

**Minutes, Tuesday July 5, 2022**

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From Fund 006, Public Assistance (H 35, Transfer Out).....to..... Fund 003, Children Services (SS13, Transfer In).....\$ 15,112.49

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 117 Page 429

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, 2022, 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 057, Airport Construction Grant

57 CT, Airport Construction .....\$ 135,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 117 Page 430

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Putnam County Council on Aging, Inc,

Therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, BY THE board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Putnam County Council on Aging, Inc. for the purpose of providing services for the elderly citizens of Putnam County. Ohio Revised Code Section 5707.19 (Y) at a rate not exceeding 1 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$ .10 (ten cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for five years (5) beginning with the tax years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 and which levy is a replacement levy of 0.60 mills with a 0.4 mills increase. Be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said Putnam County, Ohio at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said Putnam County, Ohio on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election if majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioner be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Putnam County, Ohio, more than seventy-five(75) days prior to the November 8, 2022 and notify said Board of Election to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers no Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder no  
Comm. Jrl. 117 Page 431-432

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, 2022.

For County General

From ....1 A 2F, Employer Share FICA, ...to...1 A 2, Comp of Employees.....\$ 43.88

From.....1 A 2F, Employer Share FICA.....to... 1 A 12 F, Fringes.....\$ 8.80

From....15 A 14, Attorney Fees.....to...14 A 6B, Workers Comp...\$ 3,200.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Comm. Jrl. 117 Page 433

**Now and Then Purchase orders**

**Ditch Maintenance**.....Purchase order 44629

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

Mr. Sc Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes  
Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder  
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**Purchase orders and travel requests**

**Public Assistance** .....Blanket purchase order for SS Misc for \$ 2000.00. Blanket purchase order for COVID PRC for \$ 8000.00. Blanket purchase order other expenses for \$ 10,000.00.

**Airport Construction Grant**.....Purchase order to Henry W. Bergman Inc for Apron & Taxilane Rehab at Airport for \$ 135,675.00.

**EMS**.....Travel request for Stephanie Moore & Brian Hilvers to attend the Planning for access on functional needs in emergency at Wood Co JFS Sept 13-14, 2022 no expenses listed.

**IT**.....Purchase order to Glandorf FI Optics for Fiber/Media converter for Ag Complex for \$ 909.00.

**County General**..... Purchase order to CCAOSC for 2022 workers comp group retro admin fees for \$ 3271.00.

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none

Steve Coburn-Griffis stopped in to talk to the Commissioners regarding Council on Aging levy.

Charlie Morman stopped in to ask about the landfill and if any mowing would be needed. The Commissioners agreed that at least one mowing would be needed for the year. And Charlie said that the price would be the same as last year.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the monthly Elected Officials meeting in the lunch room hosted by Judge Borer.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session to discuss employee promotion with Sherri Britsch.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners went back to record.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk in the Assembly Room with an audience from the Council on Aging Inc. Discussion regarding the Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation. Commissioner Schroeder stated this increase is going from .6 mill from revaluation with .4 mill. Future energy fields will increase the tax revenue also. The 1 mill is too large an increase, which would be creating a hardship to the taxpayers. Commissioner Schlumbohm struggled with the decision on this issue. He wants the voters to decide. Commissioner Lammers stated it would be increasing the COA budget from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Even though the council has a great workforce. The public should decide, it is

unfair to homeowners. The economy is not favorable. The Council can get petitions for signatures. The tax collection would go up due to the revaluation of real estate. An increase to .8 mills was suggested in place of jumping to the 1 mill. The service provided by the council on aging is great for the residents of Putnam County maybe a more gradual increase for their taxes. Lawrence Recker explained the agency has grown and the needs have grown also. He talked to people who were in favor of the increase. Mr. Recker said the resources cannot serve everyone they turn down services due to the volume of service. There is a 66% increase from .60 to 1. mill he said people are aware. Commissioner Schroeder said the Commissioners agree it is a needed service but they want people to understand the increase in the millage and taxes. Bob Benroth said there is a reappraisal coming up along with a triennial update which could be another large increase in taxes with the update and revaluation. It could be a \$200-\$300 increase for some to pay their taxes. The concern is the elderly and the young families' ability to pay the increases. Angie Heitmeyer asked How does COA compare to the other entities with levies, are they all being looked at fairly? Commissioner Schroeder said a new levy would add more to taxes, are people aware of that, The Commissioners do not want residents to be overtaxed. There are balances with the other entities with levies also. An employee of COA said let the voters decide. Commissioner Lammers said they are doing a phenomenal job in servicing the elderly of the county. Funding is needed to funds the organization and serve the public. It is a lot to ask of the voters at this time. Jodi Warnecke said they are willing to file the petitions needed. They are short on services now, they will continue to be short on services with the aging population. An emergency COA board meeting was held to discuss a .2 mill increase rather than the .4. It was determined they would still be short on services. They have not had a increase since 2009. Jodi explained the increases in their expenses since then. The State funding is minor compared to the levy revenue. The vote today is to place it in the ballot. Council on Aging will move forward with the petition if it is voted down today. Some people have to take off work unpaid to take elderly parents to appointments, this service helps them to stay employed and earning money. The expense of gas was discussed. The people will support it if needed. If the petitions are needed the COA will do it on personal time, since agency funds cannot be used to promote the levy. It is our responsibility to care for the seniors in our County. COA must educate the public regarding the levy. The COA board did agree that a .2 mill increase was not sufficient they wanted the .4 mill increase. The COA Board will move forward with petitions if the Commissioners vote it down. Mr. Myers said if the Commissioners support it they should put it on the ballot. Why make COA work harder to get it on the ballot? Bob Benroth explained that the Commissioners should be able to vote their conscience. He also asked if there is an end to creating hardships for taxpayers? They must do what they feel is best for the residents of the County. Jodi said vote your conscience but not just for money. The services provided could make up for the increase in taxes. It would also help people to continue working while caring for their elderly relatives and friends. And more money equals for services, The Commissioners feels it is still a big ask of the taxpayers.

Bob Benroth and Sherri Britsch met with Commissioners regarding the operations of the Recorders' office. The current bond is in Lori's name so it will need to be done under another name for Recorder's office to operate. Sherri will get a bond set up for herself.

Mr. Schroeder moved to appoint Sherri Britsch as the interim Recorder due to the death of Lori Rayle.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Sherri's swearing was scheduled with Judge Schierloh.

The minutes from Thursday June 30, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

State Auditor Brenda Troyer, met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers Bob Benroth, Jeremy Maag, for the entrance conference for the County auditor. Brenda submitted a sign sheet and reviewed the audit procedures for the year regarding the funds that will be reviewed. Four federal programs will be tested this year. With the increase in programs there will be an increase in audit cost also. The newly created TID will be treated similar to the Airport Board as a separate entity. If the TID does not have much activity it could qualify for the smaller audit. The village projects that are being done would the county be responsible for the audit, only the CDBG portion.

Tim Schnipke met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to present quotes for new lighting at the Ag Complex in the warehouse area. The condition of the landfill was also discussed. There are leaks in the new roof at the Ag complex, Damschroder is here looking for them to repair them. Jim Beutler Construction is the low bid for replacing the windows at the EMS/EMA office. There will be a slight expense increase on the fire suppression inspection at the Ag Complex. The system needs to be flushed again. The system was discussed and Tim will set up the inspection. The Health Dept building the stucco is done and it looks nice. The windows are done at the Health Dept. the drainage is done. Tim explained the new lighting and the ability to put motion sensors on each light. A new use for the empty warehouse space at the Ag Complex was discussed. Ohio Logistics is looking at options to use the space. The Commissioners are questioning having manufacturing in the Ag Complex, due to liability issues. Chris Yeager will meet with the Commissioners for the use of the building. Commissioners are in favor of putting in the new lighting at the Ag Complex.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday July 5, 2022.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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