

Minutes for Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. Jerwers 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, 2016, 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 001, County General

14 B 1, Accrued Vacation & Sick.....\$598.05

(to cover March 4 payroll)

Fund 159, VAWA Grant

159 SA, Salaries.....\$ 3,019.24

(to cover March 4 & 18 payroll)

Mr. Love seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Jerwers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Putnam County experienced high wind events over the past two weeks of gusts over 60 mph, which contributed to three county owned buildings located at 240 E. Main St, the Jail and Putnam Acres building to sustain severe damage to the roofs.

and

WHEREAS, in an effort to sustain the interior integrity of the buildings affected by the damage and to eliminate water damage from more adverse weather the Putnam County Commissioners must move to repair these three affected buildings as soon as possible to minimize any further damage

and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code section 307.86, allows the Board of County Commissioners to, by unanimous vote, make the determination that competitive bidding is not necessary due to the emergency circumstances.

now therefore, be it

Melissa Bodey from CEBCO, Denny Recker, Adam Cupp, Jonathan Fortman met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Jerwers and Jack Betscher, Administrator to discuss the County health insurance and review the 4th quarter of 2015.

10:00 a.m.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Jerwers, Love and Schroeder; Jack Betscher, Administrator; Cindy Landwehr, Clerk; Nancy Kline, Putnam County Sentinel; and Tony Wobler.

11:00 a.m.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Jerwers attended the view for the John Niese Ditch #978 at the ditch site with Ryan Moran and Mike Lenhart.

12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jerwers left for lunch.

12:10 p.m.

Commissioners Schroeder and Love left for lunch.

12:55 p.m.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Jerwers returned from lunch.

1:00 p.m.

Steve Ford, Job & Family Services met with Commissioners Jerwers, Love and Schroeder and Jack Betscher, Administrator to discuss Prosecutor contract, agency update, and personnel. Old building they only have a couple boxes to remove. Their cleaning lady will finish this week. Conference room has things for the auction. They will let us know when it is all marked for maintenance to move it out for the auction. Steve passed out brochure for the 2015 annual report for everyone to look over and review. It shows the Workforce Development, Family and Children Services, Revenue and Expenditures, Public Assistance, and Child Support. Vince asked what OWF and FSET are. Ohio Work Force and FSET Work Activity-Food Stamps Activity. Steve is going to double check the revenue and expenditures from 2015 vs 2014. They got an award for being the top small county. CCMEP webinar today trying to plan for new rules. No definite date yet. Putnam County only choice is Job & Family. Will have to have a resolution. They sent a sample. Have some time but May 15th deadline. July 1st financial computer system. Rest won't be ready until January. Trying to find out if they can modify their current account with the ESC. Childrens trust fund- Tracy and Jen from his office are both willing to be on it. People that still don't have Steve Ford on their emails. Healthier Buckeye Council going up for a grant. Release soon then will have 60 days to submit a proposal. Program to help combat poverty to help children. CCMEP is to help ages 16-24 to overcome barriers to get employment. Area 7 will not be disbanded at this time. Time to renew contract with prosecutor. Steve gave Cindy a copy of the paperwork for Tuesday's agenda. Complaints are coming up with the parking at their building. Need to look into additional parking on west side of the building. Would like to have more meetings but enough parking currently. Keep the utilities separate from the lease. He has a personnel issue that he requested to go into executive session for.

Mr. Jerwers moved to go into executive session.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Jerwers yes, Love yes, Schroeder yes

1:52 p.m.

Mr. Love moved to come out of executive session.

Mr. Jerwers seconded the motion.

Vote: Jerwers yes, Love yes, Schroeder yes

It was decided to allow Steve to post a social worker position.

1:53 p.m.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Jerwers and Jack Betscher, Administrator met with Tim Schnipke. Mary Ellen & Ryan Verhoff want to move some of the custom furniture built into their old office. Jack is going to go with Tim to talk to the Judge about them wanting a new desk for their new office or if they need to try to tear the old apart and rebuild it back together.

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Jerwers attended the first hearing for the John Niese Dt. #979 in the Assembly Room.

3:30 p.m.

WLIO came to interview Commissioner Schroeder regarding wind damage to county buildings and the budget.

3:45 p.m.

Commissioner Jerwers left for the day.

4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Schroeder and Love left for the day.

Discussion Notes, March 4, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Love arrive at the office.

Tim Meyer and Brian Siefker stopped in to discuss K-9 unit.

9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Schroeder arrived at the office.

9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Jerwers arrived at the office.

9:40 a.m.

Gary Lammers met with Commissioners Love, Jerwers and Schroeder and Jack Betscher to discuss regarding the opinion received from Tammy Hannon on County Boards and policies. The BOE has given bereavement leave and they do not have the authority to adopt a bereavement policy. The sick leave could be altered to included bereavement days. The County's policy states that sick leave can be used for bereavement. BOE must redo their policy to use sick time. The Board do not have the abilities to do their own policies, but Commissioners would need to approve, if half of funds or more are received from Commissioners. It is recommended to keep it uniform so all are treated the same. The Board of Election's policy references the County policy but has conflicting information. The BOE's policy was not approved by the Commissioners so was not valid. The Health Board reviews the mileage rates at every meeting. It was suggested to adopt the Federal rate so as not to have to review. Vince saw the BOE weather emergency policy that the director has the authority to close the office, they do not have that authority. The BOE policy was adopted in June 2012 and revised in 2014, with personnel policy adopted in 2008. BOE should disregard their policy and use the County policy. The Board of Elections need to have the Commissioners approval based on getting at least half of their funding from County General /Commissioners. Gary explained new policies he put in place in his office that do not apply to other areas. There are some happenings that do not apply to all offices. The reimbursement for meals may need to be addressed if it is no longer reasonable. The office of Public Safety has a policy that the Commissioners have approved. It was questioned if the BOE's policy was ever presented to the Commissioners for review. A Board's policy may broaden on the county's policy make it fit specific department but it may not go against the County's policy. Jack said there is a double standard with elected officials and a departmental board. It was suggested to ask Tammy Hannon about the authority of Elected Officials versus Boards as far as authorities for giving time off, outside funds etc. Since the outside funds are not policed by the Auditor there is greater chance for misspending. The credit card opinion as reviewed and Gary agreed that there should not be multiple credit cards floating around the County, because of the difficulty to keep track of the expenses. Jack asked about the probationary employment period and having a medical condition that hinders the performance of the job. If the employee cannot perform the job he was hired for he can be let go. The probationary period for employment with the County is one year.

11:30 a.m.

The Commissioners Jerwers, Love and Schroeder called Fred Lord, Clemans-Nelson since he did not come to office. Fred informed the Commissioners that he just received the factfinders report today and did not get to review it yet. Since the report did not get reviewed yet a meeting for next week was set up. The Commissioners thought the Communications department were ready to sign off. Fred will check on that.

11:45 a.m.

Commissioners Jerwers left for the day.

12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Love and Schroeder left for the day.

Mr. Jerwers moved to approve the minutes from Thursday, March 3, 2016.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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