

## Minutes for Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$133 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various US Bicycle Routes. USBR 25

**WHEREAS**, The Ohio Department of Transportation has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State Bicycle Routes to connect the US Bicycle Routes and communities. USBR 25

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State Bicycle Routes.

**WHEREAS**, The Ohio Department of Transportation is supportive of AASHTO designated bicycle routes through Ohio, subject to ongoing collaboration with affected jurisdictions to inventory, analyze, and designate specific facilities the routes will traverse,

And

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed specific routes to be designated, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

**WHEREAS**, we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area.

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the route may change over time because new facilities are being constructed that are more suitable for bicyclists.

Therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that Putnam County hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of State and US Bicycle Routes, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Once the Route is approved, there

may be efforts to publicize the route via internet maps, incorporating the Route on local maps, etc. Tourism agencies may be involved in these efforts.

Mr. Lammers                      seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes              Mr. Love yes                      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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\_\_\_\_Love\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION, to participate with the various boards of Putnam County Township Trustees regarding roadside mowing of county roads; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, being convened in regular session and having discussed and considered the subject of roadside mowing of county roads; and

WHEREAS, it would be more practical, economical and expedient to permit the Engineer to lay out a roadside mowing route in each township within the County for which the townships will be allowed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per county mile for roadside mowing as set up by the County Engineer. Mowing shall be performed on an as needed basis, depending on weather conditions, with a minimum of four (4) mowings per season. After completion and approval of the work, the County Engineer will issue a warrant to the County Auditor for payment.

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) per Township mile given to each Township as a road allowance for maintenance of Township roads is hereby discontinued;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that when the County Highway does any work for the township, the township will reimburse the County Treasurer in full for said work;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$99,540.00), which amounts for Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per county mile, for mowing of county roads is hereby apportioned as follows:

Township	County Mileage	Mowing Allowance	Total Amount
Blanchard	34.7	\$300.00	\$10,410.00
Greensburg	18.6	\$300.00	\$5,580.00
Jackson	12.4	\$300.00	\$3,720.00
Jennings	15.5	\$300.00	\$4,650.00
Liberty	26.3	\$300.00	\$7,890.00
Monroe	24.6	\$300.00	\$7,380.00
Monterey	18.2	\$300.00	\$5,460.00
Ottawa	18.8	\$300.00	\$5,640.00
Palmer	18.6	\$300.00	\$5,580.00
Perry	13.4	\$300.00	\$4,020.00
Pleasant	31.1	\$300.00	\$9,330.00
Riley	22.3	\$300.00	\$6,690.00
Sugar Creek	22.8	\$300.00	\$6,840.00
Union	27.5	\$300.00	\$8,250.00
Van Buren	27.0	\$300.00	\$8,100.00
TOTAL			\$99,540.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes      Mr. Love yes      Mr. Schroeder yes  
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**Now and Then Purchase Orders.....**

Mr.      moved to approve the now and then purchase orders

Mr.      seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers      Mr. Love      Mr. Schroeder  
 Exceptions: Mr. Lammers      Mr. Schroeder      Mr. Love

**Purchase orders and Travel Requests.....**

**Airport Operations.....**Purchase order to Ohio Aviation Assoc for 2017 OAA Membership for \$300.00

**Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....**Purchase order to McDaniel's Trophies for 1 science fair plaque for \$15.00.

**CDBG.....**Purchase order to Midwest Construction & Home Repair for Allen Co Home Repair- Jones-\$8380.00.

**County.....**Travel request for Cindy Landwehr to attend the NW Ohio Safety Council meeting in Lima on January 10.

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Love yes Mr. Schroeder yes

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers none Mr. Love none Mr. Schroeder none

Commissioner Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Love and Lammers.

The Maintenance crew Tim, Rich, Brady and Aaron came in to introduce themselves to new Commissioner Lammers at 8:35 a.m. Tim explained everything the maintenance department is in charge of all their duties, the processes used to handle any maintenance issues. Tim explained the current maintenance projects and the status. The leak at the O-G road building has been repaired and all the alarms worked as they should.

The crushing of the pile of debris at the Ag Complex was discussed, Tim suggested a screen to sort out different sizes rocks to use on different projects.

Mike asked about a sign for the front sidewalk if it has been ordered. John suggested looking at Allen County's for an example. Tim has other suggestions but a sign is needed first. Tim is working on getting the panic hardware for the front door for a fire exit also.

Charlie Scheckelhoff of OCC stopped in at 8:45 a.m. to ask about crushing concrete at the Ag Complex. Charlie said he does not need a dump site for materials. He has talked to ALL Excavating about assisting with the crushing of the pile at the Ag Complex. He also mentioned the pile at the Landfill. The Engineer is using the piles at the Landfill. Vince suggested Charlie go up and talk to the Engineer about any services he would be interested in. Charlie asked about getting started on the pile, because otherwise if the weeds start growing it will be harder to separate. Some of the materials could be used at the fairgrounds to fill in the holes left by the rides. Charlie has been doing this kind of work for about 2 years. Mike suggested Charlie contact the Trustees also. Jack asked about prices, Charlie said the pile sizes matter. Tim asked if it was a problem to do different sizes. Charlie does have some fill available also. John asked Charlie if he ground the pile up for Ottawa, Charlie did not do their pile. Grinding mulch was also discussed. Charlie has mulch he will load it just come and pick it up.

Greg Unverferth, Steve Teffenhardt and Kent Niese and Greg Heaton with CMT via conference call met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers and Jack Betscher at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the land around the Airport and the County selling the Putnam Acres property. Greg talked about getting grant funds to purchase additional property for the airport to prevent future development not conducive to the airport. The access way to the airport needs to be protected. The people purchasing the property are not interested in anything south of the access road but do want access to the rear lower level. The current fence line on the north side of the road will need to be redone. The property to the west of the fence line is not wanted by the purchaser that is agreeable to the airport. The area around the airport is wanted to be protected by the airport board for any future developments. Grant funds will be sought from the FAA for the purchase of the additional airport grounds. Jack asked about the control of the Airport between the Board of Commissioners and the Airport Board. It was a joint ownership agreement set up by Governor Rhodes. Greg said they are trying to clean up the property lines and show accurate ownership. Other airport authorities are set up differently as far as control. If grant funds are used then that guarantees the airport will operate the next 20 years or it will have to be paid back. Vince asked about the lines on the map going through the existing building. These lines are if the runway is upgraded the building should not be there. Greg Unverferth asked about buying the nursing home building from the County and using grant funds. Greg Heaton said it would not be a priority to the FAA. He said the FAA would not be concerned about the building being there since it has been existing and the airport is not expanding. Vince asked about the airport property lines and were they were acquired. Greg Heaton said they were defined by what was purchased and what was existing. There is a new entrance proposed to the south, the airport board does not want to use it, if they can keep the current access. Steve asked about the 4 large pine trees on the north side of the nursing home, should they be taken care of now. A height restriction could be put in the property sale. Greg Heaton left the meeting. The Commissioners understand what the Airport Board wants to do and they need to talk to the purchaser and get them in agreement also. Vince said they will draw up what they want to sell. The Commissioners could get reimbursed for the land that is not wanted with the nursing home by the Airport Board through a grant from FAA. The Commissioners will get an actual GIS map showing actual lines. Jack also asked about the overhead powerlines along Rd 7 if they are an impediment. Greg said they are not in the area of immediate attention. They are in 32: 1 range, the trees were in 21:1 range. It would be very costly to have those lines buried. If they are ever buried then there could be grant funds to assist with that. Kent asked about keys to the garage, so they can use it.

The business agenda was held at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers; Jack Betscher, Administrator and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk.

Cheryl Bostelman, Bright-net; Brad Brubaker and Joe Burkhart met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers and Jack Betscher at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the old Communication tower. Cheryl said there is still some internet use on the current tower. Bright-net is interested in renting space on the tower. They are not interested in purchasing the tower. Vince confirmed that they do not want the tower taken down. Have any of the height requirements changed? Since no bids were received to tear the tower down the option would be there to keep the tower. Jack asked about the safety of the tower in a wind event, any unnecessary equipment could be removed to keep integrity of the tower. The structural integrity of the steel could be tested to confirm the safety. Bright net would need to move their equipment up higher on the tower to avoid the interference of trees. Cheryl explained that it goes by lines of

site not necessarily height or distance. If the County determines that the tower must come down Bright net would have to acquire or lease land to move the tower to new location. Cheryl would like to find out for sure today if the tower needs to come down or come to an agreement for leasing space on the tower. Bright net did lose customers when they moved to the new tower. Jack asked about what the cost of integrity inspection would be. Brad said it has been done in May of 2015. There is no question of the integrity of the tower from past experience by Bright net. No equipment has been removed yet. The expense of the tower would be the liability insurance and some electricity. Mike asked about the maintenance expense of the tower. It was inspected every time it was climbed. The village is not willing to let Bright net use the water towers either. The loss of Bright net customers was in the area north of the tower. The new tower was built due to MARCS not being willing to put equipment on old tower. Bright net is willing to work with the County, maintain liability insurance, and would need access to the tower at any time. There is not a lot of maintenance involved, mostly changing the light. The Commissioners will contact Cheryl with a decision.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers adjourned for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers returned from lunch at 1:15 p.m.

Mike Boaz stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers at 2:00 p.m. to submit his Board members for Putnam County D/D Residential Board for the Commissioners to review. Mike has signed a lease for space at the Putnam County Educational Service Center starting the end of this month. Jack asked about the status of the split, it will not be complete by the end of January. There are no new members but Scott Schroeder will be replacing Bob Fawcett as president of the Board. The board meetings will be held at the ESC. The contracts will be negotiated annually. The intent is to eventually pay the Commissioners some rent. The carry over employees will still need to be paid PERS. The sick leave is not carried over, the new entity may have picked it up. The incentive was to use or lose the sick time. Mike will be in quarterly to give updates on the separation. There are currently 6 houses in the residential program and another one is in process of being purchased. Judge Borer is interviewing a new Board member for the D/D Board.

Commissioner Schroeder left for the day at 2:50 p.m.

Commissioners Love and Lammers left to view the Ag Complex at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Love and Lammers returned.

Commissioner Love moved to adjourn for the day at 3:15 p.m.

Commissioner Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers yes Love yes Schroeder absent

Commissioner Lammers left for the day at 3:15 p.m.

Commissioner Love left for the day at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes from Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Love yes

