

Minutes Thursday March 2, 2023

Proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

WHEREAS Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities were established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967; and

WHEREAS the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of DD remain as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital supports and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS all the individuals with developmental disabilities served by the Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

WHEREAS policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow people with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

WHEREAS in recognition of this important goal, Putnam County has chosen "**Believe in Yourself**" as our theme for 2023 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS we encourage all citizens to "**Believe in Yourself**" because your voice is important, your dreams matter. Always remember to "**Believe in Yourself**" because there is only one you and you are worth it. To "**Believe in Yourself**" in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment; and

Now, therefore, we, (Putnam County Commissioners), do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

and offer full support to individuals to "**Believe in Yourself**" and have faith in your abilities. "**Believe in Yourself**"; you are enough no matter what happens. We continue to assist people with disabilities to find the hero in themselves. Never doubt who you are. Just be yourself, there is no one better; and

Furthermore, we urge all citizens to join in this celebration of people with special needs who do many of the same things people without special needs can do, and by celebrating these strong and resilient individuals; and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal this 2nd day of March, two thousand twenty-three.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the above proclamation

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 445

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, 2023.

For Airport.....

From.....5 A 5, Contract-Repairs ...to....5 A 10D, Bldgs & Liability Ins.....\$ 473.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve signing the agreement for Sheriff to do security for Northwest Ohio Grain Farm Equipment Auction on March 15, 2023 to March 18, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Comm. Jrl. 118, Page 447-448

Mr. Schlumbohm 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, 2023, 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 008, Capital Projects –

N 10, PROJ E191635\$512.03

(American Structurepoint Inc)

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Then/Now Purchase orders

E-911.....Purchase order 45713

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

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

County Airport.....Purchase order to UIS Insurance for the airport insurance for \$ 4,873.00.

Ditch Maintenance.....Purchase order to J & M Excavating for work on the Jim Burgei Dt # 782 for 3,410.00.

Wireless 911.....Travel request for Mel Morris & Kim Pitney to attend the Dispatch 911 training in Findlay, Ohio on March 15, 2023 with expenses for meals and registration totaling \$ 558.00.

Children Services.....Purchase order to Mohican Young Star Academy for foster care maintenance for \$ 120,000.00.

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order to OALPRP for 2023 Annual membership fees for \$ 100.00.

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

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes
Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm none

Dale Schulte stopped in to pick up a copy of the new fair building plans.

Zach, David and Jeff Smelcer met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss insurance programs they represent Colonial they also work with CEBCO. They must decide who they are going with to deal with CEBCO. A book was presented for services that they provide.

Smelcers are an insurance agency. They do not offer insurance plans. They can assist with enrollment services for CEBCO for health insurance. They can also help with consolidated billing and section 125 programs, including the other insurance programs in the same portal for CEBCO. They can assist with supplemental benefits. Life, dental, disability, HSA and COBRA insurance and other ancillary products they can assist with. The Commissioners will have to consult with the Auditor's office on the convenience of use of the program. The approval process on HSA transactions and the need for receipts was discussed.

Curt Richrath, Chris Rader and Oscar Manazeraz of the Ohio Labors District Council met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm regarding representing the solar workers. The local solar projects that are happening in the area are creating temporary jobs. The system is being abused by bringing in non-local, non-union workers and stating they are not getting proper training. The temp agencies are bringing in people without experience and the local people are not getting the opportunity to have the jobs and the benefits from these jobs. There are as many as 100 Ohio residents that are experienced and available to work these projects. Suzy Wischmeyer has been set up as a contact to get workers enrolled and trained. There is a solar summit in Howard Ohio on March 15 showing the training that is provided for these jobs. They are trying to create a better life style for construction workers, by providing safe training. The union will get the employees work when the projects are complete to continue them with careers in construction. They want to extend the enrollment and create more diversity within their organization. Road work and other construction is included as well as rail work, high climbing and demolition. It is requested of the Commissioners to request of the companies doing the building projects to use local union licensed workers rather than non-local temporary workers. There were some instances at the solar farms were proper safety procedures and PPE was not being used. Free trade agreements that these workers work under was shared. The union workers have employment policies and procedures they must follow. If the solar projects are done under the air quality they do not have the employment rules they must follow. The Commissioners feel there should be a right to work and it is personal responsibility to better their lives. The Labor Council believes they will help to make the lives of the people working better. The construction workers are transient workers they are constantly moving from job to job.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm held a bid opening for Columbus Grove CDBG Allocation E. Sycamore Street Improvements with Jeff Vance, Columbus Grove Administrator. The bids were received as follows:

Contractor	bid bond	Addendum	Bid amount	Alternate
Fenson Contracting	included	included	\$ 598,596.00	\$10,900.00
Hohenbrink Exc.	Included	included	\$ 531,867.65	\$ 7,018.78

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to table the bids for further review.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers absent Schlumbohm yes

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Mike Boaz , Eric Morman, Jim Burkhart, Dawn Schroeder, Melissa Hauter, April Beining, Andrea Masters, Lauren Masters and Maria Masters attended the agenda for the presentation of the Proclamation of the D/D Awareness month.

The minutes from Tuesday February 28, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

A joint county board meeting was held with Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin and Putnam County Commissioners to discuss a new maintenance contract with Tawa Tree Service and log jam removals.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Lammers absent Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday March 2, 2023.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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