

Minutes for Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, County employees are currently reimbursed a maximum of \$8.00 for breakfast; \$10.00 for lunch and \$15.00 for dinner while on approved county travel.
and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has decided that it is necessary to increase the maximum amounts to be reimbursed.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The following are the maximum amounts to be reimbursed for meal expenses for county employees on approved travel:

Breakfast maximum.....\$ 10.00
Luncheon maximum.....\$ 12.00
Dinner maximum.....\$ 18.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, Employees will be reimbursed on a per diem basis while traveling overnight.

Total cost allowable per day will be \$40.00.

and be it further

RESOLVED, Employees must continue to abide by the following: 1) employees must submit all itemized receipts 2) employees will not be reimbursed for any tips not included in meal purchase 3) employees will only be reimbursed on a per diem basis for meals on the days listed on the approved overnight travel expense 4) at no time will an alcoholic beverage be considered part of a meal.

and be it further understood

RESOLVED, Employees not on overnight travel will be reimbursed per meal at the maximum amounts per meal listed above.
and be it further

RESOLVED, Said meal increase will be effective January 1, 2020.

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

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder 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, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, 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 040, Sewer District No. 2
Q 42, Other Expenses.....\$ 150.00

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

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

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is an integral component of the economy of Putnam County;
and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners recognize the importance of the manufacturing sector and how it assists in building a better future for our citizens;
and

WHEREAS, Innovation in manufacturing helps drive economic growth allowing workers and management, alike, to attain and maintain a higher standard of living;
and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners realize employment in manufacturing contributes to the local community's growth and well-being,
and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners recognize the alignment of vocational opportunities and educational curriculum to job opportunities which correspond to the skilled labor needs of Putnam County manufacturers.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Putnam County Commissioners join with Rhodes Community College in recognizing Friday, October 4, 2019, as Ohio Manufacturing Day AND THE MONTH OF October as Manufacturing Month in Putnam County, Ohio.

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

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

County General.....purchase order 39605

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

**Quarterly purchase orders Oct-Dec
County General.....**

Supplies –Commissioners \$ 800.00
Contracts-Repairs Vehicles-\$ 800.00
Travel-\$ 2000.00
Advertising & Printing-\$ 700.00
Legal Counsel-\$ 500.00
Supplies –Janitor -\$ 5000.00
Put Co Engineer-Janitor Fuel-\$ 1500.00
Contracts/Services-\$ 3000.00
Postage Supplies-\$ 600.00
Contracts/Repairs-\$ 2500.00
Dominion Energy \$ 6000.00
AEP -\$ 22,000.00
Ottawa Water Works-\$ 3000.00
Century Link-\$ 750.00
Glandorf Telephone-\$ 2030.00
Glandorf Telephone/O-G Rd -\$ 1000.00
AEP/Ag Complex-\$ 9000.00
Ottawa Water Works/Ag Complex-\$ 1250.00
Dominion Energy/Ag Complex-\$400.00
Misc Expenses/Ag Complex-\$ 3000.00
Dominion Energy/O-G Road -\$ 3000.00

AEP/O-G Road -\$ 5000.00
Misc Expenses/O-G Road-\$ 4000.00
Airport-
Supplies-\$ 135.00
Repairs-\$ 400.00
Ditch Maintenance...
Ditch maintenance projects-\$ 4000.00
Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees...
Misc expenses /Recycling-\$ 2500.00
Put Co Engineer /fuel recycling-\$ 4500.00
Ottawa Oil Co-\$ 500.00
Repairs-\$ 2000.00
Sewer Dist #1...
Ottawa Water Works -\$30,000.00
AEP-\$ 1300.00
Put Co Water/Sewer...
Ottawa Water Works-\$4282.20
Landfill Closure/Maintenance.....
Put Co Engineer /leachate fuel-\$650.00
Sewer Dist #2....
Ottawa Water Works-\$8000.00

Sewer Dist #1.....purchase order to Warren Printing for billing cards for \$ 550.00.
Sewer Dist #2.....purchase order to Warren Printing for billing cards for \$ 160.00
Put Co Water/Sewer.....purchase order to Warren Printing for billing cards for \$ 100.00
County General..... Travel request for Tim Schnipke to attend the HPS Engineer Advisory Board meeting in Middville, MI on Sept 17 no expenses listed.

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the purchase orders and travel requests.
Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder 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.

A courthouse project progress meeting was held

Commissioners Schroeder Schlumbohm and Lammers held a conference call with John Leutz regarding the negotiations with Avangrid on the solar farm payments. Mr. Leutz advised that the Commissioner should not wait until the end of the agreement to get the money. The Commissioner agreed to a tiered payment schedule initially with Avangrid and the Commissioner are concerned about following the ORC requirements. Mr. Leutz is concerned about the company lasting 30 years. In past history these agreements have not lasted that long. Mr. Leutz asked why the County is giving up money in the agreement. Mr. Lammers explained

that they would get it on the back side of the agreement. Why would that value be better later in the agreement? Avangrid was not considering the agreement if the Commissioner would not adjust the payments. Mr. Lammers feels the County is in a position to withstand that decision. Mr. Leutz is concerned about the life span of the project and if the county will get all the money from the agreement. Mr. Schroeder had talked to another County's Commissioners about a similar deal where the Alternative Energy Company also wanted a deal on payments and to forgo the AEZ agreement already in place. The Commissioners do not feel they got an accurate figure for the expenses by the company to put in the solar farm. The Commissioners have done counter proposals with Avangrid on a few different occasions. Mr. Leutz asked about the advantage to Miller City. Miller City will get a revenue stream in the first 10 years of the agreement. The County will get money on the capacity (per megawatt) that is produced once the project is up and running. Mr. Leutz said to make sure it is based on the expansion of the project as they grow not just the initial output. Mr. Leutz advised them to beware of what the company will try to do. The annexation of the area was discussed. The taxes will be abated and the Village can raise their millage. The township and school would get a lower percentage when the Village increases theirs. The Miller City residents were informed properly when this project was presented to them. The AEZ resolution cannot be amended. We either have it or we do not. It cannot be amended to be project specific. If it is rescinded then each project would have to be negotiated project by project. That opens up the possibility of someone being left out of the projects. The Commissioner will call Mr. Leutz again later if needed. The Commissioners discussed the options for setting up AEZ agreements along with CRA and TIF agreements. If the AEZ resolution is rescinded then in the future each project is negotiated individually. The PILOT payment gives the company a break on their utility generation fee. The solar company should have enough technology to keep the operations going through the term of the agreement. The landowners are in contract for 30 years.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held a teleconference with Henry County Commissioners, Miller, Von Deylen and Hastedt to discuss the maintenance collection on the N. Powell Creek on the 2019 taxes collected in 2020.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers, Cindy Landwehr, Clerk and Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions on the appellate court decisions that were delivered on the Road 5 cases. Sitting in on the discussions were Gary Lammers and Martin Verni. Gary was amazed that the decisions were received so quickly after the hearing. Gary reviewed the decisions with the Commissioners. There were three judges Zimmerman, Williamowski and Preston on the Maag and Weis cases. Shaw, Williamowski and Preston heard the case on the appeal of the attorney fees. On Maag & Weis cases the date of taking was in question. The initial values were higher than the later ones. The notice and good faith efforts by the County were done in a complaint manner. Court did exercise appropriately in consolidating the cases for judicial economy. No errors by the County when landowners requested a continuance. Gary continued to explained the decisions for both cases. The supplemental attorney fees request was based on law not heard at the case. It was considered a final order and a nullity. No responses from the opposing counsel have been received as of yet. Patricks' have still not signed off on their offer yet. Patricks' indicated they did not want their money and wanted it given back to the County or donated. Gary Lammers contacted Tom Patrick a few times regarding the offered settlements and was delayed both times and multiple

mailings were sent to Bob and Tom Patrick with no response. Gary requested it to be put back on the docket before Judge Crawford to get a final decision on those offers since he did not get any response from Bob or Tom Patrick. The judge has set Oct 18 for the hearing for Patricks. unless a response is received from them. Patricks received the three times value offer as well as the other landowners were offered. It needs to be settled and they need to sign off. Mr. Schroeder is happy with the results since the County now has a safe improved road. All cases and settlements are a matter of interpretation.

The minutes from Tuesday September 17, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Tracy Warnecke and Bob Benroth met with Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers to have an investment meeting.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, September 24, 2019.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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