

Minutes, Thursday June 9, 2022

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Elected officials/department heads are requested to submit estimates of their budget requirements for the next fiscal year by May 20, 2022.

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, July 12, 2022, at 1:00 p.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, 2023.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

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	\$ 1,000.00
(Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)		

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to sign the sub-grant agreement extension between Greater Ohio Workforce Board Inc (Area 7) and Putnam County extending for two years to include PY 22/23.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

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 001, County General ..Sheriff

6 A 14H2, Indigent House Arrest.....\$8,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder

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Purchase orders and travel requests

Workforce InvestmentBlanket purchase order for adult services.....\$ 10,000.00

Board of Elections.....Travel request for Karen, Becky, Kurt, Carla, Kathy and Tony to attend the Summer Conference in Columbus, OH June 27-29, 2022 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and parking totaling \$ 2,729.40.

Mr. Lammers 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

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

Mr. Schlumbohm gave an update on the Health Board meeting. A cost analysis was done for the Home Care and Hospice. Judge Borer of the Ethic Committee spoke to the group on ethics, and said it would not be ethical to cut patience due to costs not being covered. Patients are not being declined but some referrals are being turned down, when they are out of county. They do have some staffing issues with keeping enough people and scheduling nurses. The finances will continue to be analyzed for cost effectiveness. Travel hours for the nurses are not billable to the patients. The responsibilities of the management at Home Care & Hospice were discussed.

Mr. Schroeder gave an update on the Fairboard meeting. Vince consulted with Tim Schnipke regarding the drainage on the rabbit barn. The tile that the downspout drains into is plugged and

will be repaired. The ticket booth will be returned for use at the fair. The recycling bins will be moved during the fair. Vince said he is hoping the drainage will be started immediately after the fair is over this year. The grandstand work was questioned if it is ready to be bid and if the work will get done within the year. Vince called Technicon Design regarding the grandstand work and the bid timing. An immediate update was not available from Technicon. Vince also called Bockrath & Assoc for an update on the drainage work at the fairgrounds. The size of the new building was brought up. Storage for the Junior fair will be needed maybe separate small building can be built for storing the dividers. The building costs are very fluid currently.

Mr. Lammers updated on calls he received. Dave King contacted him regarding Veteran Services and no longer getting reimbursed for mileage. Veteran Services now has a van to provide transports. Nolan Croy contacted Mr. Lammers also regarding the solar farm, Mr. Troyer will be getting a larger payment from the solar farm in addition to them adding trees in the line of vision on the fence. Mr. Schlumbohm contacted the solar company and addressed the location of the fence in the areas mentioned. The fence will be moved away from the ditch for maintenance purposes. The location of the fence along SR 613 was discussed. Some future subjects for planning commission meetings were mentioned, size of housing lots. The designs of household septic treatment systems were discussed. Another call was Duane Lammers regarding drainage and flooding issues he has from the recent 5+” rain that fell and the delay in the ditch maintenance being done. The ditch maintenance projects do not move fast. It has been over three years since the first ditch hearing was held for his petitioned ditch.

Brian Hilvers stopped in about a call from Craig Brinkman in Jackson Township and a request for funds for road repairs. Brian is looking for documentation to support the housing of squads by the villages of \$150 per month per squad. The EMS pays the villages. The number of housed units have gone down from two per village to one. Columbus Grove and Ottoville currently are the only two villages with two squads. The year goes from May to May for payment. Brian is asking for a resolution to support the payments. Brian also updated the Commissioners on his ARP funds and possible expenses. He is applying for additional grant funds.

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

The minutes from Tuesday June 7, 2022 were reviewed and discussed.

Kevin Niese returned a call to Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers regarding the fairgrounds building plans. The Commissioners asked about reducing the size of the building versus building costs, then providing other storage options. Kevin confirmed the Commissioners' request for the costs of the original planned building, the reduced size building and an additional storage building. Kevin said the costs figures are changing daily based on supplies needed. The grandstand plans will be finalized by end of July and Kevin will bring in the new cost estimates at that time also.

Commissioner Schlumbohm left for the day.

Bob Benroth stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers regarding the 2023 budget figures that were submitted and that there is a \$1.5m deficit so far. With the increase in gas and other expenses it will be very difficult to get things back in balance, since this year's budget was approved with a deficit also using some of the county's reserve. Mr. Lammers requested the updated budget report with the 2023 data compiled.

Bob also brought up the exception that the Commissioners made about being eligible for the gas card in the wellness program for Sue Fike. That she retired prior to the June deadline for employment for being eligible for the gas cards. Bob explained that, that would nullify the resolution that was made to set the deadline for the eligibility for the cards. There were other employees who did not get the cards because they were no longer employed by the June deadline. And if the Commissioners change the rules after a resolution is made, they lose their credibility in making decisions. That they keep changing their mind and making exceptions after a resolution has been passed should not be a practice or way to conduct business. If the resolution is not followed it looks inconsistent and unfair, showing favoritism. Is it not that Sue did not deserve to get the card it was just the practice that was followed in the decision making process. There are two mitigating reasons for the exception brought up by Bob. The previous date of March 30 would have granted Sue the gas card as she retired May 30. The change of date to June 30 by resolution made her ineligible. In an effort to encourage future blood draws for the workforce it was decided to make the exception. The large costs of medical benefits for the workforce is directly affected by the date collected by the blood draw and is an extremely important role for early diagnosis yielding significant Return on investment.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Schlumbohm absent Schroeder yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday June 9, 2022.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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