

**Minutes, Tuesday September 19, 2023**

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:

For ADAMHS

AA-5, Contract Services.....\$ 75,000.00

AA 6, SOR Grant Expense.....\$ 6,500.00

AA-7, Board Expenses.....\$ 2,000.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 240

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, 2023 the following increase in revenues is hereby approved:

Fund 068, Mental Health Agency

AA 6, SOR Grant.....\$ 6,500.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 241

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve a change order for the Fairgrounds event center for labor, materials, equipment and supervision to replace a catch basin, this will increase the project by \$ 7,930.00.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; ORC §3125.13; and §3125.14; and Rule 5101:12-10-45, and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Board is authorized to enter into IV-D Services on behalf of the Putnam County Department of Job and Family Services;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Commissioners, on behalf of the Putnam County Department of Job and Family Services, hereby enter into the attached IV-D contract for IV-D legal services. Said contract reimbursement amount of \$29,238.33 unless otherwise amended by mutual agreement. The IV-D contract shall commence on July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2024.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm 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 County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2023.

For Sheriff/Jail

From.....6 A 12, Training Travel...to.....6 A 7, Education Registration.....\$2,000.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 244

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Clerk gave notice to the Board this date of the Engineer's completed survey and estimate of the construction area for the Vincent Schroeder Ditch Single Ditch #987 project.  
and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed project Commences: at an open ditch in the Southwest intersection of county Road B and county road 7, Liberty Township, Putnam County, Ohio;; Thence northerly along the west side of county Road 7 in Section 01 to the county line or where a sufficient outlet can be obtained.  
now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the 19th day of October, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Room of the Putnam County Court House, Ottawa, Ohio, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the final hearing on the proposed improvement.  
and be it further

**RESOLVED**, It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its Committees

that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Warnecke absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Ditch Jrl. 6, Page 23

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, 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).....\$ 3,362.84

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Comm. Jrl. 119, Page 243

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 115, Wireless 911

115 MT, Software Maintenance.....\$37,000.00

Fund 100, E-911

100 CAP, Cost Allocation Plan.....\$ 27,000.00

100 CS, Coordinators Compensation.....\$ 60,000.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the medical insurance rates offered for the 2024 plan. There are no changes to the plan.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Lammers 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, Contracts-Repairs.....to....5 A 10E, Utilities.....\$ 850.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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Fund 110, Airport Operation

110 OT, Other Expenses.....\$ 5,000.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

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Fund 057, Airport Construction Grant

57 CT, Airport Construction .....\$ 65,100.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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 001 County General

15 A 15A, Advances Out...\$ 30,691.48

(Government Highway Safety Grant)

and also

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of the sheriff and the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Overtime Grant 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	119 AI, Advance In	\$ 30,691.48

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 119, GHS DVI TASK....STEP

119 SA2, Salaries IDEP.....\$12,836.25

119 FR2, Fringes IDEP.....\$ 2,509.49

119 SA, Salaries.....\$ 12,836.25

119 FR, Fringes.....\$ 2,509.49

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to sign the Good Faith Offer from the Ottawa Township Trustees and Putnam County Commissioners to the Osterhage Family Trust for the purpose of a ditch layover on the east side of Road 12-K between U.S. 224 and Rd. M for \$ 13,000 per acre for acquired land and \$ 500. per acre for construction easement.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve a resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution on December 13, 2022 authorizing the adoption of Regulations for Large Scale Solar Facilities within Putnam County presented by the Planning Commission.

**WHEREAS**, these regulations would apply to any solar facility within Putnam County in the 1-50 megawatt production range.

**WHEREAS**, these regulations have been revised to make them more balanced and have equal treatment for all involved. **NOW THEREFORE**:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Board of Putnam County Commissioners hereby adopts the revised Regulations for Large Scale Solar Facilities to establish the general guidelines and procedures for Putnam County to follow to comply with the requirements set by the County and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
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**Then/Now Purchase orders**

**Youth Subsidy**.....Purchase orders 46385-46387, 46547-46549

**Airport Construction Grant**.....Purchase order 46461

**Airport Operations**.....Purchase order 46462

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Schlumbohm yes  
Exceptions: Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schlumbohm none  
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**Purchase orders and travel requests**

**Auditor**.....Travel request for Jeremy, Bob & Kim to view possible new software in Napoleon, OH Sept 13, 2023 no expenses listed.

**Capital Improvement**.....Purchase order to Helms Construction for change order #3 to replace catch basin at fairground for \$ 7,930.00.

**WIA**.....Purchase order to Apollo Career Center for adult assistance –J. Moreno for \$ 5,760.00, Purchase order to Fox 36 News for adult assistance BRN funds for \$ 3,000.00. Purchase order to Apollo Career Center for CCMEP Youth for \$ 11,000.00. Purchase order to Transfer Inc for WIA Adult special state funds for \$ 5,000.00.

**Children Services**....Travel requests for Allison Sickles, Beth Coleson and Jill Torres to attend the Ohio CSEA Fall Training at Hilton Polaris, Columbus, OH on Oct 23-24,

2023 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals and other totaling \$ 1,391.62. Travel request for Meg Schroeder to attend a children services home visit on Sept 16 ,2023 with expenses for mileage, and meals totaling \$ 84.00.

**EMS.....**Purchase order to Zoll Medical Corp for preventative maintenance on heart monitors for \$ 5,270.00. Blanket purchase order to lockbox fees for \$ 2,000.00. Travel request for Brian Hilvers to attend the OP3 Statewide Fall Conference in Columbus, on Oct 24, 2023 no expense listed.

**Board of Elections.....**Blanket purchase order for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr dues/registration fees for \$1,200.00. Blanket purchase order for rentals for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr for \$ 500.00. Blanket purchase order for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr computer fees for \$ 2,500.00. Blanket purchase order for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr travel for \$ 500.00. Blanket purchase order for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr supplies for \$ 1,000.00Blanket purchase order for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr Ballots & absentee envelopes for \$14,000.00. Blanket purchase order for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr advertising for \$ 4,000.00Blanket purchase order foe judges & clerks compensation for \$ 18,000.00.

**County Airport.....**Purchase order to Cherry's Propane for propane winter contract for \$ 849.50.

**Airport Operations.....**Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for cost allocation for \$ 11,051.00.

**Clerk of Courts.....**Travel request for Kim Redman to attend the OAMCC Fall Conference in Columbus, OH Oct 3-6, 2023 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals and registration totaling \$ 831.20.

**Commissioners.....**Travel request for Vince Schroeder to attend the Farm Science Review on Sept 19, 2023 in London, OH no expenses listed.

**Sheriff.....**Travel request for Eric Van Wagner to attend ALICE instructor certification training in Whitehouse, OH Oct 3-4, 2023with purchase order for expenses for registration, meals and other totaling \$929.00.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Commissioner Schroeder attended Farm Science Review.

Ken Niese & Jerry Westrick met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the screening requirements for the solar farms. Mr. Niese did talk to Avangrid about the screening. A picture of a solar farm in Hancock County and the screening that is planted there was submitted as a sample of what can be done. The Commissioners explained that the required setbacks are being revised on today's agenda. The Commissioners just want the landowners to take the neighbors into consideration. The screening will be on all sides of the solar farms, road frontage and property lines. Avangrid is interested in good will. The Commissioners did away

with the PILOT payments to discourage new projects. Since the coal plants are being shut down and the gas plants also the electric rates are going up even for the co-ops. Nuclear power is up and coming for power supply. Ottoville resident have contacted the people from Miller City to see how things are going. The trustees have the authority over the small solar facilities. Since the Commissioners killed the AEZ and are revising the regulations, it should be more fair for both sides. The sewer system that was originally proposed to Miller City has changed as well as the cost. The initial solar facility was supposed to cover the cost and now an expansion was proposed since the cost of the sewer system has increased.

Kim Redman met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the vacation accrual for employees. Kim presented a comparison of vacation accrual with other counties and entities. Kim is proposing at 6 months an increase in vacation time to encourage employee retention and new hires. Currently a new employee must work a full year to use the vacation earned. Kim has looked at Findlay and Clermont County who use the 6-month term to earn vacation. Two weeks will be given at a year. Maybe at 10 years give another bump. The cost of living here is not bad but housing costs are going up. The Commissioners will review and present the idea to the other elected officials. The Commissioners suggested checking with Mercer and Auglaize counties also. The surrounding counties are direct competition for workers. There is a shift in staffing levels now, it is improving.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to tell the Commissioners that the contractor-Helms wants to meet them at noon at the fairgrounds to show them another footer that was found. The new fence in front of the grandstand was discussed. More siding was purchased for the Ag Complex and the camper electrical boxes will be put back on the posts. The landfill tile is in. The landfill inspection is being done today.

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

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder absent Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Commissioners resumed session.

Bernie Bennett met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers to discuss the CHIP program and his project. As the State has backed up the local contractor in stopping work because of conflict there is no more locally we can do and Mr. Bennett will have to find another avenue to get the work completed on his home. No additional materials or evidence were presented to the Commissioners.

State Auditors Lori Brodie, Brenda Troyer and Elizabeth Sudlow and met with Commissioners Schlumbohm and Lammers and County Auditors Bob Benroth, Kim Nordhaus, Jeremy Maag, and Brianne Niese and Treasurer Tracy Warnecke to conduct the exit interview for the County's audit.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder -absent Lammers yes Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday September 19, 2023.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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