

Minutes, Tuesday August 20, 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 Youth Subsidy

From...111PS25, Other Expenses.....to.....111PS24, Other Expenses..... \$ 88.20

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the security agreement between the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and Northwest Ohio Grain for August 21, 2024 through August 24, 2024.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the agreement for Drone Operating Services between Putnam County Commissioners and Trevor Brecht, Drone Operator.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board has received requests from the various departments of Job and Family Services for approval of travel expenses for the month of August 2024.

Christine Lomeli	August 28	Fiscal Training –Westerville, OH
Judy Solomon	August 28	Fiscal Training –Westerville, OH

now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, hereby approve payment of the expenses per the attached list in accordance with Section 325.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorizes the Auditor to issue warrants per attached list upon receipt of invoices and be if further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue any advanced warrants as necessary.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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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, 2024, 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 151, PSI Grant

151 SA-22, Salaries& Fringes.....\$ 26,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, 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.... \$47,000.00

(For Ditch Maintenance)

and also

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Ditch Maintenance 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	R 5, Advance In	\$47,000.00

(Advance for Ditch Maintenance Fund)

that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, 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 016, Ditch Maintenance

R 5, Ditch Maintenance Projects.... \$10,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder 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 Airport.....

From.....5 A 10D, Bldgs & Liability Ins. ...to....5 A 5, Contract Repairs\$ 100.00

From.....5 A 2, Salaries, Airport Employees..to..5 A 5, Contract Repairs....\$ 1,000.00

From.....5 A 10E, Utilities.....to 5 A 5, Contract Repairs.....\$ 1,000.00

From.....5 A 4, Equipment.....to...5 A 5, Contract Repairs.....\$ 200.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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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, 2024.

For Juvenile

For Juvenile/Probate

From....2 C 39, Guardian Ad Litem....to...2 C 36D, Other Exp-Juv Court.....\$1,500.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Putnam County 9-1-1 final plan has made a provision of establishing a review board for the purpose of maintaining the standards and integrity of the 9-1-1 system.

and

WHEREAS, One representative from the following organizations serve on the review board: Ohio State Highway Patrol, Putnam County Sheriff, Putnam County Safety Service Coordinator/EMA, Putnam County Emergency Medical Services, Putnam County Fire Chiefs Association, Putnam County Prosecuting Attorney, Putnam County Common Pleas Judge, Putnam County Police Chief's Association and Putnam County Commissioners.

and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners appoint the representatives for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Putnam County Fire Association and Putnam County Police Chiefs.

And

WHEREAS, Arnie Hardy of the Putnam County Police Chiefs, has retired from his position, and it is requested that Jim Gulker should complete the three term to represent the Putnam County Chief's Association beginning August 12, 2024.

and

WHEREAS, The terms of Alec Coil of Lima Highway Patrol Post, who is not seeking reappointment, Tom Rampe of Putnam County Fire Association, have expired and Mr. Rampe wishes to renew his term for another three years. Also The term of Joe Burkhart who serves as the EMS Representative will expire on November 1, 2024 and he wishes to renew for another three year term.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Sgt. Chad Recker as representative for Ohio State Highway Patrol, reappoint Tom Rampe as representative for Putnam County Fire Association and appoint Jim Gulker as representative for Putnam County Police Chiefs for three year terms beginning Nov. 1, 2024. The Board of County Commissioners also hereby reappoints Joe Burkhart as EMS Representative to another three term starting November 1, 2024.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved to approve signing the Ohio Dept. of Development Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement between Ohio Dept. of Development and Putnam County starting July 4, 2023 through June 30, 2025 for \$33,000.00.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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, 2024, the following sum be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 080, Computerization-County Court

80 MI, Miscellaneous.....\$ 8,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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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, 2024, 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 111, Youth Subsidy FDCC

111B25, Other Expenses..... \$36,330.52

111PS25, Personal Services..... \$25,213.46

111FR25, Fringes \$482.02

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Then/Now Purchase orders

County General.....Purchase order 47891

County Airport.....Purchase order 47892

Juvenile Court.....Purchase order 47937

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

Office of Public Safety.....Travel request for Brian Hilvers to attend the Integrated Warning Team workshop at Ivy Tech on Sept. 5, 2024 no expenses listed.

Clerk of Courts.....Travel request for Kim Redman to attend the OCCA Fall Conference in Columbus, OH on Oct 1-4, 2024 with expense for mileage, lodging, meals, and registration totaling \$ 878.80.

Children Services.....Purchase order to Shawn Benjamin for FCM –D Bardall for \$ 7,000.00.

Auditor.....Travel request for Robert Benroth to attend the NW Auditors meeting in Mt .Gilead, OH on August 23, 2024 with expenses for registration and other totaling \$ 55.00.

Capital Improvement.....Purchase order to Ohio & Indiana for roof replacement for Engineer Garage for \$ 44,000.00.

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 absent

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

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm met with Kim Rieman and Jodie Lammers of the Health Department to discuss the Health department coming under the county's health insurance. Kim Nordhaus joined the meeting. The health dept would like to join the County's health insurance for their employees. The Health Dept is currently with Ohio Insurance Services. Home Care and Hospice remained with the county's insurance. At the time of the changes a rule was added that the Health could not go on the county's insurance for at least three years. That timeframe has passed. If they would join the county's insurance now, they would be one entity under the Health Dept including Home Care and Hospice. They do have

and HSA option they do not have a high or low deductible option. On the county's insurance they would have options for all. The county does not contribute to the HSA. There is a Flexible Savings account option also through Aflac. Kim has made the contacts with CEBCO and the insurance agents on adding the Health Dept back to the County's insurance. They could join during the open enrollment period that is coming up. There are 16 people that could join. Anyone who works over 72 hours per pay is eligible for benefits, so anyone who works 64 hours is not eligible. An increase is expected on coming insurance costs. Vision is part of hospitalization. Dental and life are separate. Lower rates can be found but are most likely teaser rates to get enrollment but will jump up in the following year or two. Open enrollment starts in October and ends in November so the changes can be submitted timely for the new year. The emergency room rates were discussed. The telehealth service is good along with other online services. The Health dept will have to make an official decision and if they decide to join the forms must be completed by the employees and must be done during the enrollment period. The Health dept must review if there is a penalty to get out of their current insurance program. The new environmental health director will start September 9. A meeting was suggested for the new director to meet with contractors for septic installers. A new health educator will be hired also. Kim also brought up needing new space since they have more people in the office. They do have funds for a building addition or upgrades.

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

The minutes from Tuesday August 13, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

The minutes from Thursday August 15, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Judge Borer and staff Barb Winkle, Lori Peterson, Amber Strauer, Kayla Prowant, Shanna Booher and Taylor Crawford intern, met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm regarding a compensation request. Tim Schnipke, Sherri Britsch, Griffin Brinkman, Logan Clark, Kim Redman, Tracy Warnecke, and Lima News reporter Mr. Swygart joined the meeting also.

Judge Borer sent a letter to the Commissioners requesting additional compensation for his employees and is requesting an answer to his request. He did not feel the Commissioners needed to know what they did above and beyond their duties, that is his determination. He wants to treat his employees equally. Commissioner Schlumbohm said everyone is not entitled to the same benefits just because they are there. The judge explained the Commissioners would not know if his employee's duties were done above and beyond. The judge believes they are valuable employees and should be awarded for going above the expectations. Will the Commissioners administer the bonuses? The Judge thinks they deserve the compensation. Since the Commissioners have set a precedent. The judge can issue an order for the payments. The County Commissioners have done things before that do not pertain to the other offices, by giving larger raises to their staff than the other offices were given to distribute. The point is that the other employees are not worth getting paid more. The judge feels his employees have exceeded his expectations. The Commissioners have established a precedent of giving bonuses, so the Judge is expecting to be treated the same. Commissioners said exceptional work is expected out of all the employees. The judge must deem the boundary that is over and above to deserve the bonus. The Commissioners did not permit anyone else to give a bonus to their employees. The judge is in favor of a bonus to valuable employees, he would like to be

able to the same with his staff. The judge saw that the Commissioners saw it appropriate to award a bonus to a deserving employee and he wants to do the same for his employees.

Mr. Swygart asked about the Commissioners decision for the bonus. The bonus was discussed by the board in executive session for Tim overseeing the \$5.6 million new construction project along with performing his regular duties. The Commissioners said this service would have been more costly by the county had it been done by an outside contractor. Judge Borer was the first elected official to come forward with this request. The Commissioners have come to expect the employees to do their job to the best of their abilities.

Tim Schnipke explained to Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm he viewed with Brian Hilvers and Aaron Vorst the American Township Fire Dept building to see a layout for the new EMS building.

Commissioner Schroeder explained to Commissioner Schlumbohm the concerns of Bob Benroth, Auditor about the PILOT payments for the solar farms.

Commissioner Schlumbohm called Ali Stano at Blue Harvest Solar Farm to get an update on the operation of the solar farm. Ali said they have been operational for about a year. She has viewed some maintenance on the weeds and mowing. The screening vegetation has been planted but will take a while to fill it. The PILOT payments will start on this year's taxation and be paid in Feb of 2025 and July of 2025. The parcels are for sale by the landowners. The sale has not happened yet but they interested in moving forward. Ali asked about the Miller City project progress. Commissioner Schlumbohm informed her that the Planning Commission rules have changed since the beginning. She asked about any consideration to update or change the setbacks. The most resent variance request was explained that is was denied. Ali asked if the setback would be considered to be reduced. At this time, no.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers absent

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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