

Minutes, Thursday October 26, 2023

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Putnam County joined the West Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Committee, (WORPO) June 30, 2022. WORPO is an organization that identifies local transportation need, conducts planning, assists local governments, and supports the statewide transportation planning process in nonmetropolitan regions of the State.

and

WHEREAS, The WORPO Committee is comprised of 2 local elected officials and a County Subcommittee. The County Subcommittee is comprised of a Commissioners' Designee, County Engineer, largest city/village representative, a full WORPO membership representative and additional county subcommittee members.

and

WHEREAS, this committee is responsible to create public involvement, ensure Title VI and environmental justice and guide regional investment in transportation.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The following are members of WORPO Committee and County Subcommittee:

Rural Planning Committee :

Name	Position
John C. Schlumbohm	Commissioners' Chairman
Michael A. Lammers	Commissioners' Vice Chair

County Subcommittee members:

Darren Schimmoller	Commissioners' Designee
Michael Lenhart	County Engineer
Rich Knowlton	Largest City/Village Representative
Vincent Schroeder	Commissioner, Member
Amy Sealts	CIC Director
Jodi Warnecke	Council on Aging
Brian Hilvers	Director of Public Safety
Brad Nelson	Sheriff Deputy, Road Patrol
Brian Siefker	Sheriff
Roger Niese	Township Trustee Representative
Curt Croy	Citizen representative

Nolan Croy	Planning Commission
Jeff Duling	Local Farmer
Ron Miller	Village Mayor
Greg Bockrath	Local Businessman
Rod Nuveman	ODOT District Representative

and be it further

RESOLVED, Michael Lenhart, Engineer has been nominated as the 3rd member to represent Putnam County at the regional level.

Mr. Schroeder 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:

WHEREAS, John Mullins of Ottawa, OH has been selected as the 2023 Veteran of The Year;

WHEREAS, John Mullins, served in the United States Air Force from 1980 – 1992;

WHEREAS, John Mullins continued his service by spending 21 years as Police Officer for the Village of Ottawa, being an active member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9142, AmVets Chapter 2013, DAV Chapter 77, overseeing Ottawa Honor Guard, assisting with fundraising for Veterans Food Pantry, Pets for Vets, Wounded American Veterans, Youth Americanism programs, Coats for Vets, Special Olympics and many others, providing food, shelter and gas for Veterans in need;

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED;

The Commissioners of Putnam County Ohio on behalf of its citizens, hereby express their appreciation and gratitude to John Mullins for his years of service, and continued service, to his country, AND FURTHER, that October 28, 2023 is hereby proclaimed as

“John Mullins Appreciation Day”

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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 100, E-911

100 FR, Fringes.....\$25,000.00

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 001, County General

15 A 17A, Contingencies/Miscellaneous\$3,660.22

(e/c from Feb. 2022 Sheriff pay in 41077)

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, 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 EXP22, Expenses\$ 6,174.35

Mr. Schroeder 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

Public Assistance.....Purchase order to Amazon for purchases and supplies for \$ 12,000.00. Blanket purchase order for agency misc. purchases for \$ 10,000.00.

Auditor.....Travel request for Robert Benroth to attend the County Auditor’s winter conference in Columbus, OH on Nov 15, 2023 with expenses for parking totaling \$ 50.00.

Sheriff.....Travel request for Taylor Aguirre to attend Stun Tronics Instructor training at Mercer County Sheriff’s office in Celina on Dec 5-7, 2023 with purchase order for registration, meals, and other totaling \$ 810.00.

Treasurer.....Travel request for Tracy Warnecke to attend the County Treasurer’s Fall Conference in Dublin, OH on Nov 14-15,2023 with purchase order for lodging, meals, registration, parking totaling \$ 329.00.

Mr. Schroeder 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 attended a joint teleconference with Defiance and Paulding County Commissioners to award the bid for the Shane Fitzwater Dt # 995. The bid was awarded to Sand Ridge Excavating with their bid of \$ 104,899.60.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions with Cindy Landwehr regarding reviewing the Ohio Healthy Aging Grant info. The proposal from Council on Aging was reviewed. The Commissioners are in agreement with the proposal and having the Council on Aging conduct the grant with the reporting done by Cindy in the Commissioners’ office. The disbursing of the funds was discussed and who will be paying the vendors. The Council on Aging will be paying the vendors and providing the data to the commissioners’ office for the quarterly reporting. Cindy has talked to the auditor’s office about setting up a fund for these monies. Cindy will inform Jodi that they can proceed with the grant activities.

Troy Recker stopped in to inform the Commissioners of the contractor's performance on the Sewer District #1 project. Ward Construction did not take enough materials off the existing streets. There are areas where the road is too high where extra work will be needed by the trustees now. They are trying to come up with other solutions to prevent increased costs to the project. The trustees have a list of needs for the roads now, they want a new berm on the road. No asphalt overages are being paid for. There is concrete gutter that will be broken up by Hohenbrink, about 500 ft. The existing drains will need to be relocated. The concrete gutter is on the east side of Sunset drive. Replacing topsoil to support the berm to prevent a big drop off on the side of the road. The contractors are responsible for the extra costs due to not following the specs. Ward Co. is refusing to bring the grinder back in to fix the asphalt level The milling is being paid for 2 inches but it was not known how much was actually done. Hohenbrink is the primary contractor and Ward is a subcontractor for the paving. Troy wrote up an agreement with the contractor to complete additional the work needed.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions on increasing the mileage reimbursement rate. It was proposed to increase the mileage rate to \$.45 per mile due to the increased travel costs. It was also proposed to increase the meal reimbursements per meals and per day. The total meal increase was \$5 per day increasing each meal to \$11 for breakfast, \$ 14. for lunch and \$ 20 for dinner, making the new daily total \$ 45.00 up from the current \$40. These changes will take effect as of January 1, 2024.

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

The minutes from Tuesday October 24, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Kim Redman met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the employee vacation accrual. Kim shared three scenarios for accruals. Findlay, State of Ohio Third District court of Appeals, and the Putnam County Sheriff's office were the three submitted. The Sheriff's office is union but the non-union people can use 1 week of vacation after 6 months of employment rather than waiting a full year. When the year is complete the other 40 hours is available to use making up the 80 hours that is accrued throughout the year. Vacation is accrued starting on day one of employment. All that is proposed to change is the ability to use some vacation before a year of employment is completed for a new employee. Changing the tiers of vacation accruals was also proposed to lessen the amount of years worked to accrue additional hours per year. The staffing level is covered by the other employees when an employee is out on vacation to avoid the additional expense of overtime pay. Kim is proposing these changes to keep the employees since there have been many employees that have left employment for better job benefits and compensation. Pay raises that other counties are offering their employees and other compensation benefits, such as bonuses and insurance stipends. The Commissioners will consider these changes.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday October 26, 2023.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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