

Minutes, Thursday April 28, 2022

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) is accepting applications for the first round of Bridge Formula Program funding for county bridge projects;

WHEREAS, Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, is requesting the Board of County Commissioners for approval to apply for funding under this program;

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners, Putnam County, Ohio does hereby authorize Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, to prepare and submit application for financial assistance and enter into a Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement for financial assistance from the CEAO, Bridge Formula Program, Fiscal Year 2023, and to execute contracts as required for the project.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Per the resolution passed by the Board of Putnam County Commissioners on August 10, 2021, (Jrl 116 pg. 392-393) along with the OneOhio Subdivision Participation Form signed on August 5, 2021 wherein the county was included in the participation in the National Opioid Settlement Agreement Distributor Settlement.
and

WHEREAS, Putnam County agrees to the material terms and conditions of the National Distributor Settlement.
And

WHEREAS, a separate fund is needed to allow for proper accounting and auditing purposes.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners requests the auditor to rename the following fund which will be used for the receipt and distribution of the Opioid Settlement Funds:
Fund 144 – Opioid Settlement

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to establish the following revenue line:
144 REV – Settlement Proceeds
144 INT- Interest

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to establish the following appropriation lines:

144 EXP – Expenses

144 LG – Legal Counsel Expenses

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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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 002, Auto License & Gas

K 4, Equipment\$ 25,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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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, 2022.

For Sheriff/Jail

From...4 B 11FLW, Utilities...to...4 B 11MTR, Maintenance & Repairs...\$ 5,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder 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, 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 085, CDBG

T7C – Implementation.....\$1,342.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

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Now and Then Purchase orders

O-G Road Complex.....Purchase order 44320

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 none Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none

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Purchase orders and travel requests

Landfill Clos/Maintenance.....Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for cost allocation for 2020 payable in 2022 for\$ 1,347.00.

CDBG.....Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for cost allocation for 2020 payable in 2022 for\$ 1,342.00.

CDBG Allocation.....Purchase order to Put Co Council on Aging for 2022 senior expo booth for \$ 50.00.

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order to Putnam Co Council on Aging for 2022 senior expo booth for \$ 55.00.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Tim Schnipke stopped in to update the Commissioners on the maintenance projects. Tim said he received a request to store a boat at the Ag Complex. The Commissioners are not looking to rent to private individuals they should be referred to the Fair Board. Some other options for him to contact were also presented. Windows are going in at the Health Dept, Tim said they are looking good the Commissioners should go and look at them. The perimeter drainage will be started. Tim is inquiring with a candidate on the open cleaning position to see if there is still interest. A temporary person can be hired in the interim. 3rd Street roof is being replaced this

week and air unit was removed from the roof, the new units will be installed when the roof is done. The new air units are currently being installed in the courthouse.

Ali Stano and Matt Brown via teleconference of EDP Renewables met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, and Rob Howell, and Steve Elkins of Monroe Township to discuss the QAQDA application for the Blue Harvest Solar Park. Ali gave an update on the preliminary work that has started on the solar park. A site team is setting up off of Road 22. Work will continue throughout this year. There are some supply chain issues already. First Solar was mentioned as an option for purchasing the solar panels. Ali said there are availability issues with them also. The Miller City project has been delayed due to supply issues as well. The panel materials were discussed and there should be no leaching of anything for the panels. Ali explained the power purchase agreement will be with Amazon web services. Ali explained QAQDA Quality Air versus the QEP Energy Pilot. The 80% instate labor requirement is hard to meet in Ohio so that is the reason for the change to the air quality. The clean air improvement does not have the same labor requirements as the alternative energy projects. This enables the project to continue. A similar tax abatement for air quality is also available. Sentinel staff Joe Gilroy joined the meeting also. A compensation agreement will be presented for the air quality project similar with same structure and time frame to the alternate energy pilot that was presented earlier. The \$9,000 payment will also be the same. The property taxes were explained that the any differences in the amounts would be paid by EDP. It would become the lowest ag rate payable since there will be no production from the land. The landowners would be reimbursed for the difference. EDP is proposing to request the real property under the project to be exempt and the land outside would be taxed as ag. A tangible personal property tax exemption for anything outside the fence inside would be real property tax exempt. The property tax under the panels is abated. Clean air can also offer tax abatements. The landowners in the project were discusses as well as neighboring land which will get neighbor agreements. There were no other questions. A letter of support and compensation agreement were presented for review. Any other letters of support are requested to be in by May 11. The Commissioners are in agreement to sign the letter of support and accept the compensation agreement for the county. The township and school will also have to accept and sign their agreements. The panels will be coming from Vietnam. Matt added that they are trying to keep everything on target to change to the clean air. That changes will not be confirmed until June. The financing bond for the financing of the project will included design and construction costs and will be the life of the project. The county also has a decommissioning bond for the end of the project. There will be an operations tour when ready for the fire departments. The land leases are 30 or 32 year agreements with options to renew. Commissioner Schroeder asked for a sample lease agreement with the landowners. There will not be a coffee hour in April like they did in March. Vince asked about the landowners of the panels they will not be charged for real estate tax, Matt said that is correct. They would still get taxed but would be reimbursed from the solar farm. If exempt it would be zero. That is for the fenced in areas. There are areas that are not fenced that will be taxed. What kind of vegetation will be planted? A grass mix will be planted. Nothing too tall but will be maintained and mowed. Would bee hives be allowed and a good option for the land also? The land could also be leased for sheep pasture. The bottom of panel to the racking is 5-6 feet. At max tilt the panels could be 4 ft from the ground. The racking will be set north to south and the panels will track east to west.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Joe Gilroy, Putnam County Sentinel sat in on the agenda also.

Mr. Gilroy introduced himself to the Commissioners and shared some of his background information. Mr. Gilroy will be taking over as editor of the Putnam County Sentinel in June.

The minutes from Tuesday April 26, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Tony Schroeder stopped in to inform the Commissioners about the Redistricting Commission and the maps that will be used for the election. August 2 will be the primary election for Putnam County. The only issues on the May Primary are state races. Early voting has been underway. 480 people have requested absentee ballots so far. The politics of the election was discussed. Tony said Chris Hughes with ODOT wants to meet with the Commissioners regarding regional transportation planning. The Commissioners do not feel Putnam County is a fit for public transportation since they are majorly rural. They will meet to see if there are funding opportunities for the county for improved roads.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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