

**Minutes, Thursday August 26, 2021**

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, 2021, 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 15A, Advance Out.....\$ 12,141.36

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Manufactured Housing Tax/2<sup>nd</sup> Half 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, Advance Out	148 AI, Advance in	\$ 12,141.36
(Advance for Mfg. Housing Tax/2 <sup>nd</sup> Half)		

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes  
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Fund 001, County General

14 D 1, Various settlements.....\$256.84

Fund 068, Mental Health

AA 11, Other expense.....\$59.63

Fund 100, E-911 System

100 MS, Miscellaneous.....\$123.47

Fund 022, Brookhill Center School  
8 E 7, Miscellaneous expenses..... \$308.20

Fund 063, Health  
E 12, Other expense.....\$47.41

Fund 120, PCEMS  
120 OTH, Other expense.....\$55.19

2021 Real Estate Mobile HomeTax Settlement

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes  
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Fund 039, WIA  
39 YT, Youth.....\$ 25,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes  
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Fund 001, Juvenile Court  
2 C 42D, Juvenile Detention Home.....\$ 25,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes  
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### **Now and Then Purchase orders**

**Ag Complex.....**Purchase order 43062

**Clerk of Courts.....**Purchase order 43036

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes  
Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers none  
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### **Purchase orders and travel requests**

**General Ditch.....**Purchase order to Sand Ridge Excavating for change order on Jeanette Meyer Dt # 983 for \$ 897.60.

**Children Services.....**Blanket purchase order for foster care for \$ 10,000.00.

**Putnam Acres.....**Purchase order to Dominion Energy for Oct- Dec service for \$ 150.00.

**WIA.....**Purchase order to Northwest State Community College for \$ 9,300.00.

Mr. Schroeder 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

Mr. Lammers called the meeting to order with Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Schlumbohm by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance with Tim Schnipke.

Tim Schnipke informed the Commissioners of some maintenance issues. At the Ag Complex a compressor for the risers burnt up and needed replaced so Tim ordered a new one through Armor Fire. They are using an old compressor from Glandorf for now until the new one comes in. Tim said they patched a leak in the roof at the Annex also. Tim said there are many issues with the Annex roof and many areas that moisture can get in. There are big chunks of mortar missing. In time the Annex issue will be corrected with the movement of some offices. Tim is getting quotes for the annual fire system inspections also. At the O-G Road complex the sewer line was plugged again this time in the back on the building in the Home Health/Hospice area.

Kalida Chris Phillips; Ottoville Bill Honigford; Ft. Jennings Mike Metzger; Vaughnsville Matt Smith, and Paul ; and Glandorf Telephone Dave Hunt; Cheryl Bostleman of bright net met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Joe Burkhart & Bob Benroth regarding the American Rescue Plan funds. Rob Shehan of Independence Fiber representing

the back haul for fiber and Steve Coburn-Griffis also joined. The phone companies had to change their strategies for broadband this last year with the pandemic with the capacity and increased demand with tele-health needs and virtual school and working from home. The limits within the County will be improved and expanded. Kalida is completely converted to fiber. Vaughnsville is working to covert to fiber currently. The expansion plans of the companies were asked. Mr. Shehan explained their service area and coverage of the county into the larger cities. Expanding form 10 G to 100G is the plan for expansion. The network is expanding faster than predicted. \$12 mil is the total cost of the project \$6 mill will be covered by the state, the other \$6 will come from local funds. Independence will be responsible to cover the service to the local telephone companies. The local companies need the financial assistance. The 5G service in the rural areas need the fiber for support to operate. How much is residential, the wireless is less than 17% of traffic increasing to at least 25%. Everything that uses broadband network, schools, homes etc. There are supply issues with fiber also as well as the other industries. The upgrade will take 2 years. The fiber will go wherever the money is first. The other telephone companies within the County are also affiliated with Independence Fiber. Consolidated Communication was also discussed and their service to the Pandora, Grove and eastern county areas. This is similar to the day of providing electric to the rural areas. The phone companies would like the financial assistance to help to expand service and cover to fiber optics. Internet and cable do not have the same boundaries as phone service. State funds are not available for the local expansion. Cheryl shared that the township level funds could be used. It was recommended that she talk to the townships about using these funds. The township deadline for applying for the funds is Sept. 4. Dave Hunt would be the point person for contact for the townships. Each local company has a share to pay to upgrade equipment. Once Independence upgrades all the local companies would have to upgrade together at the same time. Approx. 65% of the population is served by this group. They are looking for \$380,000 for funding assistance. Cybersecurity was brought up, and that will be upgraded also. The funds will help the local companies to upgrade and expand services to the local people. The cost for fiber is \$40,000 per mile. Cheryl said all these companies have been in business for years and have done a wonderful job serving the people. Ottoville is expanding out to the TDS area. Kalida said to the north that TDS is limited on service. These companies need the financial assistance to cover more of the county for service. Jt. Jennings is reaching out to Rimer and Rushmore areas. Bob Benroth said this is an eligible ARP expense. It is thought that most of the townships have applied for the funds also. The Commissioners will review the request. The Commissioners will reach out to Metalink and Consolidated also for their input.

Jeremy Gerding stopped into inform the Commissioners that Jerry Bunn has submitted unauthorized bills for spraying on Plum Creek # 568.

Steve Coburn-Griffis rejoined the meeting and discussed the service he has available. The Commissioners suggested that Steve get a tower. His land is deemed a nature preserve. There are other landowners in his area that may be interested in a tower.

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

The minutes from Tuesday August 24, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Amy Hoffman of Palmer Energy met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to review the items for renewal and the Request for Providers that will go out in

October. Amy needs copies of current bills and a signed letter of exclusivity from the County by October. The County is priced separately but it is bundled with other counties. The prices for the County have gone down with the last two contracts. Amy explained the capacity, the pricing and the contract terms. The terms will be reviewed again before the renewal in May 2022. The capacity will need to increase to accommodate the predicted usage that will be needed with electric cars.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for lunch.

Joe Burkhart stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers as a follow-up to the meeting with the Telephone Companies. Upgrading the fiber is an infrastructure improvement.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm resumed session after lunch by attending the Landfill Compliance Evaluation Inspection with the EPA at the landfill.

Tracy Warnecke, Kim Redman and Bob Benroth attended a County Investment meeting with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder absent Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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