

## Minutes for Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. Jerwers moved that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, 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 008, Capital Improvements  
N 2, Advance Out.....\$ 10,000.00  
(Advance back to County General)  
and also

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
N 2, Advance Out (Repay County General for advance made to Fund 008, Capital Improvement)	A 25A, Advance In	\$10,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love yes      Mr. Jerwers yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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Mr. Jerwers moved that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, 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 021, Putnam Acres Care Center  
2301-0-0, Trilogy Reimbursement.....\$130,533.64

Fund 022, Brookhill Center School  
8 E 9, Waiver Admin & Waiver Match.....\$ 300,000.00  
Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love yes      Mr. Jerwers yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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Mr. Love moved that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, 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 133, Moving Ohio Forward  
133 DEM, Demolition Costs.....\$7,000.00  
133 ADM, Administration Costs.....\$370.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love yes      Mr. Jerwers yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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Mr. Love moved that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2014.

For E-911

From.100 CE, Communications.to.100 CUPG, Communications Upgrade..\$12,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers yes Mr. Schroeder yes

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### **Now and Then Purchase Orders**

**ADAMHS Board**.....Purchase order 26390 – 26392

**E-911**.....Purchase order 26191, 26192

**Commissioners**.....Purchase order 26577

**Computerization Clerk of Courts**....Purchase order 26348

**Moving Ohio Forward**.....Purchase order 26695

**Putnam Acres Care Center**.....Purchase order 26575

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers yes Mr. Schroeder yes

Exceptions: Mr. Love none Mr. Jerwers none Mr. Schroeder none

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### **Purchase orders and travel requests**.....

**Commissioners**.....Extra amount needed for AED machine for courthouse \$110.68;

**Title Administration**.....Travel for Debra Bingley and Mary Jane Perkey to attend Ohio Clerk of Courts Association title seminar Sept. 18 in Columbus with P.O. for \$86.21 for mileage;

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers yes Mr. Schroeder yes

Exceptions: Mr. Love none Mr. Jerwers none Mr. Schroeder none

### **8:30 a.m.**

Commissioner Jerwers moved to open the business session.

Commissioner Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers yes Mr. Schroeder yes

### **9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.**

Arnold and Joyce Hohenbrink met with commissioners Schroeder, Jerwers and Love and Dave Brinkman, deputy engineer and wondered if all landowners take care of their own trees on their ditch bank. Feel wrong that people never clean ditches. Dave said trees in ditches have been a problem since day 1. He said someone took it to court and judge determined that trees were an act of God, he didn't plant trees, so everybody has to pay for them.

Dave said we have already had people pay a special assessment if people didn't clean their bank. Arnie said a lot of the brush is on the State side. Dave said the state will say that is not on the state's right-of-way. Dave said on field side grub them off and on road side cut and Dave said they will be sprayed. Dave said the State pays assessments also, most the time double and also the county and townships. Joyce said there should be a guard rail on St. Rt. 108 up to Miller City, afraid there will be a bus go in ditch. Dave explained give couple of years for the grass to grow. State paid one/half million dollars to move ditch (cut-off) over. Joyce said would rather be pro-active. Dave said perhaps get reflectors up to make people aware, thinks will be a hard sell with the State. Arnold asked if you would support us, Dave said with trees, if could come up with way to assess. Dave said years ago each had section to clean according to how many acres you owned. Dave said after a while this stopped. Joyce talked about mutual agreement ditches and Dave explained the process. Joyce talked about the Caton ditch and said gentleman said at hearing didn't want trees removed on his section she said can't be rule that if log jam comes you are responsible. Dave said they are still paying an assessment. Dave estimates \$500.00 for a hundred feet to pull out. Dave said you can do a lot of maintenance for \$500.00. John said we only said to proceed with survey, we didn't say about their trees. Dave said still opportunity to appeal or change at next meeting. Dave said if he can incorporate it into the plans will try but not possible we wont do it. Joyce talked about Dusty Acres Ditch, one sided construction, what about between on Rd. 3 between Ruck/Otto and said nothing on one side. Dave said we went thru there and kept some trees that were higher up on bank but whole bank was pulled, trees were taken and dumped, past foot bridge and cleaned whole section by pond, slopped, there are trees left, but what did happen the guy on Otto, said to leave dirt on his side, hauled trees off, and he said had low spots leave dirt, and he would put dirt around his yard, too much dirt, waterline, threw dirt in ditch, Dave saw it, next rain, Dave said made them take dirt out. Dave said trees fall in ditch will take care of if falls on your yard no.

Dave said at second hearing will know cost, what our plans are and then you have right to appeal. Dave said right now just getting information from people.

John said I will call Tim Maag at ODOT about putting a guard rail up. John asked Dave if a timeline about burning brush. Dave said if want to keep brush set and don't want to burn it and farm there, free country.

Joyce said any person that has family members, lots of semis on St. Rt. 108 what happens if someone lands in there? She is afraid of what could happen.

Arnold said one place land sets in a valley, Dave said yes in a muck area, Dave said the cleaning will help.

#### **10:00 a.m.**

Agenda. Present were commissioners Schroeder, Jerwers and Love, administrator Jack Betscher; clerk Betty Schroeder and Nancy Kline of the Putnam County Sentinel.

#### **10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Jason Philips of the Village of Ottawa just stopped in met with commissioners Schroeder, Jerwers and Love and administrator Jack Betscher and said a lot has been moving and shaking with Army Corps of Engineer project. Wanted to give us update of

overall project and see what our feelings are on moving forward. He said the State of Ohio Wachmann and Hite established to secure 8 million dollars for the lower portion of flood project. Speed up lower Blanchard project. Has time limit on, so they are doing evaluation to how best utilize those funds and so we don't lose them, Wonderful commitment and honor their wishes so get problem taken care of. They have 11 months, until June of 2015. It was awarded July 1, 2014. The money has to be encumbered. The money will be funneled thru Ohio EMA. The controlling board will be thru guardianship of Ohio EMA thru Steve Farriman.

He said Steve wants to make sure continuity in project. He said need for us to pull out of Army Corps project. He said Blanchard 3 options: **Option 1** stay with GI Study (general investigation study), mid Sept with chief's report not being released until 2016, GI study no guarantees \$150-\$160 million for entire Blanchard watershed project, Hancock Co. City of Findlay, Putnam County, 15 counties. **Option 2**, 205 study-GI nationwide has to be authorized by congress, Corp project, 10 million cap, the lower Blanchard could be pulled out and into a 205 study would be completed end of 2014, would be on national, but army corps small projects, benefit cost ratio of what project cost to the benefits, no guarantees on funding, or when construction would start.

205 only covers lower Blanchard River study. Option 2 is with army corps of engineers. Jack asked who made call if go separate. Upper Blanchard has no choice, have to stay with Option 1. **Option 3**. 8 million dollars from state of Ohio. Option 2 does not become option. Will take too long and money will expire. The lower Blanchard can pull out, can work in conjunction with Maumee Conservancy District and they can take over study of lower Blanchard. Finalize study and begin construction, and capitalize on using 8 million dollars so no assessment has to be made for anybody in lower Blanchard portion. Wachmann and Hite helped to set aside with language, design and construct and take care of this flooding.

Vince said we don't have info about engineer, Terry always said need engineering report. Jason said why and what reason, views it the state believes

Started in 2008 with process with flood partnership and army corps, business and industry, federal and state behind this project, and we believe that we are going to allocate state funds to alleviate the flooding. Back then allocated funds, and this last bank of money that was allocated, used in conduction with HMGP properties. 12 ½% of appraisal... if would have been bought out. The state funds took care of that. Now the properties are given the full appraised value of their property to be bought out. 1<sup>st</sup> part local; HMGP; Little left to go toward option 3.

Jason said use and finalize the design and the construction of the components of the study that has been basically found to be the most cost effective with the most benefit at this junction in time.

In Option 3 we would be able to take army corps plan and divide into 3 categories to keep money flowing so show state using funds to best of ability.

John asked what design plans.

Non structural component....continue to purchase properties more buy outs, completely voluntary program, dikes, ringwalls, etc.

Steve Farriman is with OEMA will present to controlling board,

3 components to Hazardous, mitigation, grant, program.

Option 3 has 3 components, none structural is one of the components

Another component is lower approach to I-9 bridge and third component would be diversion channel. Diversion channel located (cross 224 small jog-river swoops goes thru oxbow, allow us to line up with bridge approach)

Jason if you stand at I-9 approach can see where river used to flow and the channel would expedite without flooding out all the farm ground. It would have to be excavated Jason said. Jason said keep the flow going and now allow it to back up and fill out, he said all about timing. Jason said we need to get the crest from Riley before we get the crest from Findlay. We need to manage the timing.

Jason here to do update, had discussion with Maumee Conservancy District, and both organizations would like to see a letter of support for moving forward. Want to be able to all move forward together, want to see county thrive, business prosper and this problem taken care of. No hidden agendas to blame anybody, or aggravate or upset anybody, just make the best decision for the lower Blanchard, want to make sure we are all partners. We have a wonderful gift, has potential to utilize no assessments for lower section. Work with all partners to make sure to get to end goal. The cost of option 3 is 8 million dollars. Jason said end goal is to have money left over for maintenance. He said very minimal, tractor, mower and weed control, set little set aside for worst case scenarios. Jason said goal would be the conservancy district. This is not a Findlay/Ottawa thing, this is Putnam County, the impacts and the effects are far reaching. This is another piece of puzzle that everybody can benefit from.

Vince said one of problems for I-9 option is Glandorf, may be able to be mitigated in small area by Hank Buddelmeyer. Jason said if can lower crest levels and flood levels, 224 and 65 would be open more often.

Jason said another item evaluation, installation of check valves along storm sewers, if look how main street floods, east of railroad tracks, floods mainly backing up thru storm sewers. Next time CSX, encourage them to elevate the bridge.

Almost all in town improvements Jack asked about if contacted engineers department and trustees and Jason said very preliminary, want to make sure have partners, and key components supporting it.

He said if other individuals and organizations should, said we will gladly have open discussion, he said we are glad to talk to Glandorf, shouldn't affect village of Glandorf.

Have to have Putnam County Engineer, trustees and Village of Glandorf at meeting.

John said who makes decision, Farriman? He should be there too, Jason said Farriman coming back next week and Steve Odenweller invited. Want to make sure have open dialogues at that meeting. Jason said no ponds, might be channels. John said who is going to pull trigger on all that. John said are we going to use anything at all on the study that we paid a lot on, and Jason said that is where the components came from.

John said lot of time and money spent on the plans. John said need to get everyone in the room. He said all 3 components are from the corps of engineers study. Vince said need proof that I-9 approach is the problem. Jason said the official engineering report will take approximately 3-4 months to get. We are trying to have open discussions, while waiting for official book to come out. Jason said the 2 main components have to have additional work for construction. He said before anything put on paper have to have proposal, they will come up with design specs. As long as show activity in timeline. John said we want all 8 million. Jason said 8 million takes care of all components of option 3.

Ultimately will be Jason to extend the project if necessary. He will sit down and talk to people if necessary will sit down every day if necessary. Who all needs to be in the discussions, make the most informed, best decision, county-wide project will benefit everybody. How soon in room and how soon Glandorf will have to be there. Perhaps meet separate and then big meeting when have letters of support in hand. Village of Glandorf, Ottawa Township, Putnam County Engineer, Ottawa Council to be invited. Jason will set up meeting with engineer, township trustees, and the village of Glandorf, any other stakeholders. Jason said ultimately will be Maumee Conservancy District. Jason said they have a plan from the Army Corps of Engineers, just don't have a written document. Jason said we know what the components of the plan are going to be. We don't want to lose the 8 million dollars. Vince said until it is in writing we don't have a plan.

S & S Engineers

Army Corp of Engineers

Putnam County Engineers

H & H (Hydraulics and Hydrology)

Vince said people until people see data, there has to be proof.

In 2008 started process with Army Corps of Engineers, don't want politics.

He said don't want politics in this.

#### **11:45 a.m.**

Commissioner Love moved to adjourn for lunch

Commissioner Jerwers seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers yes Mr. Schroeder yes

#### **12:45 p.m.**

Commissioner Love moved to resume the business session

Commissioner Jerwers seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers yes Mr. Schroeder absent

#### **1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.**

Troy Recker, deputy engineer brought down pictures of a new culvert on Road 14-J in Greensburg Township. They replaced a rusty 24" culvert with an 18" culvert under the road. He said the township is going to repave the road this year. The culvert is near George Schroeder's property and water was 2 feet deep in the grass waterway where George and Keith Schroeder live. Farm ground owned by Rodney/Gib Schroeder was re-ditched years ago and water drains on the George/Keith Schroeder property, and the grass waterway is where they also have a solar panel.

John explained the meeting with Jason Philips earlier today.

Troy said we are going to suspend ditch layover process, because it is the same way we did Road 5. Troy said Co. Rd. 21, Co. Rd. 13, and Rd. 5 North of Iams and C. Rd. 2 are all suspended. According to the suite, county engineer doesn't have authority to do this. Totally funded by county engineer's office. Until the engineer's office has authority. Troy said we need to define who has authority to do what. Troy said start under one code and if landowner disagrees, have to move to another section of code and then

start all over. If engineer's project 5543 if someone assessed another code. Can't force another office to pay for improvement.

Troy said 5543 includes widening. Troy said if we see a hole in road we have to fix it. At 2:15 p.m. Troy asked Travis if saw survey on traffic accidents on road 5.

Troy gave all commissioners a copy last week. Another copy was made for Travis. Troy said when the meeting gets setup regarding the flood mitigation let me know. Troy said we need to see data.

**2:30 p.m.**

Mr. Jerwers left to go to Road 5 and also to see George Schroeder in Greensburg Township.

**4:30 p.m.**

Mr. Love moved to adjourn

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers absent Mr. Schroeder yes

Mr. Jerwers moved that the minutes/discussion notes be approved as read.

Mr. Love seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Love yes Mr. Jerwers yes Mr. Schroeder yes