

Minutes, Tuesday September 10, 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 Office of Public Safety

From ...120 VRP, Vehicle Replacement.....to.... 120 SA4, Mechanic Salaries\$2,000.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

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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, 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.....\$ 12,000.00

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:

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 Veterans Service Commission

From....9 C 9D, Other Expenses.....to....9 C 6, Relief Allowance ... \$20,000.00

From....9 D 2, Salary Office Staffto....9 C 6, Relief Allowance.....\$ 10,000.00

From....9 D 8E, Transportation.....to....9 C 6, Relief Allowance.....\$ 13,000.00

From....9 D 8, Travel.....to....9 C 6, Relief Allowance.....\$ 8,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers 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, 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 057 Airport Construction Grant

57 AO, Advance Out.....\$ 13,000.00

(Advance back to County General)

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the Airport Construction Grant Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
57 AO, Advance Out	A 25A, Advance In	\$13,000.00
(Repay Advances from May. '23 & Sept. '23)		

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Then/Now Purchase orders

Comp Muni Court.....Purchase order 47933

Dog & Kennel.....Purchase order 47953

Landfill Clos/ Mnt.....Purchase order 47900

Ditch Maintenance..... Purchase order 47903, 47955

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 yes

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

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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Dog & Kennel.....Travel request for Mike Schroth to attend the NW Ohio Dog Warden meeting in Wood County on Sept 11, 2024 no expenses listed.

County General.....Purchase order to Putnam Co Job & Family Services extra needed for mandated share 2024/2025 for \$ 1,152.35. Purchase order to Job & Family E/C cost allocation reimbursement of 2022 paid in 2024 for \$ 1,312.00. Purchase order to JB Net Av for a portion of security camera upgrades for Job & Family for\$ 2,000.00.

Job & Family.....Blanket purchase order for Misc expenses for \$10,000.00, Purchase order to Cintas for uniforms, rugs, are fresheners for \$ 1,000.00, Purchase order to Verizon for cell phones for \$ 3,500.00, Purchase order to Marathon for Gas charges for \$ 2,000.00.

Children Services.....Purchase order to Putnam Board of D/D for monthly care for \$ 40,000.00.

CDBG.....Purchase order to MECA Enterprises for change order for McDonald for \$ 3,500.00.

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

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm returned a call to Tonya Deitering regarding operations at Job & Family Services and their handling of the concerns that were received. Tonya was not satisfied with the response she has received. Follow through on the complaints and concerns is not consistent.

Gary Lammers met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss assistant prosecutor compensation. Patrick Blasius joined the meeting also. Gary had been in in January

with a request for additional compensation as a bonus for Nicole Smith. This request was based on her services in 2022-2023. Nicole filled in to cover positions for assistant prosecutor until Griffin Brinkman was hired in 2023. Gary had advertised in many places with universities as well as online. Only 4 applications were received at that time. The duties were still needed to be filled even though there was staff shortage. The courts worked with the Prosecutor, however there were some instances when no one was available for the court appearance.

Commissioners asked what amount was turned back into the county at the end of the year. The Commissioners said that Gary could have increased her compensation at that time. \$63,000 was the compensation at the time of the extra duties and that was increased to \$67,000 in 2022. The adding duties were continued for another year. If a new person would have been hired the additional funds would have been needed for the new hire, things were uncertain at that time and Gary had to make decisions based on the circumstances. Putnam County people for the most part have a conscience compared to those in bigger cities. The prosecutor job here is a bit easier than in big cities. Nicole did fill two positions which did save the county on paying an additional salary and benefits. Gary did grant a \$1,000 bonus to Nicole in January since he was not given more funds in January when he initially asked. Due to the recent bonus receipt by another county employee, Nicole was asking again for a bonus. And in since time Mr. Brinkman has left the county's employment also due to being offered more compensation at a private firm. Nicole's salary has been increased. And another assistant prosecutor has been found with some experience, Brandi Swikrath. Ms. Swikrath will be serving as the juvenile prosecutor. Special prosecutors can be hired. Nicole Smith joined the meeting. We have received special prosecutor requested from other counties. The employees do the duties that are needed and do the mas best as they can. Gary is asking for additional funding in the coming year, based on this isolated incident of a one-time bonus. Gary has been continually asking for increased pay for his office to keep Putnam County competitive in hiring new employees. All of the offices have valuable employees who deserve competitive wages. The Commissioners are concerned about the revenue cuts they have made and how it will affect the expenses that are coming. Gary just wants to have competitive wages for his employees so he can keep his quality employees. The Commissioners will discuss and said Gary does have a valid request. Gary would like some consistency in the decisions that the Commissioners make. Nicole thanked the Commissioners for listening and for their time and she said it is a pleasure to serve this community.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm held discussions accepting on the health insurance rates for 2025. Kim Nordhaus, Kim Redman, Sherri Britsch and Tracy Warnecke joined the meeting. The employee rates were also discussed. Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm said the employee rates will remain the same at 80 -20. The rates that were presented were approved.

Commissioner Lammers arrived.

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

The minutes from Thursday September 5, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Lammers left for the day.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm attended the joint county ditch meeting with Henry County Commissioners to review the Raymond Lugibihl Jt. Dt. Maintenance proposal.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm attended the joint county ditch meeting with Henry County Commissioners to review the Dean Bach Jt. Dt. Maintenance proposal.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Schroeder yes Schlumbohm yes Lammers absent

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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