

Minutes, Tuesday July 23, 2024

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 120, Office of Public Safety
120 PER, PERS.....\$ 78,790.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution in April of 2021 that renewed the rate of sales tax in Putnam County by one-quarter percent under R.C. 5739.026(A)(3) [R.C. 5741.023], paragraph (D)(1)(c) effective July 1, 2021 for five years, namely 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. In addition to the continuous one percent that is collected.

and

WHEREAS, Per ORC 5705.313 The board of county commissioners may adopt another resolution reducing the rate of any property tax the county is currently levying for current expense within the ten-mill limitation.

And

WHEREAS, This reduction may not exceed the total estimated revenue from the sales and use tax.

And

WHEREAS, Putnam County's current inside millage rate is 2.6 mills, and the reduction in real estate tax revenue will be approximately \$2.8M from reducing by 2.1 mills.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners, Putnam County, Ohio does hereby agree to reduce the rate of property tax the county is currently levying by 2.1 mills, this reduction will be for a term of one (1) year and first applied to the 2024 taxes collected in 2025.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers 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, 2024.

For Youth Subsidy

From...111B24, Other Expenses.....to.....111B25, Other Expenses..... \$ 22,095.53

From...111PS24, Personal Services....to...111PS25, Personal Services...\$18,602.34

From...111FR24, Fringes.....to.....111FR25, Fringes.....\$567.66

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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Then/Now Purchase orders

County General.....purchase order 47803

Capital Improvement,,,,,purchase order 47804

Clerk of Courts.....purchase order 47824

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 yes

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

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

EMA.....Travel request for Brian Hilvers to attend the Mitigation for Emergency Managers training in Mentor, OH on Dec 8-12.2024 with purchase order for lodging, meals, and other totaling \$ 850.00.

E-911.....Travel request for Todd Worchuck, Abbot Carder, and Kim Pitney to attend the Ohio NENA and Ohio APCO Joint & State conference at Kalahari in Sandusky, OH Sept 9-12, 2024 with purchase order for lodging, meals and registration totaling \$ 2,780.00.

CDBG.....Purchase order to GLCAP for blanket CHIP 23 home repair soft costs for \$ 30,936.00. Purchase order to MECA Enterprises for McDonald Home Repairs for \$ 22,450.00. Purchase order to MECA Enterprises for Johnson Home Repair for \$ 15,400.00.

County General.....Purchase order to SHI for DUO Essentials software for \$3,200.00 and security keys for \$ 254.00.

Capital Improvement.....Purchase order to Glandorf Lumber for repairs to Ag Complex from Fire Truck accident for \$ 203.83.

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

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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

Nolan Croy met with Commissioners to discuss a proposed solar project in Jennings Township on the Mary Vorst property. Brad Brubaker sat in on the meeting. Jennings Township did not add to the planning commission regulations as of now. The company will present a variance for the project as soon as possible. Our regulations do not specifically outline how to submit a variance. Jennings Township is looking add to the regulations. The Commissioners are hesitant to make changes midstream. The application could be sought prior to the variance, but that would not be the correct order. The tech review committee is for during construction. The Commissioners want to have complete transparency with the company. The changes should be done to clarify once this is complete. A meeting will be held when the variance is submitted by the solar company.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions regarding Nelson Water/Sewer. Nelsons paid for the line put in where their business is. All three commissioners agree to waive our county tap in fee for their new expansion that they are doing. Mr. Lammers motioned to approve the waive of the fee and Mr. Schlumbohm seconded it. Vote is as follows: Mr. Lammers, yes; Mr. Schlumbohm, yes; Mr. Schroeder, yes.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers held discussions regarding employee compensation. Nicole Smith, Joe Burkhart and Tim Schnipke joined the meeting. Brad Brubaker sat in on the meeting. Nicole's comments on overwork and underpayment were referenced. Nicole asked about Tim not reporting his hours completely during the construction of the building. If he did not report his hours completely that opens up the county to a possible lawsuit. Mr. Lammers reference the contribution, Mr. Schnipke made to the successful completion and saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars. The project manager from Technicon did not contribute as he should have. Based on past experience of being a project manager Mr. Schlumbohm is standing by his decision. Mr. Schroeder said setting a precedent with bonuses is a bad idea. Nicole explained her reading the minutes and seeing that Mr. Schnipke was

getting a large bonus when she had asked for a bonus for herself and was denied. The Commissioners told her that there were not funds in the budget for her bonus but there was for Mr. Schnipke. Nicole's complaint is to have things being thought of more equitably and evenly. This was put on the agenda last Tuesday and the resolution was tabled. The Commissioners want Tim to sign a document that states that this is complete compensation for the construction project. Tim did the reengineering for the sewer line to the dog shelter, since Bockrath did not want to do it. All the drainage in front of the grandstand Tim had to design. He had to deal with the contractors also. Tim had 40% more work and still maintain his regular job. He had to reroute the electrical lines also. When the door blew open in the rain and the cement not being covered and got rained on. Tim wants to know how this got blown out of proportion. The Commissioners are sticking to the \$25,000 bonus amount for Tim. Tim said he feels he earned it. He had to make sure things got done in the construction. You cannot estimate knowledge and stress. He had a significant amount of time in the project and he should be compensated for it. The Commissioners want him to sign a document that he will not come back on the county for back pay. Nicole said that is not a wise approach for the County to handle this situation.

Mr. Lammers want to go into executive session to discuss the compensation amount, with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Brad Brubaker.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote Schlumbohm no Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Commissioners went back on record.

The Commissioners would like the resolution for maintenance supervisor's bonus to be added back to the agenda.

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

The minutes from Tuesday, July 16, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder, Schlumbohm and Lammers met with Sheriff staff Sheriff Siefker, Brandi Anspach and Staci Schroeder regarding union negotiations. The contracts were presented.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to go into executive session.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Commissioners went back on record.

Mr. Lammers left for the day.

Anna Mae Blankemeyer stopped in quick to thank Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm for the stone out on the drive to recycling.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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