

Minutes, Tuesday February 6, 2024

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, 2024.

Fund 001, County General
For IT
From...1 A 15C, IT Contracts.....to.....1 A 15E, IT Travel.....\$ 1,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder 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, 2024, 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 120, Office of Public Safety
120 SA, Ambulette Drivers.....\$ 4,250.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve a Purchase Option Agreement between Putnam County Commissioners and Putnam County Community Improvement Corporation for a parcel #31-530092.0000 of 5.943 acres located at Liberty Drive for \$ 31,000 per acre.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Then/Now Purchase orders

EMS.....Purchase order 5144
County General.....Purchase order 47356

Landfill Closure/Mnt.....Purchase orders 47357, 47359

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

Dog & Kennel.....Travel request for Mike Schroth to attend the NW Ohio Dog Warden meeting in Paulding County on Feb 14, 2024 no expense listed.

County General.....Purchase order to Government Forms & Supplies for 2 new commissioner journals and pack of blank paper for \$ 520.00. Travel request for Tim Schnipke to attend HPA meeting in Mlddleville MI on Feb 2, 2024 no expense listed. Blanket purchase order for IT Travel for Engage conference 2024 for \$ 1500.00

Landfill Closure/Mnt.....Purchase order to Put Co engineer for leachate fuel for 2024 for \$ 1,000.00.

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for Social Media Archiving Subscription for 2024 for \$ 957.80. Purchase order to Put Co Ag Society for 2024 Fair booth for Recycling for \$ 150.00.

General Ditch.....Purchase order to Skiver Excavating for work on the Vincent Schroder Dt. # 987 for \$ 22,959.80.

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder abstain Mr. Lammers yes
Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers none

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dale Schulte, President of the Fairboard met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Joe Burkhart and Tim Schnipke to discuss the expenses of the technology accessories for sound, TVs and cameras within the new event center building and who will pay for these items. Dale asked what is the responsibility of the fairboard to pay for the sound, TV's and cameras within the building. Dale asked about roasters for the kitchen. The cleaning equipment and cleaning supplies will be the responsibility for the fairboard. If the fairboard is being asked to pay for the technology equipment then the wall can be removed because the fairboard voted no on that. The wall is already in the planning and ordered. The TV's can be purchased gradually as needed. If multiple TVs must show that same picture then they must be hard wired not wireless. General technology equipment not software can be added to capital improvement. The additional TVs are added cost. If a meeting with a presenter the TVs can be on the bar window walls above the windows. The wiring all goes to the mechanical room next to the bar. Joe quoted \$65,000 worth of costs that are in question. The Commissioners said if it is

part of the building and will last 10 years it can be paid for by Capital Improvement. The TVs will be needed with construction for wiring. Do the tv need to be purchased now, is the question. Dale will present this to the fairboard to see if they will pay half. The access to the sound system was discussed. A camera set up for someone on stage was discussed. Giving renters complete access to the sound system was discussed and that is not wanted. If a video is needed, they can hire someone to do the video. Prices for the tv mounts were discussed also. The interior cameras were discussed, why were more cameras added. Will the camera only record when there is motion? Joe can set that up to what is preferred. Dale asked why more cameras were added. Tim said they were added to the service areas. Dale would like a list of what is included in the service areas in the building. The spec book was reviewed. A copy of the spec book was given to Dale. The fairboard is applying for a grant to replace the hog barn and dairy barn roofs. There will be repair work done with the replacement. Swine improvement committee is purchasing new pens for the barn getting the new roof. Tim explained the electrical for the rabbit, hog and dairy barns. Vince asked Tim about the grandstand and the supports. Tim wants to see what he is talking about. They will go look at it later.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the Elected Officials meeting hosted by Kim Redman, Brian Hilvers presented on the solar eclipse preparation to the elected officials and department heads. A decision will be needed on closing the courthouse and offices that day.

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

The minutes from Thursday February 1, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held a meeting with Rob Fawcett UIS Insurance, Gary Lammers, Mike Lenhart and Bob Benroth to discuss the Road M-6 bridge. Patrick Blasius of the Putnam County Sentinel and Riley Township Trustees Mark Kinsinger and Scott Meyer attended the meeting as well. Joe Karhoff joined via teleconference. Gary Lammers presented a letter that stated a liability may be presented if the bridge is reopened. A change in the weight restriction was asked of Rob Fawcett. Rob said it would be no more liability than any other bridge. As long as the bridge is capable to take on the weight of the vehicle that is crossing, if the vehicle is more than it is the driver's liability. The cost of the liability was discussed. Every bridge is covered under the ten-million-dollar liability. If any property is damaged and it has been inspected the liability is the same. The county can get sued but the policy will defend. There are standard annual inspections done. The bridge cannot be checked after every vehicle that crosses it. If the posted weight restrictions are changed and depending on the inspection, the weight restrictions could be lowered. The rehabbing of this bridge may have compromised the integrity of the bridge, as the bridge capacity was not increased with the rehab. The Engineer brought a safety concern to the Commissioners regarding this bridge. The Commissioners asked what could be done in regard to the concerns. The Engineer proposed closing the bridges as an option. This bridge (M-6) has been inspected and approved for 5-ton limit nothing over 5 ton. This is the same bridge as before the rehab it was not made to handle a larger amount. Could the bridge be reduced to a 3-ton limit? The engineer said it could be left open and posted as needed no restrictions or leave it closed. What was the reason it was closed? Has anything changed since the original decision? There are concerns or it was not closed to begin with. Since there are other roads in the area that are closed due to construction this bridge will remain closed through the construction season until the other bridges are back

open to reduce the act of someone using it that is over limit. On reducing the weight limit on the bridge. If the bridge is so crucial to the area maybe it should have been replaced with a larger structure. The engineer is still willing to do the inspections, his concern is overweight vehicles using this bridge and creating a safety issue. The reason the bridge is being closed now is a safety concern. The bridge was not closed because of structural safety. This bridge is a steel bridge and driving heavy vehicles over it, can change the condition of the steel in the bridge. Internal properties of the steel can be changed by overweight vehicles driving over it. It was also closed to protect the historic value of the bridge. If a third party comes to inspect the bridge and the weight limit is confirmed the posting weight could be lowered. Is it worthwhile to get a third party inspector to come, can the weight be lowered? The weight could be lowered now without a new inspection. If a second opinion is given what would be the cost and who would pay it. The approx. cost would be about \$7,000. Mr. Karhoff said the Engineer's sign truck crossed the bridge and so did a mini excavator with a barricade block. He thinks the Engineer should pay for the additional inspection. Closing the bridge during the construction of the other bridges (Rd M & O) is a valid safety concern. The option of dropping the load limit and reopening after the construction season could be looked at if another inspection is done to confirm the structural condition of the bridge. The commissioners want to see a report to confirm the condition of the bridge before it is reopened. The bridge will be added back to the insurance. The cost of reinspection can be covered by the Engineer. The engineer will get quotes on a reinspection. On a height restriction what are the thoughts? On the other bridges there are no height restrictions. There are no other county bridges that are of this age. This bridge was decided to be rehabbed before the current Engineer was here, how long will it be until replacement is needed. That is an issue with historic bridges. The Engineer will get the quotes on inspections and the bridge will stay closed until construction season is done. Bob said there should be a conversation/discipline with the engineer employees who drove over the bridge with the equipment. The reason they are there putting up the blockades is because of the weight restrictions. The county's liability must be considered. Rob will consult with CORSA on the county's liability. The replacement value on the bridge was discussed, it was recommended to increase the amount. Reinstating the insurance on the bridge will be done now. If this bridge is that critical there should be plans to replace it eventually.

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Schroeder stopped to view the progress at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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