

Minutes, Thursday January 18, 2024

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the MOU with the Putnam County Ag Society for the operation on the new event center building.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved to approve a change order #7 for additional needed for door hardware set and exit devices.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm no Mr. Schroeder no Mr. Lammers no

Then/Now Purchase orders

EMS.....Purchase orders 5139, 5140

County General.....Purchase order.....47283, 47287

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

Mr. Schlumbohm 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

County General.....Purchase order to Archive Social for social archiving subscription for \$ 7,188.80.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers discussed the status of Hilty Childcare Center.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the progress meeting for the Event Center.

Miller City High School students visited the Commissioners' office and the courthouse for a field trip. The students sat in on the business agenda and had some questions for the Commissioners. They were encouraged to visit each office and inquire on their services and also view the Veteran's Memorials on display in the lower floor hallway.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Dale Schulte, Fair board President sat in on the agenda also.

The minutes from Tuesday January 16, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Dale Schulte brought up some other issues at the Fairgrounds to inform the Commissioners of other upcoming plans and improvements at the fairgrounds.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Gary Lammers held a teleconference with Bob Zimmerman regarding the Shane Fitzwater Joint County Ditch. Mr. Zimmerman is not in favor of the contractor that won the bid for the project. ORC was followed for the bidding process for the ditch petition. Gary Lammers explained the award process and that ORC was followed by the joint county board for the bidding process awarding the lowest and best bid. Mr. Zimmerman voiced his opinion that he is not in favor of using Sand Ridge Excavating for the project who was awarded the project. Mr. Zimmerman has had experience is using Sand Ridge and he is not happy with their work. The county has used Sand Ridge for many projects and have not had any issues with them and their work. It was recommended that Mr. Zimmerman take before and after pictures of his properties and if he sees any issues that need to be corrected, he must present them to the Engineer. Mr. Zimmerman said he has is own contractor lined up to do his work but the Commissioners informed him that he will still be assessed for the work done on the ditch petition. The Commissioners said if he wants to pay for the work twice that is his prerogative. The status of lowest and best bidder is his opinion. The Engineer will be overseeing this project and will be monitoring the quality of work on this project, if it is not done according to the specifications written it will be done correctly. Mr. Zimmerman will have to mark his outlet tiles as he would for any contractor that does the job.

Commissioners asked Gary Lammers about a resolution for a moratorium on marijuana dispensing within the county. A village would have to pass its own resolution. The Commissioners asked for some examples of other counties that have done this. Gary will do some research. Gary also brought up a message he received from Joe Schroeder, Ottawa's Solicitor regarding an easement for the waterline to Miller City, the solar farm wants to put in a power line under the waterline within the easement. Joe said the Commissioner did not transfer the easement to the Village when the waterline was transferred. It was questioned if this was a road right of way easement, rather than an ownership easement. As long as the land owner does not have any issued with the easement the Commissioners are ok with it. The land swap with Village of Ottawa was brought up also there is some language in the agreement that should be taken out, regarding a buy back for the Village. This language will be taken out.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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