

Minutes, Tuesday September 3, 2024

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 \$32,156.93 unless otherwise amended by mutual agreement. The IV-D contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and end June 30, 2025.

Mr. Schroeder 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:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has established and approved an Ohio Enterprise Zone with an Ohio Department of Development designation of (191) and said zone includes real estate property owned by Nelson Trailers, Inc., 6448 St. Rt. 224, Ottawa, OH 45875.
and

WHEREAS, The Blanchard Township Trustees acknowledge that the Putnam County Commissioners remain responsible for said Enterprise Zone (191) per Section 5709.63 of the Ohio Revised Code.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve of the Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement between the Putnam County Commissioners and Nelson Trailers, Inc. whereby 100% of the taxes generated as a result of the real property investments and improvements relating to the construction project in Blanchard township shall be forgiven for fifteen (15) years on condition that an annual twenty five percent (25%) "payment in lieu of taxes" be distributed to the involved entities, with the School District's portion going to Blanchard

Township. The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio further agree if the law changes and the school foundation money would not be affected concerning the twenty-five percent (25%) "payment in lieu of taxes" the original schools portion would revert back to the school district.

Mr. Schroeder 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:

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

R 6, Advance Out..... \$ 30,000.00

(Advance back to County General)

RESOLVED, that per the request of the Putnam County Commissioners for the purpose of the County General Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
R 6, Advance Out (Repay County General advances from Dec. 2023)	A 25A, Advance In	\$30,000.00

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

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

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Then/Now Purchase orders

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

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers
Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers
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Purchase Orders and Travel Requests

Capital Improvement.....Purchase order to Technicon Design Group for design & construction admin for new office of Public Safety building for \$ 120,000.00.

CDBG.....Purchase order to Hillard Craft for Home Repair for Lester (Putnam) for \$ 23,500.00, Purchase order to Hillard Craft for Home repair for Bish (Putnam) for \$ 28,600.00, Purchase order to MECA Enterprises for Home Repair for Hohenbrink (Putnam) for \$ 13,736.00, Purchase order to Tri-County for Home repair for Brown (Putnam) for \$ 16,000.00, Purchase order to MECA Enterprise for change order for McDonald for \$ 500.00, Purchase order to MECA Enterprises for change order on Johnson for \$ 500.00.

Treasurer/Landbank.....Travel request for Tracy Warnecke to attend the Land Revitalization Corp Landbank Summit in Mt. Vernon, OH on Oct 3, 2024 no expenses listed.

Sheriff.....Blanket purchase order and travel request for Deputy Brent Meyers to attend a crime scene photo course in London, OH on Dec. 1-6, 2024 for registration, lodging, meals and misc. expenses for a total of \$2,090.00.

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 yes

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

Nicole Smith, Assistant Prosecutor met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm regarding compensation. Patrick Blasius, Putnam County Sentinel, Griffin Brinkman and a Lima News Reporter joined the meeting. Nicole had made a request for compensation in the amount of \$25,000.00 into 1 E 1A, Compensation. She presented her request and explained the amounts of money that she saved the county. She served as a double prosecutor on two separate occasions for a total of 77 weeks from 2022-2023. She saved approx. \$114,352.32 in wages benefits that would have been paid to two people. She did extra duties and performed extra work so the county did not have to pay two people. She also acquired a vehicle that the county currently uses as a fleet vehicle. The Prosecutor is a revenue producing office. There are (FOJ) Furtherance of Justice funds that are returned back to the county annually also. Five days after the money was turned over the county a wage increase was requested and denied by the Commissioners. The Title IV-D with Child Support also provides some funds toward wages for the Prosecutor's office. The current Title IV-D figures are not known yet for the 2024-2025 contract year, it has not been finalized. Commissioner Schroeder explained that all offices have duties to perform to serve the public. How did the Commissioners justify giving one person a larger bonus? The FOJ funds do not have to be returned to the county. Those funds can be reappropriated in to cover other compensation. The Commissioners asked why she is not asking for the full amount that she is entitled, Nicole said that would be greedy so she is asking for the \$25,000 which was set as a rubric by the Commissioners. The Commissioners asked why Gary was not here to make this request, he is in court covering for Nicole this morning so she can come to make a request to the Commissioners. Nicole did serve as Juvenile Prosecutor also while she was the assistant prosecutor. There is a new Juvenile Prosecutor who started last week. The Prosecutors do get calls beyond the regular office hours. After hours calls are

done as part of the position and create the position to be paid as salary rather than hourly as that would create more expenses to the county. The Elected Prosecutor would take the afterhours calls if the assistant is not available. Mallory Kuhlman joined the meeting. The Commissioners feel the Prosecutor should be presenting this. Due to Nicole having a court session this morning Gary filled in for her there so she could talk to the Commissioners. Nicole presented all the information to the Commissioners that she reviewed today. Nicole has saved this county money and felt that when a commissioner told her to go get a job somewhere else it was very disrespectful. When another employe has received a \$25,000 bonus there is no reason that she or someone else should not be allowed to get a bonus also. If the Commissioners do not want to see a line of employees coming to ask for bonuses. There were no applicants available at the time of the empty position when Nicole had to serve the dual role as assistant prosecutor. Putnam County is not a prime county to draw assistants based on the pay scale and the rural setting. Gary will be meeting with the Commissioners to discuss this request further.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm attended the elected officials meeting.

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

Commissioner Lammers left for the day.

The minutes from Thursday, August 29, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm attended an informational ditch meeting for H.A. Stechschulte #494.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm attended an informational ditch meeting for Fred Halbgewoks #309.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes Lammers absent

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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