

Minutes, Thursday June 6, 2024

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners leases to Rescare property located at 8076 Road 13-G, Ottawa, and property at 8088 Road 13-G, Ottawa, Ohio at a current rate of \$8,170.20 per month.

and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has agreed to lease said property for another three (3) year term, beginning June 1, 2024 and terminating on May 31, 2027 with a 10% increase of the monthly payment.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to lease the property at 8076 Road 13-G Ottawa, and 8088 Road 13-G, Ottawa, Ohio to Rescare, (formerly known as VOCA Corp.) 9901 Linn Station Road, Louisville, KY 40223 at a rate of \$8,987.22 per month.

Mr. Schroeder 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:

WHEREAS, The Engineer, Michael L. Lenhart, has deemed it necessary to advertise for sealed bids for the County's OPWC Paving Projects for the year 2024;

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the County's OPWC Paving Projects for the year 2024 on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.;

And be it further

RESOLVED, specifications are on file in the Putnam County Engineer's Office and may be obtained by contacting the Engineer's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by logging onto <https://putnamcountyohio.gov/bid-info/> and downloading the Bid Document. Each bid shall contain the full name and correct address of every person, firm or company interested in the same and should be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check upon a solvent bank in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, or a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business

in Ohio, for a sum equal to the amount of the bid submitted, as guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and its performance properly secured;

And be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

Mr. Schroeder 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:

WHEREAS, Elected officials/department heads were requested to submit estimates of their budget requirements for the next fiscal year by May 24, 2024.

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.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby set the date of Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners office as the date for the public hearing on the prepared budget for the next fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve signing the Ohio Department of Youth Services Subsidy Grant for Juvenile Court Funding.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve signing the Putnam Parkway Protective Covenant Variance for Ottawa-Glandorf Schools to construct a tennis court facility with a chain link fence on their property.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Then/Now Purchase orders

County General.....Purchase order 47704

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

Mr. Lammers 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

Office of Public Safety....Blanket purchase order for other expense for \$ 17,000.00. Blanket purchase order to utilities for \$ 3,900.00.

County General.....Purchase order to Allied Supply for refrigerant for all buildings for \$ 1200.00.

Children Services.....Purchase order to Meredith & Jacob Parkhurst for foster care maintenance for \$ 11,000.00.

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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

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

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

The minutes from Tuesday June 4, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Ted Hart came in inquire about a part time position working in Recycling.

Alison Landwehr came in to talk to the Commissioners for sponsorship of her fair goat.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions with township and village representatives regarding the sales tax and sharing of money with the townships and other entities. In attendance :Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers; Bob Benroth, Auditor; Greg Luersman and Breann Niese, Deputy Auditors; Tracy Warnecke, Treasurer; Patrick Blasius, Putnam County Sentinel and various township trustees and Village representatives

Don Croy shared a map of the sales tax by county in the state of Ohio. Dave Wieging said this discussion started about month ago for the townships to get a portion of casino revenue from the county. They would like to know if the Commissioners will help the township out. Instead of sales tax reduction it will be a reduction of the inside millage on the real estate taxes. This is thought to help more residents within the County. The sales tax will remain as it is. The Casino revenue cannot be shared it must go directly in to the County General Fund. The local government funding is already being shared and it is being reviewed to see if more or all can be

distributed to the townships. The Budget Commission will have to be consulted. With the larger farm equipment is it creating more wear and tear on the roads. The Budget Commission determines the percentages but the Commissioners can tell the Budget Commission how much they need for operations. The Auditor distributes the funds to the townships based on the rates that were determined previously. If someone gets more someone else will have to do with less. 47% goes to corporation, 23% to townships, 30% to County is the current distribution. The individual township rate creation was not known for sure it may have been based on need by Township. The history of the funding was discussed. Bob discussed the sales distribution from the state as well. The local government percentages are advertised in August. The rollback proposed is strictly on the county's portion of inside millage. The inside millage info was distributed. The county gets 2.6 of the 10 mills .5 mills goes to the Veteran Service Commission for operation. A vote for reducing to 2.1 mills was made a resolution will be prepared for an official vote. The Commissioner felt the farmers and landowners have been hit hard with the increased values and increase in real estate taxes. The Commissioners would like the reduction to last more than one year but it will be determined when the resolution is written. The township valuation numbers were reviewed to show the increases. Bob explained the rollback reductions from the State on levy replacements and the creation of Ohio income tax. If new levies occur the return of money from the State decreases. Gov. Kasich said the townships can replace the money they are no longer getting. The casino money cannot be distributed to the township and villages. Other avenues of funding are being looked at to see if there are distribution options to contribute to the township and villages. The budget Commission meets regularly but the distribution is looked at every five years. The Trustee Assoc. can bring forward a recommendation and must come up with a distribution schedule. It was proposed to use the current rate schedule just add the money. A vote must be taken to approve this recommendation by the Commissioners to present to the Budget Commission. The Commissioner will discuss this option to move forward. It was asked why Commissioner Schroeder voted no, he feels the County should not share their funds. Each village and township can collect/levy their own taxes. The County has to share with the Sheriff. There is excess funds currently and the Commissioner are looking to give back to the taxpayers, not another taxing entity. There are still inflationary changes coming. The sales tax reduction was changed to a real estate tax rollback (lower inside millage collection). The county is holding too much of the taxpayers' money so they are doing the rollback for the landowners. It is not understood why these Commissioners are lowering taxes and creating less revenue for the new Commissioners coming in. There is a surplus and how much is too much to have as a surplus. The carryover balance going forward is still projected to grow, but not as much. Every county owned building has gotten a new roof except the Annex, which will now be looked at. Even with the reduction in collection these will be an increase. The current Commissioners have asked the new Commissioners to continue the reductions beyond one year. There is still revenue coming in on the County's investments. There are CDs in banks and money with Star Ohio. Board of D/D has a large balance and are doing a non-collect on their millage also. All the county agencies do have balances that the county invests. The interest rates are good now but are anticipated to go down. Dave Wiegling said "The townships and villages need funding and they are being told that the County has too much money", why can they not get some. Another avenue would to raise the sales tax and distribute it to the townships and villages. Could that be pursued? Commissioners would like to give tax money back not take more. The landowners do not want more added on their bill. The perfect target balance for the county is not known there are varying opinions for the ideal balance to carry. All the county buildings are in good shape

right now and there is projected increases needed for wages and other expenses. The village portion on collection will not change, it may go up due to the increased valuations, it will not go down. It was suggested to distribute the .25% sales tax that is staying on to the village and townships. It was recommended to keep asking the Commissioners how things are sitting going forward. Dave Wieging said the townships need funding help, how will the county help them. The sales tax must be voted on to be distributed to village & townships. The .25% sales tax drops in 2026. Bob explained that the budget planning and balancing cannot be done without using the carryover. 2.1 mills equals \$2.8 million. Bob also explained the capital improvement funds and that a large balance of it was spent. He also explained that some of the county general balance could be transferred into the capital improvement fund to cover future building improvements needed. The interest on the county's investments except for the Engineer funds goes back to county general. It was asked if the county would not participate in OPWC funding to leave more for the townships and villages. The county's operating expenses fluctuate along with everyone else's. Could the discretionary .25% sales tax at the time of expiration be looked at for distributing to the villages and townships. It will be reviewed if the county can give their revenue to other authorities. The condition of the Annex was explained based on a project with ODOT and moving offices around. So if the building was not going to be needed, no repairs were being done. There had been past repairs but those have been through their useful life. The County's fund balance has been growing and now action is being taken to control that growth. A legal opinion is needed to provide funding needed to the townships and villages. Bob Heidenescher OPWC needs to be on the ballot so get in touch with the representative to take action to get it on the ballot to continue.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to update the Commissioners on the insulation moisture inspection and a request for an extension of the warranty on the building. All the inspection points must be repaired and corrected upon completion. The divider wall was being installed today.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

