

**Minutes, Tuesday June 11, 2024**

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Sealed bids for the John Hermiller Single County Ditch Project #996 were opened and tabled on the 14th day of May, 2024.

and

**WHEREAS**, The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>	<u>Bid Amount-Main</u>	<u>Bid Amount-Branch</u>
Fenson Contracting	included	\$300,867.20	\$262,503.00
Joe & Joe Contracting	included	\$218,534.75	\$186,359.75
Gerding Ditching	included	\$252,071.35	\$198,622.75
Liebrecht Farm Drainage	10% check	\$234,709.98	\$205,366.23
Sand Ridge Excavating	included	\$236,353.17	\$210,043.74

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, After a review of the bids by the engineers for the project, the Putnam County Engineering Department, and upon their recommendation, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Joe & Joe Contracting, with the total bid amount of \$404,894.50.

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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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, 2024.

For Veterans Service Commission

From....9 C 9D, Other Expenses.....to....9 C 6, Relief Allowance ... \$40,000.00

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**, A request was received from the Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Board to change the name of an existing revenue line for Fund 068.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to change the revenue line item as follows:

From....AA-1G, Hotspot Funds...to.... AA-1G, Bipartisan Safer Community Initiatives

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Lammers moved to approve signing the addendum to Community Based Corrections Subsidy Grant Agreement between Ohio Dept of Rehabilitation and Correction and Putnam County municipal Court Probation to modify the award amounts for 2024/2025 Community Correction Grant.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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 increase in revenues is hereby approved:

Fund 068, Mental Health

AA-1G, Bipartisan Safer Community Initiatives Rev .....\$25,000.00

and also

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 068, Mental Health

AA-1G, Bipartisan Safer Community Initiatives Rev .....\$25,000.00

Mr. Lammers 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, 2024.

For WIA

From.. 39 YT, Youth.....to...39 DISWO, Dislocated Worker.....\$ 9,200.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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**Then/Now Purchase orders**

**County General.....Purchase order 47705**

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 Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

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## **Purchase Orders and Travel Requests**

**American Rescue Plan.....**Purchase order to Helms Construction for change order #9 modify chair rail and dilex interior wall corners add light pole to match parking lot lights for \$ 6937.05.

**Children Services.....**Blanket purchase order for ESAA Preservation for \$5,000.00. Purchase order to Turning Point Residential for foster care maintenance for \$ 170,000.00.

**WIA.....**Purchase order to County Electric for Adult IWT training for \$ 9,000.00

**Job & Family.....**Purchase order to Verizon Wireless for phone line activation for \$4,319.91

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

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

Charlie Morman met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the bidding on ditch spraying. Brad Brubaker joined the meeting. Charlie Morman came in to complain to the Commissioners about the Engineer's office and the ditch spraying bid. Charlie had done the spraying in previous years. Charlie was not the lowest bidder this year. He was told last year that he would be spraying for the county so Mr. Morman bought new equipment for the future jobs. Mr. Morman's bid included the product to be used as directed in the bid documents, where the other bids did not. Mike Lenhart joined the meeting. Mr. Morman has 25 years of experience both in the US and outside. Mr. Morman feels he should be awarded the bid. The other bidder contacted Mr. Morman to find out who won the bid. Ryan Moran joined the meeting. Mr. Morman claimed collusion for this insist. Mr. Lenhart was not in the office when the other bidder came in to discuss the bidding. Mr. Lenhart explained that they have not had many bidders for this service. At least two quotes should be received each year before being awarded. The other bidder is a new business. The other bidder did come in to discuss the requirements needed prior to bidding including the product to be used, according to Engineer staff. Crossbow was the product discussed. Copies of licensure was requested from the other bidder as well. Charlie charged the county by the gallon based on what was sprayed. The bids were based on by the foot. The bidding was thought to be done correctly. The Engineer has his own budget. Mr. Morman is still claiming collusion on this matter. Charlie is claiming that the other bidder did not disclose what product would be used prior to bidding as he did. The Commissioners said Mr. Morman can bid for the next years' service. The Commissioners said Mr. Morman can get a lawyer if he feels he needs to take this further. Mr. Morman has had other issues with the Sheriff's office in the past as well. The Commissioners advised Mr. Morman to document everything and get as much evidence as possible for his matters. Mr. Lenhart asked Mr. Morman about the procedures of reviewing the new contractors and in the review MNS Landscaping came up as was Morman Lawn Care. Charlie said he did not merge with this company. Charlie and his brothers were in business as Morman Lawn Care. Charlie's brother Rich signed off on transferring Morman Lawn Care to MNS Landscaping per online records.. Mr. Morman wants to get reimbursed for his expense of upgrading his equipment based on his belief that he would be awarded the bid this year. Mr. Morman also commented on his treatment by the security guard, Mr. Doster, coming the building. The Engineer will clarify the wording in the bid documents for the ditch spraying for future bids.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions regarding the local government funding and its distribution. Brad Brubaker, Greg Luersman, and Patrick Blasius joined the meeting. The Commissioners can give 100% of the local government funds to the villages and townships. The Commissioners can make a recommendation to the Budget Committee and that committee has the decision. Some possible calculations have been discussed. A one-year waiver can be done instead of total decline. \$338,000 is the amount of local government funds. Dividing it equally would only give each entity about \$13,000. If it is given alternately to the townships and villages (\$26,000) they would get a larger portion when they would get some so more could be done with the money they get. The Commissioners can only make a recommendation to not collect their share of the local government funds (\$338,000) and give it to the village and townships. This amount would be added to the existing rate schedule to be disbursed. The townships need more money for roads due to increased traffic and heavier machinery using them. The Commissioners would like to make a recommendation for 2025 to be allocated to the townships and villages, to aid in lowering the County's carryover balance. The Commissioners feels they should be following along with the other department they have asked to lower their collections, such as Board of D/D. The average increase has been going up about \$2.7 million per year. The collection of online sales tax is thought to be the major contributor to this. The ¼% sales tax that is expiring in 2026 could be repurposed for another purpose, possibly roads. The county has acquired a surplus and that belongs to the taxpayers. How much is enough for a surplus amount? It is recommended to plan to have enough funds to operate for one year. The carryover increase amount will fluctuate. The county buildings have all been upgraded in the past few years, except the Annex building. The ODOT transition to a new facility would resolve the need for office space to accommodate the Annex personnel. These Commissioners do not intend to keep the Annex. A new admin building was proposed to replace it. If capital money is going to be spent it is preferred that it goes to the EMS rather than the Annex. Board of D/D has only committed to non-collect for one year.

Mr. Lammers moved to recommend to the budget committee that the Commissioners waive the County's collection of the Local Government Funds for 2024.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes   Schroeder yes   Lammers yes

The investing in banks was discussed, the banks do not want cash right now. A shorter term is better currently. The projections from the Fed on interest rates are uncertain. The valuation on the property has also added to the increase in surplus balance. The solar farm generation revenue will add also. Money has been spent fluently by the County but all the buildings have been improved. Greg shared some info on the inside millage, that the rollback from the State is included with that millage. \$300,000 will go back to the State. With the increased valuation the inside millage will not go up, the collection of Board of D/D levies was discussed.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Brad Brubaker joined the meeting.

The minutes from Thursday June 6, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Joe Sokol and Scott Hoffman of County Firm met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers regarding Facility Maintenance and Contractors. Tim Schnipke and Brad Brubaker joined the meeting. FIRM stands for (Facility, Investment, Retrofit, Maintenance). They

are the latest to work with CCAO to provide services to counties. They offer improvements to make things more efficient and cost effective for counties, will review bids to confirm best prices for services. There are costs involved with County FIRM providing services to individual counties. They will manage a contract and answer questions. They only bill if there is a proposal. County FIRM are involved with Palmer Energy. A contracted service through CCAO, they report to CCAO. The county is currently in good shape with buildings in the past few years many improvements have been done. The Commissioners are happy with Mr. Schnipke and the job he has done for the county. This area everyone is known or related so we know who we are dealing with. Tim explained a project at the jail with replacing water heaters, where he did not like the quotes that came in so they are looking at a different avenue to get the project completed. Tim would not say never to using County FIRM. Since we have the experience, we do in this county we know where to go to get the work we need done. This program could set up a forum for other counties to find contractors who have experience that is needed for certain projects. There is a value to having the knowledge for what is needed. Our County has a wide selection of contractors with a varying range of abilities. The Commissioners thanked the gentleman for coming to introduce themselves and the Commissioners will keep them in mind if the need arises.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

The Commissioners resumed session.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended the final hearing for the Duane Lammers Dt # 997.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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