

**Minutes, Tuesday May 7, 2024**

Mr. Lammers moved to sign the deed correction for the land swap with the Village of Ottawa.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers 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, 2024, 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 110, Airport Operation

110 OT, Other Expenses.....\$ 8,350.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, 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 052, Title Administration

52 TS, Transfer Out.....\$61,587.00

and also

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 052, Title Administration (52 TS, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 001, County General ( A 26, Transfer In).....\$61,587.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, 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 15, Transfer Out.....\$ 61,587.00

and also

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 001, County General (15 A 15, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 075 Computerization Clerk of Courts ( 75 TRN, Transfer In).....\$ 61,587.00

and also

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, 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 075, Computerization, Clerk of Courts

75 MI, Miscellaneous.....\$ 61,587.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers 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, 2024, 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 015, Soil Conservation

L 12, Workers Comp.....\$41.09

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers 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, 2024.

For WIA

From.. 39 YT Youth.....to...39 TO, Transfer Out.....\$ 1,681.39

Be IT further RESOLVED:

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 039, Workforce Investment Act (39 TO, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$ 1,681.39

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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**Then/Now Purchase orders**

**E-911.....Purchase order 47634**

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

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**Purchase Orders and Travel Requests**

**Airport Operations.....**Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for cost allocation FY 22 for \$9,141.00. Purchase order to State of Ohio UST for 2 underground storage tanks for \$ 1,100.00.

**Office of Public Safety.....**Travel request for Brian Hilvers to attend the ILO/OP3 conference in Westerville, OH on October 10, 2024 with no expenses listed.

**Sewer Dist #1.....**Purchase order to Water Equipment Co for replacement pump plus shipping for \$ 5900.00. Purchase order to Power House Electric for repairs to pump station B for \$ 1,000.00.

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

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

Matt Prenzlin called in to talk to the Commissioners about the Veteran Commission travel expenses for the Denver trip for them to attend the conference. The itemization of the expenses was reviewed.

Tim Schnipke stopped in and showed pictures of what was caught in the SD #1 sewer pump B, it was thought to be a few pair of underwear. Another pump will need to be replaced. Mr. Schlumbohm made a contact for installing the household meters for the sewer district. John said he talked to Caleb this morning about the tiling at the new event center. John recommended that the work be completed better to Caleb. Tim brought up the swapping of work to make up for making repairs that are needed and fixing mistakes that were made. The drywall and painting are not done to the level that is wanted. The grandstand signage was discussed and who would hang it and if it would be mounted on a strip for individual letters. Tim said the fairboard would be hanging the sign. The materials still need to be determined. Tima said there have been fire alarm issues for the Glandorf building he is working on it.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the Elected Officials meeting hosted by Commissioner Schroeder.

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

The minutes from Thursday May 2, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

The minutes from Tuesday April 30, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions on sales tax. Tim Wehri and Patrick Blasius sat in on the meeting. Bob Benroth, Gary Lammers, Sherri Britsch, Tim Schnipke and Tracy Warnecke joined the meeting.

Mr. Lammers made a motion to reduce the county sales tax from 7.00% to 6.75%.

Mr. Schlumbohm asked about earmarking the sales tax revenue for a specific purpose.

The EMS building was discussed for renting a new facility in Kalida.

Mr. Schroeder shared some information on the current balance the county holds of about \$14M. The carry over balance has increased. The balances over the past four years the carryover balance has increased to over 2.7million per year. In the past we had a shortage and had to lay off personnel and at that time the sales tax was increased for operating funds, these taxes were then dropped after 5 years. The Commissioners have some control over sales tax up to the county's maximum. At this time, it is thought to be justified to lower the sales tax since there are excess funds. The Board of D/D was asked by Commissioners to reduce their levy amount collected since large balance was held as well as the Council on Aging. The county should be held to the same standard and the additional quarter percent is not needed by the county at this time. The Commissioners have the authority to raise and lower the sales tax. Mr. Benroth reminded the Commissioners that the Capital Improvement fund has been reduced to \$1,000,000. with building repairs and expense for the new building. There were years when there were excess funds moved into the Capital Improvement fund to help repairs expenses. The county funds should not be a savings account. Even if the sales tax is lowered the county will still have a carryover balance for the year. The inflation of the sales tax is a wash to the increases in wages and health insurance realized by the County. The budget cuts in 2008 were brought up. Mr. Schlumbohm would like to earmark the quarter percent toward a new EMS building. Can that be done? The Commissioners can contribute to the EMS. Each entity should pay their own way. The townships have taxing abilities also. The real estate taxes keep going up which the Commissioners have no control over. The sales tax would be spread out to everyone beyond the landowners. The fairgrounds is not self-sufficient that is why did they get so much money. The new building is hopefully a way for them to become self-sufficient. The current sales tax is up in 2026. Currently there are enough funds for county operations. There is interest income coming in also. The interest rates are predicted to come down so that revenue will be lowered. There will be an increase in the settlement revenue also due to the changes in real estate valuations. What is enough money for the operating expense for the county? The trends are going up. Mr. Wehri is in favor to keep the sales tax as it is. It was asked just to let the sales tax levy just to run out in 2026. The other taxing authorities need to go to the public to ask for operating funds. The real estate taxes can be voted on also. The values are all going up which also increases the taxes. The lowered sales tax will not lower the carryover balance. What is enough? Gary Lammers said he would like a roof over his head, his building does have a leaky roof that he deals with. Commissioners explained the arrangements to move departments around to move offices out of the Annex building. The Annex needs a new roof. A quote for building a new administrative building was collected a few years ago but none of the office wanted to move to a different building. The last rain there are new leaks discovered. There are also window issues at the Annex. There are capital funds available for repairs for the Annex. The future of interest rates is uncertain. There will be solar generation revenue anticipated for the future as well as the increase real estate values. We must be flexible. Board of D/D did do a reduced collection on their levies for this year, as requested by the Commissioners. The improvements that have been made over the years and the expense incurred with Recycling all were done while accumulating a carryover.

Mr. Lammers made a motion to reduce the sales tax by quarter percent.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Schlumbohm yes Lammers yes

Mr. moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder Schlumbohm Lammers

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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