

## Minutes for Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio (“The Board”) approved a resolution designating Putnam County, Ohio to be an Alternative Energy Zone (“AEZ”) under R.C. 5727.75: and

**WHEREAS**, The Board approved the AEZ to provide real and tangible personal property tax exemption to support the development of alternative energy generation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, under the AEZ ,all applications submitted to the Development Services Agency (“DSA”) are approved, conditioned upon the payment to the applicable county of annual service payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$9,000.00 for each megawatt of nameplate capacity of the energy facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the alternative energy generation sector and marketplace has continued to change in the years since Putnam County’s initial designation as an AEZ; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board desires to maintain the AEZ; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board also desires the flexibility to approve project-specific payment conditions, within the parameters of R.C. 5727.75, on a case-by-case basis in order to support the further development of alternative energy generation facilities in Putnam County and respond to marketplace conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO:**

The February 22, 2011 resolution designating Putnam County as an AEZ shall be amended to add the following Section 7:

“Notwithstanding Sections 1-6 of this resolution, the Board reserves the right to approve a project-specific resolution approving an application from the Director, with annual payment terms different from those in Section 3 of the resolution to the extent permitted under R.C. 5727.75. Any project-specific resolution shall be in accordance with R.C. 5727.75(E)(1)(b). The County may approve such resolutions on a case-by-case basis but is under no obligation to do so. In the absence of such a resolution, the AEZ shall continue to apply to applications received from the Director.”

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as revoking the AEZ.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

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

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 5727.75 allows a “qualified energy project” using renewable energy resources to be exempt from real and tangible personal property taxation if certain conditions are satisfied (“Qualified Energy Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, a Qualified Energy Project is certified by the Director of the Ohio DSA in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 122:23-1; and

**WHEREAS**, Aurora Solar, LLC (the “Company”) desires to construct the Powell Creek solar project, a new 150 megawatt solar energy generation facility, on multiple parcels of land located within Putnam County, Ohio (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Company submitted a Qualified Energy Project Application for Certification to the Director of Ohio DSA on February 14, 2020 (the “Application for Certification”), copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. Section 5727.75(E)(1)(b), the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio (the “Board”) must adopt a resolution pursuant to R.C. 5727.75(E)(1)(b) approving or rejecting the Project’s Application for Certification, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board may require an annual service payment to be made in addition to the service payment required under section 5727.75 (G) of the Revised Code, provided the sum of the service payment required in the resolution and the service payment required under section 5727.75 (G) of the Revised Code shall not exceed \$9,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the County and the resolution specifies the time and manner in which the payments required by the resolution shall be paid to the County’s treasurer; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO:**

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the Project’s Application of Certification as submitted to the Ohio Development Service Agency on February 14, 2020, which shall exempt the Project, pursuant to section 5727.75 of the Revised Code, from otherwise applicable public utility personal property taxes and real property taxes.

Section 2. The approval of the Project’s Application for Certification pursuant to the Resolution is expressly conditioned upon the payment by the Company, or successor owner of the Project, of an annual service payment in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) and an additional annual service payment as provided in section 5727.75 (E) and (G) of the Revised Code, and as more specifically set forth as follows.

- (A) The amount of the annual PILOT shall be \$7,000 per megawatt, as set forth in section 5727.75(G) of the Revised Code.
- (B) The amount of the additional annual service payment shall be at least \$500 per megawatt, up to \$2,000 per megawatt, depending on the year, as set forth in Section 2(C) of this resolution.
- (C) The Project that is exempted from taxation under this Resolution shall make the annual PILOT and additional annual service payments to the Putnam County Treasurer. The

payments shall be required and paid for each tax year for which an exemption is granted. The combined annual payments shall be equal to the following for each megawatt of nameplate capacity of the alternative energy facility:

- Years 1-5 of commercial operation: \$ 7,500
- Years 6-10 of commercial operation: \$8,000
- Years 11-15 of commercial operation: \$8,500
- Years 16 and after of commercial operation: \$9,000

The payments shall be charged and collected at the same time and in the same manner as that taxes that would ordinarily be imposed on the taxable property.

(D) The Putnam County Treasurer shall deposit the annual PILOT into the appropriate fund of the County and shall make distribution of the funds derived from the PILOT to the taxing districts according to the millage in the respective taxing districts. The additional annual service payment shall be deposited into the general fund of the County in accordance with Section 5727.75(E) of the Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution applies only to the Project, and the adoption of this Resolution shall not constitute revocation of the Putnam County Alternative Energy Zone pursuant to R.C. Section 5727.75(E)(1)(c), and is not binding upon the County to approve future payment terms different from those established in the Putnam County Alternative Energy Zone.

Section 4. All formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of the Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including R.C. Section 121.22.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes      Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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Mr. Lammers moved to approve the contract with Fort Jennings School and the Putnam County Sheriff for security services for the school prom on April 4, 2020.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes      Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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Mr. Lammers moved to approve the Capital Improvements Agreement between Putnam County and Aurora Solar, LLC to construct the Powell Creek Solar project near Miller City, Ohio to create new investment and jobs during construction. The goals of this project is to provide revenue benefit to the County and local taxing units, to enhance the competitiveness and viability of the project and enable communities to finance infrastructure projects.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion on said Resolution and the vote resulted as follows:

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

**EMS.....**Blanket purchase order for Disposable Care Supplies for \$ 10,000.00.

**County General.....**Purchase order to Bockrath & Assoc for Put Co Fairgrounds open class and Goat barn electrical improvements for the Ohio Ag Society Facilities Grant Application for\$ 10,000.00.

**Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees....**Purchase order to SWANA for annual membership renewal & dues for \$ 223.00.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder none      Mr. Schlumbohm none      Mr. Lammers  
Mr. Schroeder called the meeting to order with Mr. Schlumbohm and Mr. Lammers by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

A pre-construction meeting for the Sewer District #2 repairs was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Tim Schnipke, Alaina Siefker, Alan Wrasman and Steve Backus from the Village of Ottawa, Jamey Kahle from Kahle Technologies, Greg Bockrath of Bockrath & Assoc., and Gary Mock of Advanced Rehabilitation Technology. The bypass pumping was discussed. Greg Bockrath had the pump station plans for viewing. Tim said they will be making the pumps generator compatible. The County and the Village both have generators that would be compatible. Pump rotation was also discussed. Greg brought up the telemetry of the pumps or if the systems would use cell services to signal high flow issues. The information that was shared at the meeting with the Village was modified to include the changes discussed. The bypass pumping was discussed and the Villages plans to manage it. The raising will be done the first day the electrical will be done the second day. The storage of the system is a capacity of about 6 hours. The manhole would be raised with a 1 foot section added and the manhole would be recapped. The new panel would be set in place then the new electrical could be connected. The old panel and new panel may both need to have power for a short time. AEP's time estimate was not known yet. All the services need to know what they are providing. Hohenbrink Excavating will be setting the plugs for the bypass pumping. The rails could be installed by the end of the first day and the hole could be lined by the second day. The electrical service is overhead currently. The setting and location of the new electrical panel was discussed. Russ Bales from the Village, joined the meeting. The new piping needed for the wet well was discussed. One pump need to be able to run for a day. Depending on how things run the plan is to replace one pump per day unless it goes smoothly then both could be done in one day. The conduit connections were discussed. If the new panel is set the new pump could be wired. The old pumps run on the old panel. A temporary hook up could be done to keep them powered until the replacement is done. A pressure transducer is wanted and needs to be added to the plan. Greg reviewed the progress of the project and who is responsible for each stage of the project. The alarm and signal light was discussed a test option is wanted. The county will be responsible for the grading and seeding for site restoration. The Village approval of the project was discussed. Greg will update the plans for Village approval and submit a resolution to the Village. The property owner will need to be notified for the work. Mr. Schlumbohm will stop and talk to them.

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

The size of solar project area was discussed.

Joe Burkhart met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the website vendors and which one to choose for the job. Presentation and quotes were given by Twin Elm Studio and Marketing Quarterback Consulting. The quotes have been reviewed. Joe's choice for the vendor is Twin Elm based on price and service, although Marketing Quarterback Consulting is local. Mr. Schroeder was in favor of Marketing Quarterback, Mr. Schlumbohm chose Twin Elm and Mr. Lammers was persuaded to Twin Elm Studios. Since Twin Elm has done some other county websites they will make them all look uniform and based on past good experience with them, they are recommended. Hopefully this will be beneficial to the county in the future, since the County has not paid anything for the website before.

The minutes from Tuesday March 10, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions on the updates to the Employee Personnel Handbook.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners returned from lunch.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended an informational ditch meeting for the Yarnell/Riepenhoff ditch.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended an informational ditch meeting for the Koenig/Riepenhoff ditch.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers met with Kim Rieman, Health Commissioner, Mike Klear and Stephanie of Office of Public Safety, Joe Burkhart, and Kyle Stechschulte Health Board members to get updates on the notices from the Ohio Department of Health regarding coronavirus protocol. The schools have been closed starting Monday per the Governor. Any mass gatherings are prohibited. Kim asked in the Commissioners had any question. Mr. Lammers asked about quarantining of people is the county responsible for providing food and water to those people. Kim said she will have to review. The Health Department is responsible for food water and medical care. Are there designated facility for quarantine within the County? Not at this time. The medical care depends of the level of care needed. Isolation would come for Board of Health. Would a Sheriff deputy be delivering the isolation order? Start with telephone. Would we need quarantine guards? Sick people aren't going to want to leave the quarantine, non –sick people will be the ones who want to leave. Testing would be ok'd through Ohio dept. of Health. PPE Personal Protective Equipment is at a shortage currently. Isolation and quarantine when a case is discovered within the County, Contact ODH, and epidemiologist and Board of Health for action to be taken. There is a general plan in place. The virus is contagious throughout the whole duration of the sickness even prior to the fever. Would it be prudent to take people's temperature coming in and out of the courthouse? The confirmed cases in Ohio are in the Northwest quadrant currently. The next closest is Adams County in Indiana. Protection of the Courthouse and the County population were the key questions. How to limit contact with the public and confine the contact? Reduce unnecessary travel. Federal building could be shut down also. Instead of meeting face to face have conference calls. Keep office doors open to decrease the need to touch them, clean publicly toughed surfaces often. The Continuity of Operations Plan must be reviewed. The meeting to cover the plan will be next Tuesday. The expenses need to be tracked for possible reimbursement.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers attended a departmental and elected official update meeting regarding the COVID-19 to be informed of preparatory procedures by the Health Commissioner.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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