

Minutes for Thursday May 25, 2017

Mr. Love 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, 2017, 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:

For ADAMHS

AA 7, Expenses.....\$ 1,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Love yes
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Fund 001, County General ..Sheriff

6 A 1, Salary of Sheriff.....\$7,293.00

Mr. Love seconded the motion

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

Sheriff.....purchase order 34169

Law Library.....purchase order 28894

EMS.....purchase order 2935

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Love yes
Exceptions: Mr. Lammers none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Love none
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Purchase orders and Travel Requests.....

Commissioners.....Travel request for John Love, Vince Schroeder and Mike Lammers to attend the NW Ohio Commissioners & Engineers meeting in Morrow County on June 26, 2017 with \$30.00 registration fees.

EMS.....Blanket purchase order for heavy rescue maintenance for \$600.00.
Mr. Love moved to approve the purchase orders and travels requests.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion
Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Love yes

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

Mr. Love called the meeting to order with Commissioner Lammers and Schroeder at 8:25 a.m.

Tyler Sebree with WLIO, came in witness the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers and BOE members, Kurt Sahloff, Kathy, Miller Tony Schroeder, Karen Lammers and Becky Hermiller to discuss Kurt brought up the need to upgrade the voting equipment due to visually impaired people not being able to view the ballot. Kurt called the meeting to order for the Board of Elections. The meeting in due to a directive from Secretary of State to address new voting equipment for the State. No policy changes will be made just to start a conversation about the issue. Kurt explained the revenue or charge back process for the Board of Elections, and a request was made to create a line for this revenue so they can use is toward the purchase of needed equipment in the future. Karen presented figures from Election Systems Software on new equipment that would be needed and the prices of the new equipment including a maintenance agreement. Totaling \$539,000.00. There is a piece of equipment that we already have that would not need to be purchased. There are other vendors including DRE but ESS is the one Putnam uses as well as some other counties and they are most cost effective. An aggregate will be presented to the legislature. The machines are working well however maintenance in increasing on them. Putnam's equipment is reaching it's useful life according to Tony Schroeder. The machines have no direct connection to the State. DS 100 will be obsolete. Commissioner Lammers only wants to have to spend the money once. We do not want to purchase new equipment and then turn around and have to purchase an upgrade. The DS 200 are the newest machine that is available currently there is no newer model yet.

Commissioners Lammers suggested looking at machine specifications to see optimal specs so an upgrade could possibly be avoided. The vendor will need to be consulted for this question. The Elections board is happy with ESS and the customer services is good. Putnam County attended a meeting and heard that surrounding counties are looking to spend significantly more money for upgrades. Putnam County will continue with paper ballots. Kurt explained that there is a need to find out if the need is there to upgrade in each county for new equipment. So that there will be funding available, if there would be funds coming for the next presidential election. Putnam County is doing a large amount of absentee and provisional voting in which paper is easier. There were approx. 200 provisional votes with 1,900 voters. The types of provisional ballots are changing. Putnam County citizens are responsible in their voting. Vince asked the

difference in the maintenance agreements. The different agreements were explained as to what is included. Kurt explained that the people doing the maintenance need to be State certified. Since Putnam uses only one machine at each polling place it saves. The Counties with higher populations obviously need more machines. A 10 year life is not bad for electronics. There may be a two year procurement process. Vince asked what the upgrade is what is the difference from what we are using now. Tony explained that the machines will not work for much longer and Putnam wants to be able to use the funding from the State rather than having to buy the equipment without State funding. Commissioner Lammers would like to see the information from the vendors showing the differences in the machine models. The State will not make funding available for only \$500,000. John said when the poll pad were purchased the split was 85-15. The Commissioners will take this information into account and hope to present to the State legislation. Board of Elections adjourned their meeting.

Brad Brubaker stopped in at 9:10 a.m. to discuss the funding for the Sheriff's office and 911 paying a portion of the utilities. Mel can invoice 911 for the utilities which is already an existing category, but additional appropriations are needed. Brad is being considerate of the spending of funds from the levy. There is an immediate need for equipment. The need for upgraded equipment will not go away but may subside. The billing cycles were discussed whether is quarterly or biannually. Brad said he could find grants to upgrade the radios also, it would have an 80 -20 match, which would be another option for upgrading radio equipment.

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

Commissioners filled Martin in on the meeting with the Board of Elections that was held at 8:30 a.m. and shared their concerns for purchasing "outdated" or not the newest model election equipment.

Curt Croy met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers at 10:30 a.m. to discuss a RLF request for an existing business that wants to expand with Martin Verni sitting in also. Curt explained the project site and the expansion wishes of the business. Ashley Siefker joined in on the meeting also. Vince explained if someone uses the RLF the county can acquire more funds to use for future projects. Curt said they are requesting \$70,000 from RLF. 2 job positions will be created by this expansion, 5 jobs will be retained. Ashley had the balance of the RLF fund and the promised funds. Vince explained that the funds were not pledged to the Village of Ottawa. Ashley explained due to the other pledges there may not be \$70,000 available. The promised projects were discussed to determine any other fund eligibility. It was determined that there is approx. \$54,000 available now. If funds would applied for from the State for additional development. Vince wants to commit the funds and get it from the State. The Commissioners discussed the timing of the projects and the need for the funds. Commissioners would like to request an application from the State for the funds. The funds would have to match up with the project for the application, for business expansions and economic development. Pandora lost their allotment from the Formula grant due to missing their deadlines, so the Commissioners granted them RLF funds for a portion of what they lost. If the Commissioners give the funds to the proposed RLF project first and apply for more funds the timeline may not match up for the RLF application. Curt is not comfortable with that timeline and use of funds. The Commissioners asked if the business would be comfortable with \$54,000 rather than the \$70,000. Curt will check with him and get back to them. Curt is trying to help revitalize the RLF

program for the County. The Commissioners will commit what they can at this time. A RLF Application was given to Curt for the business and the application process could be started to see if the \$70,000 funds could be acquired for the project otherwise they will go with the \$54,000.

The Commissioners asked Curt how the Elevate event went and the attendance, Curt said it went very well. And the participation was great. People were not aware of all the job opportunities available in Putnam County. The two year degree programs were discussed and the benefits of them. Curt is just trying to get everyone working together again within the County.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers and Jack Betscher discussed the situation at the Sheriff's office and the disciplinary actions being taken.

Jack also brought up the request from Dean Meyer for the County to purchase a Densifier, He has sent out a request to surrounding counties on the possible stream of styrofoam. This will not be a viable request at this time for the County to purchase this machine and not have any stream set up to feed it or pay for it.

Mr. Love moved to adjourn for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder yes Lammers yes Love yes

Commissioner Love is attending a CEBCO meeting in Allen County at 1:15 p.m.

GEM Energy (Rudolph Libbe Group Company) representative, Jeff Minch, came at 1:30 p.m. to talk to Commissioners' Schroeder and Lammers along with Administrator Jack Betscher about their services and handouts were passed around for reference. The closest offices they have are Toledo and Lima and they already have several clients in Putnam County such as Whirlpool, POET and many others. They do heating/cooling, solar, energy solutions, HVAC/Plumbing, facility management, building automation systems and utility procurement. They can assess the needs of a facility based on one or more of the above sections and then they can find and suggest where savings can be achieved. Recent improvements were explained to Jeff such as the new AC, boilers and retrofitting of the Courthouse lighting. The Commissioners agreed to keep GEM in mind the next time a project comes up.

Jim Webb of Oak Haven stopped in at 2:15 p.m. to talk to Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers regarding the surveying around the Putnam Acres building, and the new property line. If the fence is moved to the property line it would be better. The sale of the property was discussed and the Commissioners will have to put it out for bid. A meeting will be setup to discuss in the future.

Commissioners Schroeder and Lammers and Jack Betscher attended the Open House for Judi Bellman's retirement of 28 years of service to the Ottawa and Putnam County EMS from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Love returned to the office at 4:10 p.m. He shared the events of the CEBCO meeting.

Jack shared information for the Stepping Up event hosted by the Opiate Task Force.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder yes, Lammers yes, Love yes

Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder Y Mr. Lammers Y Mr. Love Y