

## Minutes for Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. Jerwers moved to approve the minutes from Friday, October 2, 2015.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Tim Schnipke, maintenance employee, has informed the Board of County Commissioners, he is unable to find two 6" double swing door hinges for the courthouse.

and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Schnipke has looked at the internet and has found them on the internet.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to allow the purchase of two 6" double swing door hinges by using the Board of County Commissioners credit card.

Mr. Love seconded the motion

Vot: Mr. Jerwers yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Love yes

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Mr. Jerwers moved that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2015.

County General

From.....1 A 15D, Supplies...to...14 C 1, Taxes, Levies, Assessments.....\$175.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vot: Mr. Jerwers yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Love 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, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, 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 078, Computerization, Probate Court

78 FE, Computerization.....\$ 3,000.00

Mr. Jerwers seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Jerwers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Given the amount of public response regarding the formation of a county-wide 6119.

and

**WHEREAS**, Given the great outpouring of public comments and the large turnout for three public meetings regarding the county-wide 6119, and the large degree of public comment that was never anticipated.  
and

**WHEREAS**, Since more time is required to organize a public comment, both pro and con, in a recognizable and easy-to-ready format for public consumption and presentation to the Putnam County Court of Common Pleas, the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, September 29 decided not to approve to support a 6119 petition **county-wide** to the Common Pleas Judge of Putnam County to decide if a regional water and sewer district will be established in Putnam County.  
and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners learned late Tuesday afternoon September 29, 2015, that the State of Ohio will allow the extension of the Local Government Innovation Fund (L.G.I.F.) grant for one year. This would allow the project completion date to be extended to February 25, 2017.  
now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That due to the extension of the L.G.I.F. grant for one year, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to continue toward a successful completion possibly resulting in a formal filing of documents and pleadings to the Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Love seconded the motion

Mr. Schroeder moved to amend to amend the resolution to put in **county-wide**

Mr. Love seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Jerwers no      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Love yes

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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**Whereas**, State Issue One ends the partisan process for drawing Ohio House and Senate districts, and replaces it with a bipartisan process with the goal of having district boundaries that are more compact and politically competitive; and

**Whereas**, State Issue One ensures a transparent process by requiring public meetings, public display of maps, and a public letter explaining any plan the Commission adopts by a simple majority vote; and

**Whereas**, State Issue One establishes the bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Commission, composed of 7 members including the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, and 4 members appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the General Assembly;

**Whereas**, State Issue One requires a bipartisan majority vote of 4 members in order to adopt any final district plan, and prevents deadlock by limiting the length of time any plan adopted without bipartisan support is effective; and

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, supports State Issue One which creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative districts.

Mr. Jerwers seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Jerwers moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**Whereas**, State Issue Two ensures that Ohio's constitution is not for sale and prohibits special interests from amending the constitution to create monopolies, oligopolies or cartels; and

**Whereas**, State Issue Two prohibits special interests from securing an amendment to our constitution that creates permanent preferential tax rates or commercial rights for themselves or for any business; and

**Whereas**, State Issue Two prohibits special interests from amending our Constitution to guarantee financial profits for themselves or get special economic privileges that are not available to other similarly situated persons or entities; and

**Whereas**, State Issue Two ensures that our constitution is used as intended by its framers for matters that benefit the broad public interest; and

**Whereas**, State Issue Two ensures that our constitution cannot be abused and corrupted by those interested in obtaining exclusive deals and special commercial benefits; and

**Whereas**, State Issue Two upholds our state's traditional spirit and traditional meaning of free commerce, fair trade and fair dealing; and

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, supports State Issue Two which protects our constitution from monopoly interests.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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

**Clerk of Courts**.....Purchase order 29710

**Commissioners**.....Purchase order 20037

**Ditch Maintenance**.....Purchase order 29937

**E-911**.....Purchase order 29663

**Probate Court**.....Purchase order 29766

**Probate Supervision**.....Purchase order 29444

**Putnam Acres**.....Purchase order 29934, 29935

**Engineer**.....Purchase order 29837

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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

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

**Auditor**.....Travel for Angie Heitmeyer to attend BWC meeting in Lima, Oct. 13, estimated cost \$18.00;

**Commissioners.....**Staples, 20 boxes 8 ½ x 11 copy paper, 10 boxes 8 ½ x14 copy paper and 5 boxes 11x17 copy paper \$1,256.80;

**Dog & Kennel.....**Travel for Mike Schroth to attend N.W. Ohio Dog Warden meeting in Henry County Oct. 14, no cost listed;

**Law Library.....**Lexis Nexis, \$491.61;

**Sewer District No. 1.....**Kahle Electric, pump – truck & Manpower Station B-amp overload; lights and amp overloads Station C, \$6,569.00;

**Putnam Acres...**Davis-Newcomer-elevator safety test @ Putnam Acres bldg, \$275.00.

**EMS.....**W. Born & Associates Inc, rope rescue training, \$750.00.

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the purchase orders & travel requests

Mr. Love seconded the motion

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

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

**8:30 a.m.**

Commissioner Love moved to open the business session.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

**8:45 a.m.**

Mr. Jerwers arrived

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Commissioners Love, Schroeder and Jerwers attended the elected officials meeting hosted by sheriff Chandler at the sheriff's office.

**10:30 a.m.**

Agenda. Present were commissioners Love, Schroeder and Jerwers; auditor Robert Benroth and clerk Betty Schroeder.

Mr. Benroth said the only issue with the 48 hours is the salary line item and the fringes. Salary and fringes on every agenda that subject may be brought up. Mr. Schroeder said our objective is to prevent offices giving big raises to employees and not letting the commissioners know.

**11:00 a.m.**

Commissioners Love, Schroeder and Jerwers held a conference call with the Hancock, Wyandot county commissioners regarding the bid opening on the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project.

Bidder.....H & H Land Clearing, Middlefield, Ohio

Bid Deposit..... Bid bond  
Bid Amount.....\$923,000.00  
\$90.00 cost per tree

Bidder.....K. F. Construction & Excavating, Clyde, Ohio  
Bid Deposit.....Bid bond  
Bid Amount.....\$1,019,454.00  
\$104.00 cost per tree  
Total number of land parcels.....55,821 parcels  
No work order changes allowed per specs.  
Will review on the 15<sup>th</sup>.... Conference call.

**11:40 a.m. – 12:25**

A telephone call was made to Board of Elections director Karen Lammers regarding the letter on transferring money into part time compensation. Ms. Lammers said there is a little bit of money in there, but we need a democrat for so when we go to nursing homes. Ms. Lammers said it is for Rae Hilvers who works part time.

Discussed....

Regarding Board of Elections..Travis said need to pay salaries so transfer from line items, Travis said do it and be done with it. Vince said salary increase no prior approval, should be a freeze on wages of office staff for a certain number of years, thinking a 3 year freeze on salaries for office staff. Mary got a 28% increase in wages and the director and assistant director each received 5% increases. Commissioners said 1 ½%. John said on-going resolution said you can't do this. John said we will not get as much money back from them this year. Last year gave \$35,000 back, so will be \$5,000.00 less. Mr. Schroeder we don't know expenses on election. John said we have general idea of when peaks and valleys are and Vince said we don't know cost. Mr. Schroeder said allow transfers into salaries and fringe items with a 3 year freeze on wage increase. Mr. Jerwers said I will go with freeze that is ok so for 2016, 2017, 2018 year. Wages for full time personnel. Mr. Love said 4 years. Mr. Schroeder said 4 years or whenever 4% is made-up. Mr. Jerwers and Mr. Schroeder all agreed to go with 4 years.

Full time staff, 2016,2017,2018,2019, freeze. **Do resolution on Tuesday.**

Discussed...

Resolution....about transferring funds for salary and fringe accounts....

**At 12:05** ....Auditor Benroth was asked to come and join in the discussion. Give auditor authority to put in money in salary and fringe accounts without commissioners approval unless received prior notice that department is not permitted to transfer money into salaries.

**at 12:30**...Auditor Benroth left

**12:20**

Mr. Jerwers left for lunch

**12:30**

Mr. Love moved to adjourn for lunch

Mr. Schroeder moved to seconded

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

**1:30 p.m.**

Mr. Love moved to resume the business session

Mr. Schroeder moved to seconded

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

**2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

An office meeting was held since the clerk, Betty Schroeder is retiring the end of the year. Mr. Love distributed forms for employees to have ID badges made at Office of Public Safety.

**3:00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.**

Mike Klear, EMS/EMA coordinator met with commissioners Love, Schroeder and Jerwers regarding the purchase of land.

Mr. Love moved to go into executive session

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

Mr. Schroeder moved to close the executive session

Mr. Jerwers seconded the motion

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

After the executive session ended at 3:40 p.m. the commissioners authorized Mike to make an offer on the purchase of the EMS building.

**3:45 p.m.** Mr. Jerwers left

Federal approval on mitigation. Working on getting towns and villages to approve their portion of it. Council needs to approve and sign and then they send in.

Try to move forward on BWC grant, Steve started, can only do it under the county part of it. The village's workers comp would not be reduced. Staffing applications I will start interviewing end of this week for medics and EMT's. Marge Kohls only wants to work 32-36 hours a week. Follow up and do surveys.

John said Hancock Co. Home Care Hospice office moving an office in the Ottawa medical and diagnostic building.

Discussed about funeral floral arrangements for deceased employees –

Snow removal – no cost for Office of Public Safety, will be thru cost allocation.

FYI working with Kalida and National Weather Service gauges so have forecast for flooding, going thru Jim Gulker and the Mayor, met with Allen County EMA last week, because they already have a station in Lima. Mike said this is for the Ottawa River, river gauge and rain gauge. He said Ohio EPA has river gauge on Co. Rd. 19, north of Kalida, so won't cost much just to but rain gauge on top.

**4:00 p.m.**

Mr. Schroeder left

**4:30 p.m.**

Mr. Love left

Mr. Schroeder 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. Schroeder yes Mr. Love yes