

Minutes, Thursday May 2, 2024

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, 2024.

For WIA

From.. 39 ADM, Admin.....to...39 TO, Transfer Out.....\$ 1,681.39

Be IT further RESOLVED:

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 039, Workforce Investment Act (39 TO, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 006, Job & Family Services (H 11, Transfer In).....\$ 1,681.39

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Then/Now Purchase orders

ADMHS Bd.....Purchase orders 47314-47315

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Clerk of Courts.....Travel request for Kim Redman to attend the OCCA summer conference in Oregon, OH on Jun 11-13, 2024 with expenses for mileage, lodging and meals totaling \$ 637.94. Travel request for Kim Redman to attend the OAMCCC Spring Conference in

Columbus, OH on May 21-24, 2024 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals and registration totaling \$ 861.40.

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order to Fast Signs for recycling signs & frames for recycle days for \$ 1,000.00. Purchase order to Fast Signs for new recycling sign in front of building for \$1,000.00.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Pat Loper & Dawn Coleman via tele-conference of Bowser Morner met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss a solar inquiry from CEP Renewable for the landfill. Alaina Siefker, Brad Brubaker and Nolan Croy joined the meeting. The opportunity to put solar panels on the landfill was brought up. Brooklyn Heights landfill was discussed as an example. The concrete would sit up top of the land fill there would be no boring. Concrete beams would be brought in and set in place and anchored. Are the Commissioners curious or interested in committing to this? There are tax incentives available for installing solar currently. The electric is provided by Paulding-Putnam at the landfill. The Commissioners currently have a moratorium on over 50 megawatt solar projects. They will have to consider the neighbors also. Taking good farm ground out of service for solar is not good, but using the landfill which is unfarmable for solar would be repurposing the property to generate some revenue. Could the drained pond area be covered by panels, would it reduce the solids going into the ditch. A turbidity curtain was proposed for the pond to cut down the wave action and reduce the solids. A minimum of acres is wanted for the project. There would not be solar panels over the pond. The Commissioners are willing to listen and meet with CEP Renewables and ask some questions. Nolan informed the Commissioners that Ottawa Township just passed a limit on solar within their township. A variance will be needed. And since there will not be vegetation to conceal the panels at the landfill it will be very visible from all directions. If there are rules for the residents, the Commissioners should follow them also. If solar would be added to the landfill it would save the county in the future by passing the maintenance expense on to the solar company and create revenue from the generation fees.

Tim Schnipke came in to update the Commissioners on the need to swap out a pump at Sewer Dist. 1 pump station B. He is working with the village to swap out the pump and will order w new one for on the shelf. The concrete is in around the water spigots at the fairgrounds. There are some other issues with the shiplap in the building. The form for the cement for the dumpster at the new building gave way and the cement is a bit deformed.

Sheriff Siefker, Staci Schroeder and Brandi Anspach met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss the 2025 budget, wages and union negotiations. Brad Brubaker joined the meeting. There are some capital improvement needs at the sheriff's office. Some desks are rusting and coming apart. A quote for redoing the office space and desk area was presented. New carpeting is needed also. The carpet is 12-15 years old. The reason the desks are rusting was discussed. Lexpol does all the policies for Sheriff Association and provides updates. With all the changes in society there are many changes in policy coming also. An employee manual

was just updated and there are new policy changes already. There is a fee for enrolling with Lexpol to keep up with all the changes. The Commissioners asked if legal fees would be included also. No, those fees would fall under CORSA. There are several local police departments that use Lexpol, and no bad feedback. Lexpol specializes in keeping up with policies. The fees are pricy. They are looking at join Lexpol as soon as possible likely Jun-July. This would cover the jail and Sheriff office. The cost would be approx \$18,000 per year annually plus an initial cost to sign up. If the setup fee and all of next year would be paid up front, would they include this year with that payment? The Sheriff office is not handicap accessible they do not have automatic door openers on the front door. Union negotiations is the next discussion.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation and union negotiations.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Schlumbohm yes Lammers absent

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk. Brad Brubaker joined the meeting.

The minutes from Tuesday April 30, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm attended a Landbank board meeting to prioritize projects. Brad Brubaker joined the meeting. Tracy Warnecke, Dean Meyer, Griffin Brinkman, Steve Leopold, Estee Blair and Amy Sealts.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, May 2, 2024.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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