

Minutes, Thursday September 23, 2021

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, the following sum be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 148, Mfg. Hsg. Tax 2nd Half

148AO, Advance Out.....\$ 12,141.36

(Advance back to County General)

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Mfg. Hsg. Tax/2nd Half Fund the following advance of funds is authorized:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
148AO, Advance Out	A 25A Advance In	\$12,141.36

(Repay County General for advance made to Fund 148 Mfg. Hsg. Tax/2nd Half Fund)

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers
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Mr. Schroeder moved to approve signing the Ohio Department IV-D Contract for Putnam County Child Support Enforcement entering into contract with Putnam County Prosecutor for administration and support of the enforcement program.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers
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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, 2021, the following sum be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 035, Solid Waste District Disposal Fees

35 SA, Salaries\$ 39,000.00

35 Fr, Fringes.....\$ 3,800.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers
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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, 2021.

For Sheriff/Jail

From....6 A 12, Training Travel.....to....6 A 14D3, Uniforms.....\$ 1,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers
Comm. Jrl. 116 Page 456

Mr. Schroeder 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, 2021, 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 069, County Recorder Equipment

69 EQ, Equipment.....\$ 35,000.00

(License fee for Harris Recording Solutions)

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion

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

ADAMHS Bd.....Purchase order 43070-43072

Ditch Maintenance...Purchase order 43130

Capital Improvement.....Purchase order 43131

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Purchase orders and travel requests

Job & Family.....Travel request for Carie Dotson to attend the 2021 PCSAO Conference in Columbus Sept 28-Oct 1, 2021 with expenses for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and other totaling \$ 899.42.

American Rescue Plan.....Blanket purchase order to local telecommunication companies for broadband improvement within Putnam County for \$ 430,000.00.

Treasurer.....Travel request for Tracy Warnecke to attend the County Treasurer Fall conference in Columbus, OH Nov 17-19, 2021 with purchase order for lodging, meals, registration, and parking for \$ 470.00.

EMS.....Purchase order to Chad Blue for employment settlement for \$ 55,000.00.

Dog & Kennel.....Blanket purchase order for supplies, utilities & cellphone for Oct, Nov Dec for \$ 2000.00, Blanket purchase order to Put Co Engineer for fuel Oct, Nov, Dec for \$ 800.00.

Ditch Maintenance.....Blanket purchase order for ditch maintenance projects for Oct-Dec for \$ 7000.00.

Sewer Dist #2.....Blanket purchase order to Ottawa Water Works for Oct-Nov for \$ 4000.00.

Sewer Dist #1.....Purchase order to Ottawa Water Works for Oct- Dev for \$ 30,000.00. Purchase order to AEP for Oct- Dec for \$ 1,000.00.

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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

Mike Klear and Brian Hilvers met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Commissioner Lammers via teleconference to discuss EMS Personnel and Rescue Act Funding. Mike Klear brought up hiring the additional full-time 303 positions he said that has worked out well. He said they will need to hire two more additional full-time positions. There were two additional bedrooms added to the house for the additional people on call. On-call is a voluntary position. The volunteer force is dwindling. The starting pay may need to be bumped up to retain employees and entice new employees. Mr. Hilvers suggested paying employees per run rather than per hour. Average time of a run is 2.5 hours he suggested and the amount would be the same no matter how long the run would take or until a sign off. The pay per run would be based on their position; medic, EMT, or basic. The Commissioners suggested checking with the

surrounding counties to see how they are staffed and paid. Volunteer training is paid. Mr. Klear wanted to get those positions filled as soon as possible. It would be an additional \$80,000 per year. The EMS budget can support that increase. The solar farm operation will give a boost to the EMS funds also. If there is adequate staffing then the runs from Ambulatory Care can be done which is certain income. Brian will be appointed to the position of EMS Director when Mike Klear is retiring as of Dec 27, 2021. Applications will be accepted to replace Brian and to fill the two new full-time medic positions. If using the pay per run a limit of how many can go on the run will be implemented. Regarding the ARP funding the Haz-mat Team will also need new SCBA units, the units they have used ones that came from Phillips. The ARP funding cannot be used to purchase replacement equipment only new additional equipment. Those purchases may be held off until more direction comes in from the Office of Budget Management. An addition of new living quarters with bays was brought up for EMS and that would provide a place for exposed or infected EMS staff to quarantine away from their families. Drive-through bays would be included to provide a vaccination site also. The need for individual bedrooms was discussed. The Commissioners explained some other options for drive-through sites.

Board of Elections members Kurt Sahloff, Tony Schroeder, Carla Tooman and Kathy Miller via teleconference along with Tess Elsoff from the Ohio Secretary of State met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Mike Lammers via teleconference to discuss the Federal Labor Standards Act and comp time & employee compensation. A letter from the Prosecutor and Commissioners was received in July regarding the FLSA comp time & employee compensation. The Board of Elections feel their employees are eligible for the extra hours to earn comp time, which they would be exempt. BOE employees are not in administrative or supervisory positions. A resolution from the BOE was requested stating that the employees are not in supervisory roles. Some additional staff may be needed, which would be filled by using senior poll workers. There should be no impact to the budget. The States will remain in charge of the Board of Elections. Kurt brought up employee compensation. Introductions were made of Tess Elsoff to the Commissioners.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation of Board of Elections employees with Mr. Sahloff, Mr. Schroeder and Mrs. Tooman, Commissioners Schroeder and Commissioner Lammers via teleconference

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers

Commissioners went back on record. No decisions were made.

Tony Schroeder explained some of the representative redistricting for Ohio.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm, Cindy Landwehr, Clerk and Commissioner Lammers listened via teleconference.

Chad Niese stopped in to talk to the Commissioners about Sergeant Major, Justin Lahew, Navy Seal from Columbus Grove and his presentation coming up in October. Judge Niese would like to request a proclamation from the Commissioners to present to Justin Lahew and setting October 16 as Justin Lahew Day within the County. Mr. Lahew is a recipient of the Navy Cross. Judge Niese also requested adding him to the Veteran Medal board within the Courthouse.

The minutes from Thursday September 16, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm attended a Board of Revision meeting.

Jeff Schroeder and Mark Hoorman met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Commissioner Lammers via teleconference to discuss the fairgrounds/committee and items wanted for fairgrounds. Jeff and Mark met with Fair Board members and a few others regarding building one large fair show building for all animal species. They are looking at placement for the new building on the fairgrounds. The options of moving the fairgrounds location was presented. Even tearing down all the existing buildings and putting up a new building in that location. Also putting the new Junior fair and merchant building next to it. Purchasing more ground and moving the fair to set up an entertainment venue. Keeping the historical buildings was discussed if the additional land is purchased. There is an individual Matt Hughes who can be hired that can raise funds for the fairgrounds improvements. They want to create a larger venue where overnight accommodations could come in and then cater to the animal agriculture of the area to show animals year round and host shows as well. Jeff proposed it as a joint venture along with the fund raising to have a capital campaign to fund both buildings. Leasing the new land through a 501c 3 organization was also proposed to lower the building costs. Henry County earmarked \$50,000 per year to the Ag Society. Making the race track small was questioned. How shall they proceed? Are the Commissioners interested in purchasing additional ground? Could they trade properties? There is a retainer fee to hire Matt Hughes of \$13,000.00 to provide a leadership assessment. The Village may have to be brought in to the project also. The interest in expanding across the road will be looked at, then the Commissioners can meet with Matt Hughes.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers absent

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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