

## Minutes, Tuesday June 8, 2021

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following:

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN:

In an attempt to provide local citizens with the opportunity to participate in the planning, implementation and assessment of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Putnam County will hold public hearings. Newspaper announcements, public notices and website announcements of the scheduled public hearings will appear at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing dates and will list the date, time, and location of each hearing. Hearing locations will be convenient and accessible to potential beneficiaries and will allow for handicapped accessibility. In the event a significant number of non-English speaking residents are reasonably expected to attend a public hearing, arrangements will be made to provide an interpreter/translator, and bi-lingual advertisements/notices will be provided, as necessary.

The first public hearing will be scheduled at the initial stage of application preparation. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss and explain all CDBG programs. The proposal application deadline for the Formula/Allocation Program will be announced at this hearing, as well as the date for the second public hearing.

The second public hearing will be held prior to final preparation of the funding application. The purpose of the second hearing is to solicit public comments and publicly announce the projects proposed for funding.

In addition to the newspaper advertisements, letters will be sent to local governments, public service agencies and other interested parties including groups which serve primarily persons from LMI households within the jurisdiction, advising officials of funding availability and the first public hearing date. Minutes of the public hearing will be on file in the office of the Board of County Commissioners within the Citizen Participation file. Records and information concerning the CDBG Formula Program are available for public viewing and copying during normal business hours at the office of the County Commissioners.

Citizens are invited to provide input and comments throughout the funding program. Any written complaints/grievances will be answered within fifteen (15) working days where practical.

Any groups representative of low-and-moderate-income persons who require assistance in application development may contact the county commissioners' office for technical assistance. The needs of all local governments and all residents will be considered in preparing the funding application.

The Putnam County Commissioners shall amend its approved plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions (See [§§ 91.105](#) and 91.115.):

- (1) To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- (2) To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the [consolidated plan](#) (including program income, reimbursements, repayment, recaptures, or reallocations from HUD), not previously described in the action plan; or
- (3) To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

This resolution will take effect upon signing.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has received notification from the Ohio Department of Development that the County has been allocated the sum of \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for formula year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is to submit an application for funding to the Ohio Department of Development on or before June 16, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board proposes that the following projects and allocations, as presented at the second public hearing on the same held on June 1, 2021, be submitted as part of the County's grant application as follows:

\$40,000 - Village of Gilboa - Community Center ADA Improvements

\$30,000 - Village of Dupont - Myer Park Improvements

\$50,000 - Village of Continental - Waterline Improvements

\$30,000 - Administration & Fair Housing

\$150,000 – Total Allocation

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO**, does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the Ohio Department of Development of FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as per the above noted projects and corresponding allocations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes its President or Vice President to execute the grant application for FY 2021 on behalf of the County.

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 Sheriff/Jail

From... 6 A 14D2, Gasoline.....to.....6 A 14D3, Uniforms.....\$ 1,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) sets forth the terms and understanding between the following entities: Blue Harvest Solar Park, LLC a Delaware limited liability company (herein referred to as “Solar Company”); Putnam County, OH Commissioners (herein referred to as “Putnam County”); and the Monroe Township, Putnam County, Ohio Trustees (herein Solar Company, Monroe Township and Putnam County are jointly referred to as “the Parties”). The terms and understanding between the parties pertain to the installation of a solar-powered, electric generation farm on parcels of land located near Continental. Ohio and:

WHEREAS, Solar Company is seeking to install a solar-powered electric generation facility within Putnam County, Ohio on parcels of land located within the boundary of Monroe Township (“Solar Project” or “Project”). The Project will include the installation of solar modules and associated facilities, within the subject parcels. The energy derived from the solar power will be used to contribute to the regional electric grid, enhance the economic vitality of the surrounding community(s), and enhance solar technologies for the region. The Project will generate naturally derived energy with an anticipated lifespan of 35 years and;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to develop an MOU that offers public stakeholder involvement and review of the Solar Project, as well as, considers the needs and direction of the Solar Company. The Purpose of this MOU is to form an agreement between the parties regarding design standards, Project approval requirements, pre-construction requirements for the Solar Project, and to outline the responsibilities of each party, therefore;

BE IF RESOLVED, that the Board of Putnam County Commissioners does hereby enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Harvest Solar Park, LLC and Monroe Township; a copy of this Memorandum of Understanding is on file at the Putnam County Commissioners Office 245 E. Main Street, Suite 101, Ottawa, OH 45875.

Mr. Lammers moved to table this resolution until Thursday after meeting with EDP Renewables.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

The Commissioners want it stated that the AEZ and PILOT program (ORC 5727.75) will be adhered to, within the resolution.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to sign the Ohio Department of Youth Services Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application. The department will provide the base and variable allocations for each fiscal year for the biennial period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

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:

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County has been notified they are eligible to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Department of Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and has provided guidance on what the funds can be used for, the reporting requirements, and the procedure to request Putnam County's allocated funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Putnam County have asked the Putnam County Auditor Robert L. Benroth to request these funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, Robert L. Benroth, has agreed to request Putnam County's allocation of The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, with the following requirements:

- 1.) Putnam County Commissioners and their successors will purchase from Identity Guard the Premium Identity & Credit Protection (or something similar, approved by Mr. Benroth) for Robert L. Benroth for a period thru December 31, 2031.
  - 2.) This coverage will be provided regardless if Robert L. Benroth is employed by Putnam County or any of its offices or departments or any other employment public or private.
  - 3.) The Putnam County Commissioner and their successors will hold Robert L. Benroth harmless for any good faith decisions he makes for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds.
  - 4.) The Putnam County Commissioners and their successors shall be responsible to pay any Fringe Benefit Taxes or other taxes due, if any, as a result of this Identity Coverage.
- Now, therefore be it;

**RESOLVED**, the Putnam County Commissioners have selected Robert L. Benroth, Putnam County Auditor to be the designee to request allocation funds for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 on behalf of Putnam County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, The Putnam County Commissioners agree to the following requirements:

- 1.) Putnam County Commissioners and their successors will purchase from Identity Guard the Premium Identity & Credit Protection (or something similar, approved by Mr. Benroth) for Robert L. Benroth for a period thru December 31, 2031.
- 2.) This coverage will be provided regardless if Robert L. Benroth is employed by Putnam County or any of its offices or departments or any other employment public or private.
- 3.) The Putnam County Commissioner and their successors will hold Robert L. Benroth harmless for any good faith decisions he makes for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds.
- 4.) The Putnam County Commissioners and their successors shall be responsible to pay any Fringe Benefit Taxes or other taxes due, if any, as a result of this Identity Coverage.

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:

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 001 County General

15 A 15A, Advances Out....\$ 10,000.00

(For Ditch Maintenance)

and also

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Ditch Maintenance Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15 A 15A, Advance Out	R 5, Advance In	\$ 10,000.00
(Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)		

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes  
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**Now and Then Purchase orders**

**Capital Imp....Purchase order 42773**

**Ditch Maintenance.....**purchase order 42775, 42776, 42777  
**County General.....**Purchase order 42778

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the then and now purchase orders.  
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  
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### **Purchase orders and travel requests**

**Capital Improvement.....**Purchase order to Klausing Painting for additional power washing at Ag Complex for \$ 7,500.00. Purchase order to PCS for building to building bridge for internet access for \$ 945.00.

**Veteran Service Commission.....**Blanket purchase order for Burial/Plot markers for \$ 10,000.00.

**Ditch Maintenance....**Purchase order to Precision Ag Drainage for work on the Hubert Warnecke Dt # 662 for \$ 14,498.25

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

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

Commissioners agreed to purchasing extra drone batteries, and purchasing the preventative maintenance for the courthouse security scanner.

Lori Rayle met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to review the document scanning prices for getting the scanning caught up. Lori said she got the annual maintenance fee lowered. Lori explained that Harris the current vendor is providing this service as an add on feature. Lori reviewed the charges with the Commissioners. Lori said she can cover the annual maintenance fees. Lori is waiting to view the quality of the images prior to signing off. The Commissioners agree to this scanning project to save on needing to hire an additional person. Lori did hire a part time person. Lori is working to get the new scanner that was purchased, up and running to get the mortgages scanned.

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

The minutes from Thursday June 3, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to give updates on maintenance projects. They will be working on the fairgrounds in the evenings to get things done in time.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Commissioners resumed session.

Ali Stano, of EDP Renewables and Steve Elkins & Rob Howell, Monroe Township met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers along with Amy Kurt, Chris Pirik and Chad Gardner also of EDP Renewables joining the meeting via Zoom, to discuss the Blue Harvest Solar project and review the PILOT payments. Ali gave a project update. They have completed the permitting phase with a twin project in Paulding County. The MOU have been approved. The construction will start spring of 2022 with operations starting in fall of 2022. There are two landowners and can be expanded to 15 landowners, which will get a "good neighbor stipend" that are adjacent to the project. The Commissioners brought up the resolution and the revision for the AEZ and PILOT payments. Ali has met with the Prosecutor. The road use agreement is in process Roads 22 & G will be the only roads used. The RUA will cover the repairs needed to the roads that are used. The type of panels being used were questioned. 540 watt panels will now be used. The output cannot go over the 49.9 limit. The panels will not be made in America but there are components that are manufactured in America. The technology being used was questioned. The panels will be bifacial so both sides can be used. The height and size of panels was discussed for land use purposes if livestock could be on the land also. Commissioner Schroeder asked what drew them here to our area. They have received great support in this area. The breakdown of the payments was discussed a portion will go to the fire department also. The Commissioners reviewed the MOU resolution and clarified that the AEZ and PILOT will be adhered to. Amy added that they are talking to people with OSU about double harvesting on the land and crops that could be grown such as alfalfa. Commissioners suggested beekeepers also. The larger projects take longer due to the regulations and permitting through the Power Siting Board. The Miller City project was brought up. Adding referendums to a project adds a lot of time. Ali explained the research that goes into a project. The need for local control of these projects was emphasized. The dairy farms were also discussed as well as the plans for expansion and the manure handling. Commissioner Lammers brought up the TID creation too, that would benefit the townships. The trustees brought up the conditions of their roads due to the use by the dairies.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day.

Commissioner Lammers attended the Records Commission meeting with Lori Rayle, Sherri Britsch, Kim Redman and Jeremy Maag. There were no items to review. The next meeting will be September 7.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Schlumbohm absent Lammers yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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