

**Minutes, Tuesday April 19, 2022**

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, 2022, 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 058, HAVA Grant

58 SU, Supplies .....\$ 202.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Putnam County Commissioners passed a resolution on August 25, 2016 setting guidelines for online charge accounts and lines of credit.

and

**WHEREAS**, These accounts are beneficial to saving the county money when purchasing certain supplies or specialty items.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to approve the request of The Office of Public Safety to open an online line of credit account with Kenn Feld Group LLC at the request of the Office of Public Safety to save money on purchasing EMS vehicles supplies.

Now therefore, be it also

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to approve the request of The Putnam County Office of Public Safety to open an online line of credit account with Kenn Feld Group LLC. to save the county money on purchases.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

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Fund 001, County General

15 A 15A, Advances Out.....\$ 130,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Airport Construction Grant Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15 A 15A, Advances Out	57AI, Advance In	\$ 153,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

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**Now and Then Purchase orders**

**DRETAC -Treasurer.....Purchase order 43994**

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder

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**Purchase orders and travel requests**

**HAVA Grant.....Blanket purchase order for 2022 primary mailing for \$ 202.00. Blanket purchase order for 2022 primary election funding for \$ 49,319.00.**

**Auditor.....Travel request for Robert Benroth and Auditor employees to attend the NW OH auditor meeting in Leipsic, OH on April 22, 2022 with expenses for registration and other totaling \$ 190.00.**

**County General.....Purchase order to Sedgewick Claims Mgmt. for Apr-Sept TPA Admin Service for \$ 2207.50.**

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

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

Steve Coburn-Griffis stopped in to get an update from Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers on the ARP funds and how it will be spent. There is another disbursement coming in the next month or so. The Commissioners confirmed the grandstand at the fairgrounds will be rehabbed after this year's fair and a new building will be built hopefully after the 2023 fair.

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

The minutes from Thursday April 14, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Brandi Schrader and Kim Rieman from the Health Dept. met with Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers to discuss the septic operating and maintenance program (O & M). Joe Burkhart sat in on the meeting also. Brandi said they are in year 5 of the program and they are getting more complaints from the residents. Brandi said if calls are received, we could refer them to the Health Dept. A county must be in the plan or have a plan started or implemented. The Health Dept is asking for support of the Commissioners for the program. Brandi brought up some of the conversations when the 6119 meetings were happening that a 6119 was not wanted but they would allow the Health Dept to inspect the private systems. **The commissioners do not recall these conversations and asked who "they" are?** If we would not have created the O & M program, the State would have had the authority to put us on provisional status and take the program away from us locally. An action plan is needed to show the program. At provisional status there is an option to improve the program. The Commissioners asked if any of the surrounding counties had the penalty applied to them? No, not known. The state could come in and implement the program under their terms rather than local implementation. Defiance is in year 4. Paulding, Defiance, Henry, Williams and Putnam are the counties that meet regularly. Issues are being found while on site evaluations. Now calls are coming in with questions of how to remedy issues before evaluations are done. Repairs can be made on their own. There is funding available through HCLF for repairs and replacement systems. H2Ohio has provided funding also. Are the systems improving, Brandi said education and maintenance has improved so the systems are lasting longer. **The commissioners remarked that educating the public with relevant information is much more productive than any punitive measures.** Tanks are to be pumped and maintained to make the systems last longer. There is an anti-government movement across the country so the issue is people being told what to do that causes the most angst, it is not necessarily the fee amount. The cities that have been found to be dumping raw sewage into the water sources but blaming the rural residences, and it is coming back to the rural residences to make changes and not the cities, is frustrating to the people. The Ohio EPA is involved in the H2Ohio funding. Brandi again asked if the Commissioners would get questions from the public if they would refer the questions to the Health Dept. A question of the health levy failing was asked as to how it would affect the health Dept operations. Another Health Dept/ entity would be brought in to administer the programs. The townships would have to provide

funding to the Health Dept. The operating and maintenance program is to aid in maintaining the current systems not to force replacement of the systems. The outlets were discussed and the output is treated on the way to the closest ditch or stream through the tiles. What kind of questions are the Commissioners getting? What is the biggest issue? Government overreach. How do we handle providing education? They are looking to provide education to realtors and future home buyers to maintain private systems. There has been pushback from certain individuals regarding the program, until they learn it is for education. The law did not change in 2015 the interpretation and Administrative Code changed. There were a number of private systems that were installed previously in now municipal or higher populated areas that are important to keep maintained. Most of the rules are made for the larger cities and do not necessarily apply to a rural area but we must comply in a way that we can. The permit process has not been completed for the whole county yet. A pumping schedule of every 10 years is recommended. The older population may live in an older home with a smaller system and may need pumping more often depending on the size of the tank. The phosphates from the waste getting in the water sources was discussed. The percentage of compliance was asked, 650-700 applications are sent per year, 35-50 of the 650 is assessed on the property taxes. Majority does pay. There is a person with an NPDES system who has been assessed on taxed and still has not paid.

The Belmore system was discussed and the use of UV light for operation.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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