

**Minutes, Thursday, August 17, 2023**

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 057, GIS  
157 TR, Travel.....\$1,267.08

Mr. Lammers 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**, According to the Revised Code of Ohio, Section 955.14 if in any year there is not sufficient money in the dog and kennel fund, after paying the expense of the administration, the Board of County Commissioners may increase dog and kennel registration fees in the county. The amount of the fees must not exceed an amount that the board, in its discretion, estimates is needed to pay all expenses for the administration of the Dog Law. Such a resolution must be adopted not earlier than February 1 and not later than August 31 of any year and must apply to the registration period commencing on December 1 of the current year and ending on January 31 of the following year, unless the period is extended as authorized under the bill. Any increase in fees adopted must be in the ratios of \$2.00 for a dog registration fee and \$10.00 for a kennel registration fee. now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the fees for dog licenses and kennel fees will be as follows:

Dog Licenses - \$16.00 Kennel Fees - \$80.00

This is no change in fees from 2022 & 2023.

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, House Bill 59 was approved allowing dog owners to purchase a three year dog license at three times the cost of one year or a permanent dog license at a cost of ten (10) times the cost of one year. Kennel fees are not included in this.

3-Year Dog License - \$48.00 Permanent Dog License - \$160.00

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, The 3-year dog license or the permanent dog license can only be purchased in December and January of each year.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners on July 8, 2014, approved a resolution for designating Putnam County as an alternative energy zone; approving all applications submitted by the Director of Development pursuant to R.C. 5727.75(E); requiring annual service payments in addition to payments required under R.C. 5727.75(G); and specifying the time and manner of such payments.  
and

**WHEREAS**, all Putnam County services require funding. And

**WHEREAS**, due to all residents and businesses of Putnam County having to pay taxes and all should pay at the same rate in order to be fair and equitable.  
now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby rescind resolution dated July 8, 2014, and recorded in Comm. Jrl. 105, Pages 378-379.  
Mr. Schlumbohm 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**

**Ag Complex**.....Purchase order to Vulcan Fire Protection for sprinkler repairs for \$ 2411.00.

**Auditor**.....Travel request for Jeremy Maag, Kim Nordhaus and Bob Benroth to attend the Paulding Co Auditor in person view of software n Paulding, OH on August 16, 2023 no expenses listed. Travel request for Kyle Nemire and Greg Luersman to attend the Ohio GIS conference in Columbus, OH on Sept 11-13, 2023 with expenses for lodging, meals, registration, parking and other totaling \$ 1,767.08.

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

Tim Schnipke came in to present the change order for replacing the catch basin that drain the Ag Complex parking lot, the Commissioners agree to replace the catch basin. Tim also asked about removing the water spigots, they can be kept and put in the large concrete blocks around them to keep people from hitting them. The fairboard wants to keep the two water spigots. The underground work was scheduled to start in Sept. Since the crew and equipment are available now so they can start. Muhlenkamp's are working on replacing the supports on the grandstand. Gary Hermiller will be doing the additional digging for the sewer line. Helms could use the grindings for the new parking lot. The existing parking lot for the Ag Complex will be redone to match grade. The Planning Commission has approved the permit for storing the top soil temporarily behind the Ag Complex. No sidewalks will be taken out for the sewer line project will go right up to the sidewalk; the existing tap will be used. Tim had remaining quotes for repairing the O-G Road building storm damage. Tim said he got a quote to repair the flag pole also. Tim said the construction is progressing well at the fairgrounds. A flow test is needed from the village to check the flow in the water lines at the fairgrounds. An eight-inch water line running near the building will be tapped for water service to the building. Tim explained the electrical work and the service on the poles that needs to be moved. The building material will show up in October. The building site is having compression test done now. Tim asked about the base of the Ag Complex parking lot if there is a good base could just the top asphalt be replaced. The footer is in and the columns are poured for the grandstand. The block wall has grout inside to make it more stable.

Alaina Siefker let Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers know that Phantasm Designs got back to us on prices for more Putnam County Flags to sell. The commissioners want to order the 50 flags double sided like the last ones that were ordered around 2017. Alaina will do up a PO for the next agenda for approval.

An Investment meeting was held with Tracy Warnecke, and Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers.

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

The minutes from Tuesday August 15, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Brian Hilvers and Nancy Erhart met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss union contracts, cost recovery and a resolution that he needs. Mr. Hilvers said the contracts have been approved and the Commissioners will get them to sign soon. There has been people leaving and moving around within the organization. The uniform allowance was increased and a bonus for no call offs was implemented. An incentive for longevity (years of service) was also included with pay on top of the 3%. There are limited new applicants due to the starting pay rates. The increases over the years were discussed. 15 years=\$0.45. The Commissioners do not like these terms but the contracts have already been agreed upon. Workforce retainage is an issue below 10 years of service, anyone over 10 years is less likely to leave employment. In three years, it can be renegotiated.

Mr. Lammers moved to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm, Mr. Hilvers and Mrs. Erhart.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers went back on record.

No decisions were made.

The contracts will be reviewed at a later date. And the Commissioners will get a copy to review prior to approval.

Commissioners held a conference call with Steven Fearnow Ohio Dept of Development QEP (Qualified Energy Projects) regarding questions on solar farms and taxes the generation companies would pay and where that money would go. Where does the power generation tax go? Does it go to the state? Public Utilities taxes would go through the Dept of Taxation. Would the PILOT payments be more than the generation taxes? It is assumed the PILOT payments would be less. The public utilities taxes go through the Dept of taxation for distribution. A copy of the resolution must be sent to confirm the rescinding of the AEZ by the County.

Mr. Schlumbohm 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 August 17, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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