

Minutes, Thursday July 15, 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 041, T- CAP

41 EXP, Expenses\$ 50,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

WHEREAS, Elected officials/department heads submitted estimates of their requirements for the next fiscal year.

and

WHEREAS, According to Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code the county commissioners are required to prepare a budget for the next fiscal year.

and

WHEREAS, A public hearing on the prepared budget for the next fiscal year was held on July 8, 2021.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the estimated budget.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers 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 County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2021

For Youth Subsidy FDCC...

From...111PS21, Personal Services.....to....111PS22, Personal Services.....\$ 5,025.46

From...111B21, Other expenses.....to....111B22, Other Expenses....\$ 3,000.00

From...111FR21, Fringes.....to....111FR22, Fringes.....\$ 103.27

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

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Now and Then Purchase orders

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

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

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Purchase orders and travel requests

Ag Complex.....Blanket purchase order to install water system for Recycling area for \$ 2,000.00.

Sheriff.....Travel request and blanket purchase order for Captain Phil Sherrick to attend OPOTA Jail Admin Course Dec 5-10, 2021 for registration, meals, hotel and misc expenses for \$1,625.00.

EMS.....Blanket purchase order for Ambulette Fuel for \$3,000.00. Blanket purchase order for fuel for \$30,000.00.

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

Tim Schnipke stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers about the drainage at the Fairgrounds on the west side around the rabbit barn to the edge of

Fairgrounds. The current drainage tiles, catch basins and tiles were discussed. The waterlines and drainage lines need to be documented. The options for having them located and documented were discussed. Bockrath & Assoc. have documented all the lines that have been put in recently, water, electric etc. Ottawa will be asked about it also while talking to them about Sewer district #1 drainage. New siding on the grandstand was brought up. Tim got some info for seal coating the parking lots, he is still waiting on some info. There are moisture issues in buildings this year. The units have been cleaned along with the filters. There are some areas where there is mold. Tim is trying to get the humidity under control in the buildings. When employees have windows open while the a/c is running does not help. In the kitchen at the jail the exhaust hood was not designed to remove humidity properly. The timer for the a/c is being adjusted for the kitchen. The a/c filters do get changed quarterly but he is finding that they are getting dirty quicker. Tim said getting quotes is hard this time of year. Tim also met with Schimmoeller Construction to view the windows at the Health Department to renew his quote for replacing them. Vince will be attending the Health Dept meeting this evening, so he will be talking to the health board about the improvements being done to the building; parking lot, windows, the roof a/c unit and carpet, which is approx. \$140,000 worth of work. Replacing the carpet for the Health Department was discussed that they want hard flooring rather than carpet. Vince asked about using the sweeper in the Ag building, Tim said they use it once a month and Recycling uses it also. Tim also suggested talking to Hearthside about utility usage at the Ag Complex, they are not good at turning the lights off. Tim said the building is too full to replace the lights with LED's.

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

The minutes from Tuesday July 13, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Bob Benroth stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers about the fire district numbers for the ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds distribution. He said Miller City and Pandora department numbers are very similar. Bob presented a spreadsheet, done by Greg Luersman, of the departments to compare figures and totals for the county. Belmore only covers their limits but they do provide assistance. A map showing mutual aid for each department was provided also. After seeing these figures the Commissioners are thinking to drop the minimum amount to \$5,000-\$10,000 rather than the original \$15,000. Putnam County's fire departments are very well equipped for the areas they cover. Commissioner Lammers will run the figures and present them to the rest of the Board for a final decision. The tax rates of the areas were discussed also. A suggestion of weighting the exposure rates of the departments to 50% in the calculating figures. The parcels numbers should be weighted also. Number of members, area of coverage, budget and exposure area should all be figured in the calculations. The percentages given to these figures was suggested. The new minimum for each department would be in the \$5,000-\$10,000 range.

Bill Weis stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Bob Benroth to discuss the repaving of Road 5 last year. He did not get a new approach for his drive when this was done. So since that was not done it will cause some breakage along the road. If it is removed it can be replaced with stone. It could be resealed and left.

Brad Brubaker, Staci Schroeder, Brad Nelson and Phil Sherrick of the Sheriff's office met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Bob Benroth to discuss the union negotiations.

Mr. Lammers moved to go into executive session with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Bob Benroth and Brad Brubaker, Staci Schroeder, Brad Nelson and Phil Sherrick of the Sheriff's office to discuss union negotiations and employee compensation.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder Yes Lammers yes

Commissioners went back on record at 11:50 a.m.

No decisions were made. The Commissioners think the negotiations are going well.

Bob Benroth talked to the Commissioners about their spending and planning and he said there needs to be more communication with the offices. The Commissioners are willing to listen to any dissatisfaction. The Commissioners are going to have to treat all the employees equally with the wage increases. And the employee turnover creates more work not just for that department but also for the Auditor with the payroll. The Commissioners are aware that the local government is more efficient in operations than the upper levels of government. Bob also recommended that the Commissioners go around to the other offices and talk to the employees and see how things are running. Bob said something needs to be done to improve the moral of the employees. Commissioner Lammers is willing to meet with anyone to discuss any issue, his main concern is the spending of taxpayer dollars. The Commissioners are working more hours as Commissioners than what they are physically in the office. Bob can defend the wage increases that his office staff received due to the additional work that was created due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the additional funds that the county received and must be reported and monitored. Bob also explained the employee issues that the elected officials have to deal with.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, July 15, 2021.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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