

Minutes, Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. Lammers the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The terms of members Mike Lenhart and Jeff Giesige of the Putnam County Planning Commission have expired and have agreed to be re-appointed to the positions for a three year term. And

WHEREAS, Beth Skulina will be taking over the Health Dept. representation from Brandi Schrader, also for a three year term.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The following, in addition to the three county commissioners, are members of the Putnam County Planning Commission with three year terms:

Term Expires June 15, 2024

Mr. David Wieging, 465 South Water Street, Ft. Jennings, Ohio 45844
Telephone 286-2774

Term Expires February 25, 2024

Mr. Brad Brubaker, % Sheriff's Office, 1035 Heritage Trail, Ottawa, Ohio 45875
Telephone 659-5919 home; 523-3208 business

Term Expires: February 25, 2024

Mr. Steve Leopold, 11226 St. Rt. 15, Ottawa, Ohio 45875
Telephone 523-4124

Term Expires December 15, 2024

Mr. Roger Kruse, 10695 St. Rt. 12, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830
Telephone 419-659-2722

Term Expires March 15, 2025

Mrs. Beth Skulina, % Putnam Co. Health Dept., 256 Williamstown Rd., P.O.
P.O. Box 330, Ottawa, OH 45875 Telephone 523-5608 business

Term Expires June 15, 2026

Mr. Michael L. Lenhart. 104 W. Laura Lane, Ottawa, Ohio 45875
Telephone 523-6931 business

Term Expires March 15, 2026

Mr. Jeff Giesige 8703 Road 2, Leipsic, Ohio 45856
Telephone 523-5159 business

Term Expires March 15, 2024

Mr. Greg Luersman, 19191 Rd. 20-S, Ft. Jennings, Ohio
Telephone 523-8715

Mr. Schlumbohm 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:

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 076, Sewer Dist #1
P 6, Contracts-Repairs..... \$ 3,050.00
Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) Local Bridge Program (LBR) provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for county bridge projects;

WHEREAS, Michael L. Lenhart, Putnam County Engineer, is requesting the Board of County Commissioners for approval to apply for funding for Fiscal Year 2028;

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, LBR, Fiscal Year 2028, and to execute contracts as required.
Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 182

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, 2023.

For Veterans Service Commission

From....9 C 9D, Other Expenses.....to....9 C 3, Office Supplies... \$2,000.00
From....9 D 6, Memorial Day Expenses.....to.....9 C 9D, Other Expenses...\$1,522.53
Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 183

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, 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 039, Workforce Investment Act
39 TO, Transfer Out\$ 55,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes
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Then/Now Purchase orders

County General.....purchase order 46298, 46353, 46356

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

Dog & Kennel.....Travel request for Mike Schroth to attend the Northwest Ohio Dog Warden meeting in Ottawa County on August 16, 2023 no expenses listed.

Sheriff.....Travel request for Michael Knotts to attend the OPOTA Correctional Supervisor training in London, OH December 10-15, 2023 with purchase order for expenses for registration, lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 1,890.00.

EMS.....Travel request for Brian Hilvers to attend the OEMSCA summer meeting in Dublin, OH on August 10, 2023, no expenses listed.

Solid Waste Dist Disp fees.....Purchase order to Powerhouse Electric for additional lights for recycling for \$ 274.96.

Sewer Dist #1.....Purchase order to Kuhlman Corp for additional valves and flanges for pump stations for \$ 3,068.00.

Recorder.....Travel request for Sherri Britsch to attend the ORA Fall Continuing Education in Columbus, OH Sept. 13-14, 2023 with expense for mileage, lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 243.00.

WIA.....Purchase order to Whirlpool Corp for dislocated worker program for \$ 79,603.50.

County General.....travel request for Cindy Landwehr & Deb Kaufman to attend the CCAO Group Retro meeting in Columbus on Aug 23, 2023 with expense for meals and parking totaling \$ 49.00.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to give an update on the Fairgrounds. The sewer pipe from the Dog Shelter is plugged due to being broken while digging the storm drain. The sewer line will now need to be fixed. The tile was damaged due to Helms digging.

Gary Lammers and Nolan Croy met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss HB 501. Commissioner Schroeder said they are looking at setting some higher restrictions. ORC 303.213 was reviewed by Gary Lammers for a statute for zoning. It could be presented to the voters. Gary is asking how restrictive the Commissioners want to be. The townships can amend their zoning regulations. Jackson, Monroe and Liberty townships are looking at amendments currently. The voters have to approve the amendment. After an approved plan it can be voted on although it is time consuming with requirements for public hearings. The zoning regulations have already been approved so just the amendment would need to be approved. What if the zoning rules are changed? The AEZ can be revoked. Which would eliminate the PILOT payments. The company would not have the breaks in payments and taxes if there is no AEZ. Any project started before the AEZ revocation is grandfathered in. There can still be limitations and setbacks they are just not limiting the landowners for the use of their land. Maybe CCAO or Dept of Taxation could provide further insight on some sample regulations. Some sample information from CCAO on small solar facility regulations was submitted for review. Nolan said 500 ft. setbacks would be doable. There are now issues with bats near the solar fields so the EPA is getting involved. The Commissioners are interested in rescinding the AEZ for Putnam County. A Zoning Commission is different from the Planning Commission. If the Commissioners revoke the AEZ then the townships can vote on the projects. The Planning Commission can still look at revising the rules and setbacks. There are nine members on the Planning Commission and five votes would be needed. Rules & regulations can be set up for the removal of a small solar farm, if it is no longer in operation or such. The cables running through the Blue Harvest facility between panels was discussed for liability and why they are not buried.

Alaina Siefker came in and let the commissioners know that Jeff Giesige called and he is on the committee for cleaning up along the river from Road 8 to 65. They were wondering if the commissioners would allow use of a 40-yard container. He also used to drive for recycling and offered to take the truck and take whatever trash they get to the landfill. The commissioners said they are fine with this and to let Joe Hohlbein know. They said Jeff can work with Joe on the date and time or any other details.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers regarding maintenance issues. There are maintenance change orders coming up and Technicon still needs to review them. The depth of the drainage pipe needs to be adjusted to avoid the existing sewer line. The drainage pipe should be lowered. These pipes are running through the parking area so it will be backfilled with stone. Where the two sewer lines meet there will be a manhole. An 8" line will be put in from the road to maintenance building going to 6". This work will not be included in the building project it will be done separately by Gary Hermiller. Bockrath should be locating the existing tiles. There is a roof leak at the Annex the parapets in the corners are

leaking. Tim said they are removing the fence and the water hydrants for the camper hook ups. Tim said they are documenting the lines they are finding, adding and taking out. There are no sewer taps on file for the fairgrounds. Oldest records are from 1950's. The new building will use the existing tap. Health Dept has grant money to use on the building, they are redoing the handicap door and adding a key less entry in the back. They can add some handicap parking also. They are looking at a new electronic sign for out front. The old jail cell that was kept from the jail, they removed the door and the window; that is all the Historical society wants. They can dispose of the rest of the cell. The construction of the fair building was discussed. There has been a change in subcontractors for the building. The estimates for the storm damages need to be turned in. Tim said the Annex is showing its age and needs to have some improvements. Moving the offices out of the Annex was discussed again. The inspection for the grandstand is being done today. There is an Amish crew at the grandstand today to remove the steel roof.

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

The Commissioners discussed the retire/rehire policy and if there should be any changes. There are a few employees who have been retire/rehires but they did not retire from Putnam County. If an employee is rehired should they start at a new employee rate? Should the resolution be clarified that it is only Putnam County retirees? Should any new hires be required to have five years of experience (Sheriff Dept.)? The Commissioners will ask the Sheriff if there is a need to change the policy.

A resident on road J-6, Rick Erhart was in asking about getting metered water for sewer, he has a few head of cattle that he needs water for. The Commissioners said the house water usage would be metered for sewer not the outside hydrants. Mr. Erhart said that last time when they did smoke testing they filled his mother's house with smoke.

The minutes from Thursday August 3, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Amy Hoffman of Palmer Energy met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the aggregate renewals. Amy said there has been increase interest with entities wanting to be on the ballot for joining the electric aggregate programs. Through CCAO there are up to 33 counties that have some form of aggregation. Gas aggregation is increasing also. Amy explained the gas rates have stayed low through 2023. The RFP is out with a December renewal. Amy will come back to review at that time. Is there a possibility to acquire a longer contract? Amy recommended they attend the CCAO meeting to get the information. The Commissioners asked to get the info forwarded to them. The current term ends in December and they can review the RFP then. Going beyond three years may be too long depending on the markets. The draft supplier agreements will be reviewed also. There is a 21-day response time to opt out. The amendment was sent out and the Prosecutor must review. The pools were described where like use buildings will be grouped together, such as jails. Amy will be back to review the reports.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Lammers 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

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday August 8, 2023.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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