

Minutes for Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, provides financial assistance to local governments under its Program Year 2019 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program for the purpose of addressing local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development encourages local CHIP eligible grantees to request funds as partners in one application; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County, Allen County and the City of Delphos desires to file a combined application under the CHIP Program to receive financial assistance to address the needs as identified by the Housing Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County agrees to be the applicant. If funded, Putnam County will be the grantee, and will be solely responsible for regulatory compliance and the terms of the grant agreement.

WHEREAS, said Cooperating Agreement outlines the terms for each entity as it relates to the CHIP Program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, hereby enters into a CHIP Joint Cooperating Agreement between Putnam County, Allen County and the City of Delphos, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
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Mr. Schlumbohm moved to authorize Vincent Schroeder, Chairman, of Board of Putnam County Commissioners to sign the Community Housing and Impact Preservation Partnership Agreement between Putnam County, Allen County and the City of Delphos for program year 2019.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
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Now and Then Purchase order

Airport Operations.....purchase order 38557

Sewer Dist #2.....purchase order 38558

Juvenile Court.....purchase order 36908

Sheriff.....purchase order 38137

Ditch Maintenance.....purchase order 38559

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes
Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none
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Purchase orders and travel requests

Veteran Services.....Travel requests for Kristi Powell and Bob Kroeger to attend the OSACVSO Spring Conference in Columbus April 23-26-2019 with purchase order for mileage, lodging, meals and registration for \$ 1291.20.

Mr.Schroeder moved to approve the purchase orders and travels requests.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Schroeder yes

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Lammers

Mr. Schroeder called the meeting to order with Mr. Schlumbohm by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary Lammers, Pam Sager and Kim Rieman met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm and Commissioner Lammers via conference call to discuss the Home Care & Hospice Board separation from the Health Board and the creation of a new board. Brian Dean and Jeremy Maag joined the meeting also. Mr. Schroeder asked Gary to advise on the procedures that should be followed for this transition in the Health Board and Home Care & Hospice Board. Gary was not aware of any legislation giving the Commissioners the authority to create the new Board. The Attorney General opinion states that the Health Board is a separate jurisdiction in itself. The County has limited responsibilities regarding the Health District. He did not find any law allowing the Commissioners to create another Board. The Health board would still have the authority to pay the bills for both departments. The Auditor's office was concerned about difference in opinions by both board regarding the bills to whom should they listen to regarding the payment of bills. Gary shared the legal opinion for review regarding the Health District. The opinion states the Health Board is not under the control of the Board of Commissioners. Home Care & Hospice is a branch of the Health district. The health department created the line items for the Home care & Hospice. The health department is a separate entity and the County does not have authority over them. He does not recommend the Commissioners make any decisions for a new board at this time. Gary can make a request to the Attorney General if the Commissioners wish him to do so. Gary is recommending this to prevent any future litigation or friction. The Commissioners will not be making a decision at this time. The Health Board must make the decision to separate the Home Care & Hospice from themselves, it is their authority. The Home Care & Hospice could also go privatized depending on the decisions made. Gary does not approve the resolution that is presented for the Commissioners to vote on today. He suggests another path to be taken. There are only three counties that have Home Health agencies anymore. Gary does not want the agency to go away he just wants to follow the proper channels. The ORCs where the County agencies where established were stated. The General Health District is not under the County Board of Commissioners control. Kim was asked for her input. Kim also wants it to be done properly to avoid any future problems or negative issues. No rash decisions should be made. Gary does appreciate others writing their resolutions for his review it expedites the process. This is not a fast process it should be reviewed and confirmed. Pam does not feel that they have any direction even though they are still under the Health Board. The Health Board has not made the decision to separate yet so

Home Care & Hospice can still operate and have bills paid. No other Board has been created. The Health Board could decide to separate with a majority vote. There are unknowns of how the process will proceed at this point. If the Health does separate them would they become private? Unless the Health Board could give the Commissioners the authority over Home Health. If they become private then the County would have no authority. This is a bigger issue than just creating a new Board, the licensing and insurance would have to be addressed. Pam confirmed that there are Medicare requirements that are already being met. She does not understand why there cannot be another board. The DAC does not have operational authority over the Health District, they can only appoint Health Board members. If they would become private the County's Tax ID could not be used either. The selection of the Health Board by the DAC was discussed. The fiduciary responsibility over all was questioned. Pam said she will not have personnel to attend the meetings she will have to submit any items to Kim Rieman for any meetings. Kim is not comfortable to pass a resolution for a new separate board at this time she does not want to separate them and then find that they have no authority. It could be discussed at the Health Board meeting as to the separation status. Pam is concerned about Mr. Herman's underlying agenda to discontinue the Home Care & Hospice agency. It was discussed if a physician was found to have interest in sitting on the Health Board. Kim stated they are still looking. Gary asked about any similar situations with Counties separating agencies. Lake County was referenced as having a similar situation and they have been contacted to inquire on their procedures. Henry County had asked to Putnam to take over their Home Health but since they got a new Health Commissioner that was willing to keep their services. There is nothing else known in our state that resembles Putnam County. The meetings for the Health department and Home health were held separately. Pam brought up the interpretation of the law that there is nothing stated that you can't create the separate Board as well as nothing stated that you can create a separate Board. The Prosecutor and Commissioners do not want any damages to be incurred with any agency. If the separated would the Home Care & Hospice have to be privatized. The authorities over the funds were also brought up all the funds would belong to the Health Department also if a separation took place. Even though the funds were raised by Home health and the Health board would not think of taking those funds but they would still belong to the Health Department. Pam asked for recommendations on how to proceed, Gary said to discuss with the new Health Board and what they want to do. If they are separated what will happen next would they still be eligible to be a County agency or would they have to privatize. An answer is needed from the State level. An Attorney General opinion could take 80-160 days to come back. Pam is concerned that she will not have a leadership team if Mr. Herman continues. The DAC has assured that they will have a member present at the Health Board meetings going forward. Pam is still adamant about presenting a resolution to separate the Board. Gary will reach out to the Attorney General for an opinion and Kim will inquire with the State Board of Health also. Any bills to be paid need to be presented to the Health Board this evening.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm informed Commissioner Lammers of the meeting with Gary Lammers and Frank Reed regarding the Road 5 settlements and appeals.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm; Cindy Landwehr, Clerk and Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel.

Gary Lammers and Frank Reed via conference call met with Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm to discuss the Road 5 settlements and the appeals to be filed. Martin Verni sat in

on the meeting also. Frank Reed wants to end the expenses to Putnam County and the residents.

Mr. Schroeder moved go into executive session with Commissioner Schlumbohm, Gary Lammers and Frank Reed via conference call to discuss pending litigations regarding the appeals of Road 5 cases of Mark Maag and William Weis.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote Lammers absent Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners went back on record at 10:50 a.m. The Commissioners will revisit this subject on Tuesday March 19 at 10:30 a.m. when all Commissioners are present.

The minutes from Tuesday, March 12, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers absent Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Commissioners returned from lunch.

Alaina Siefker took a message from Ruth Foppe. She wanted me to pass this on to the Commissioners. She wanted to give her opinion on the Health Board and Homecare & Hospice Board. She wanted to know if the board members for the Health Dept get paid to be on the board. She said if they are, the county should not have to pay for another board's members. She said if it was found in the meeting and the vote was taken by the DAC to not remove Mr. Herman that everyone that was on the board needed to be adults and learn to get along. She doesn't think the county should have to pay for more board members and have to suffer with these issues because some adults can't get along. She doesn't think a new board should be done to split them.

Tim Schnipke stopped in to explain the change order received from Bockrath & Assoc. for the parking lot project at the O-G Road Complex. The change order was for extra digging around an unknown utility. It was thought that the \$ 11,675.88 amount of the change order was rather excessive in cost. Tim will call Hohenbrink's and Bockrath's to confirm the costs and renegotiate. Tim also shared the amount of the tools he would like to purchase at the Village Hardware annual sale.

Commissioners Schroeder and Schlumbohm met with Tracy Warnecke, Jeremy Maag and Kim Redman for the Investment Meeting.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Lammers absent Schlumbohm yes Schroeder yes

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lammers abstain

Mr. Schlumbohm yes

Mr. Schroeder yes