fairgrounds. Jason reviewed the costs of the programs. There is new office staff due to the retirement of two staff members. Mrs. Hoffman is back from medical leave for the SNAP-ED program. The mold in the building caused some health issues for a new employee. The mold was abated. A better drainage system for the dehumidifiers is needed to keep the building drier especially over the weekends. The source of the moisture must be found in the building. The dehumidifiers will need to be replaced again, they are 4-5 years old. An office assistant from Allen County is a shared position to cover the staff shortages. Jason said OSU will be restructuring again soon so they did not want to hire someone and find out the funds are not coming to maintain the employment. There is a change in the cost share for the upcoming year, an increase of \$1,000 per educators. OSU is passing the increased expense of medical insurance to the employees.

The supplies and other expenses are also going up. There is local fund raising to help with the increased costs. The office space is an in-kind contribution of the county. \$193,000 is the ask for 2024. Since the Commissioners helped with the retirement pay outs of the retirees that has helped with the expenses also. The 2023 MOU was reviewed and OSU is still reviewing and will have to be done each year now.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the WORPO meeting with Mike Lenhart, Engineer at ODOT in Lima.

Commissioner Schroeder attended the informational meeting on the Sarah Crawford Ditch.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers returned to the office.

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, November 9, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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