

## Minutes for Tuesday, April 3, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018, at the office of said Board with the following members present: Mr. John Love, Mr. Michael A. Lammers and Mr. Vincent T. Schroeder.

Mr. Love move the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Board of Commissioners of Putnam County was notified of the recommendations from the compliance review of the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for Zones #151, #157, #191 to make the following changes to the Enterprise Zone Agreements and Tax Increment Financing Agreements listed below.

<u>Zone#</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>TIRC Recommendation</u>
151	151-07-01	Hirzel Canning	Ottawa	Expire 12/31/17

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County does hereby accept and approve the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Committee for the above listed Enterprise Zone Agreements.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes  
Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 123

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Putnam County Coroner, Dr. Anna Horstman has requested that a revenue line be established in the Coroner's Fund.  
now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to create the following REVENUE line for Fund 001, Coroner:

A 55 – Coroner Reimbursements

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes      Mr. Schroeder yes      Mr. Lammers yes  
Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 124

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2018.

For Common Pleas...

From...2 B 12D, Miscellaneous.....to....2 B 9, Transcripts.....\$4,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 125

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County,

Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending

December 31, 2018.

For Commissioners

From....15    A    17A, Contingencies/Misc.....to....14    B    1, Accrued Vacation & Sick  
Leave.....\$30,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 126

Mr. Lammers 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, 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 and Ten Dollars (\$310.00) 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 voucher to the County Auditor for payment.

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an appropriation of One Hundred Two Thousand and Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$102,858.00), which amounts for Three Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$310.00) per county mile, for mowing of county roads is hereby apportioned as follows:

<b>Township</b>	<b>County Mileage</b>	<b>Mowing Allowance</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Blanchard	34.7	\$310.00	\$10,757.00
Greensburg	18.6	\$310.00	\$5,766.00
Jackson	12.4	\$310.00	\$3,844.00
Jennings	15.5	\$310.00	\$4,805.00
Liberty	26.3	\$310.00	\$8,153.00
Monroe	24.6	\$310.00	\$7,626.00
Monterey	18.2	\$310.00	\$5,642.00
Ottawa	18.8	\$310.00	\$5,828.00
Palmer	18.6	\$310.00	\$5,766.00
Perry	13.4	\$310.00	\$4,154.00
Pleasant	31.1	\$310.00	\$9,641.00
Riley	22.3	\$310.00	\$6,913.00
Sugar Creek	22.8	\$310.00	\$7,068.00
Union	27.5	\$310.00	\$8,525.00
Van Buren	27.0	\$310.00	\$8,370.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,858.00</b>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above appropriation table will be effective for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Love seconded the motion

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

**Common Pleas.....purchase order 34573**  
**Muni Court.....purchase order 35680**

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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

Exceptions: Mr. Love none      Mr. Schroeder none      Mr. Lammers none  
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## **Purchase orders and travel requests**

**Public Assistance....**Purchase order to Northwoods for IM migration for \$27000.00.

**Muni Court.....**Travel request for Kim Redman to attend the Ohio Assoc of Muni/County Court Spring Conference in Columbus May 23-24, 2018 with then/Now purchase order for mileage, lodging, meals, registration and parking for \$525.40.

**Probate.....**Blanket purchase order for communications cell phone & postage thru 6-30-18 for \$350.00.

**EMS....**Travel request for Mike Klear to attend the FDIC International conference in Indiana on April 26-27, 2018 with purchase order for lodging, meals, registration and parking for \$376.00.

**Capital Improvements....**Purchase order to Technicon Design Group for engineering for courthouse roof replacement for \$23000.00.

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

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

Jackson Betscher held discussions with the Commissioners regarding the explosive gas monitoring long term plan for the landfill and the EPA also discussed were the projects with the Village of Ottawa the tree removal on Hickory Street. Another subject discussed were possible TID projects with the Village.

Mr. Lammers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Love by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers attended the Elected Officials meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the lunch room.

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

The minutes from Thursday March 29, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Chief Deputy Verl Warnimont met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers at 11:00 a.m. to discuss vehicles. Verl submitted a list of vehicles that are going to the auction for the

Commissioners to review. The Chevy Cruze that the Commissioners gave to the Sheriff's office a few years ago for the detectives to use was discussed. The Cruze was involved in an accident and has developed some other issues as well. Verl said that a dealer offered \$6000 for trade in on it. The Commissioners offered to trade the current Cruze they have for it. Commissioners Love and Lammers, Verl and Jackson went out to view the Commissioners' car. The car swaps were discussed the Commissioners will give the current cars they have rather than purchasing new cars. The Commissioners will give a 2011 Impala for a Detective car, in place of the new 2018 SUV, and will trade the new Cruze to the Sheriff for the old Cruze back to the Commissioners pool. A vehicle for IT could be traded to the other detective vehicle also to get them an updated vehicle. The Sheriff's office is in good shape with vehicles now.

The progress of preparation for Union negotiations was inquired about and discussed. There will be negotiations with four unions –Road Patrol, Communications, Sergeants and Jail Corrections. The Commissioners also asked about the use of the new scheduling software "Right Stuff" Verl says it works very well.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Commissioners returned from lunch at 12:55 p.m.

The Commissioners met with Tim Schnipke from Maintenance.

Mr. Lammers moved for the Commissioners to go into executive session at 1:00 p.m. along with Jackson Betscher, Administrator to discuss compensation and re-organization compensation of the maintenance employees.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

The Commissioners went back on the record at 1:50 p.m. The Commissioners held discussions of reorganizing and pay changes for the maintenance department with Tim Schnipke, Maintenance Supervisor.

Greg Luersman, GIS Coordinator met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers about floodplain regulations at 2:00 p.m. Greg had majority of responses from surrounding counties regarding the regulations. Some are at 1 foot of rise and Hancock is at zero rise. No response was heard from Paulding County who is most similar to Putnam. Greg pulled up online regulations for Hancock and Wood Counties and compared what we have. Greg asked the Commissioners what they want to add or change in the current regulations. Mr. Lammers suggested to stay at the state minimum. Mr. Schroeder asked about any problems areas, there was instance along the Auglaize River in Fort Jennings. They asked Greg if he had any changes to add. Greg feels the variances should be for unusual instances or hardships. Not for people just to get to do what they want to do. Mr. Lammers said education of the rules is important. The County should not be in a position to have to disprove any plans. Mr. Love explained the reasoning for having codes and the need to enforce them. Greg explained that there is not a rule for moving dirt within a flood zone right now as long as level is not affected by 1 foot or more. There are instances now where landowners do not want to report what they are

doing to the flood zone. Greg wants to protect the rights of all landowners not just the one who is moving the dirt. A permit is required to put fill dirt in a flood zone, and some are unwilling to acquire the permit. Bryan Reynolds joined the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Greg said there are places where fill had been added and not reported. It is thought that it is easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission. Greg does not have anything in the rules that have stopped him from giving a permit in the past. Greg would like to add to the rules a limitation on where the fill dirt can be brought in from. It is not wanted to create a new flood level just keep some consistency. Greg would like to see more description on the fill dirt mentioned in the rules. The main watercourses are not affected by these it is the smaller waterways. Greg asked why should we allow any increase since flooding is an issue within the County. Not all the changes in the flood zone have been reported so there is no information showing a change in the flood levels. Mr. Lammers and Mr. Schroeder do not see a need to make any changes to the flood zone rules. Greg does not agree. Mr. Love says to go by Greg's recommendation. The state must review our plan prior to approval, then it will be passed by resolution.

The Commissioners met with Glenn Karhoff, Dan Ellerbrock, Leo Schroeder, Jim Leopold, Steve Kramer Hancock County, David Devore, Hancock County and Joe Riepenhoff at 3:00 p.m. representing Citizens for A Better Blanchard. Bryan Reynolds attended the meeting also. Dan explained that they have talked to the Hancock County Commissioners recently. They presented some information affecting Hancock County as well as Putnam. Charts for flood levels were presented in comparison to the pinch points. The depth of the river is higher in the middle. The benchmark is the 100 yr flood level. In a mile and a half span a drop of 18 to 26 feet. The Blanchard River is believed to have gotten deeper rather than wider when a tributary joins in. It was believed that the Blanchard can't recede until the Auglaize goes down Dan says that is not the case since it is too far away, the problem is before the Cranberry Creek joins the Blanchard. A sketch of the river and the depth was viewed. Dan explained the changes in depth and the pinch points are identified. Bob Riepenhoff joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Dan explained if they can reduce the flooding at least on the small water events it could make a big difference. Each pinch point would be different. The trees would have to be removed also. There are a large amount of ash trees on the banks that are creating a detriment to the flow of water also. There are no muskrats in the river anymore due to the speed of the rise and fall of the river. The animals have moved farther away from the river to higher ground. There is not enough crop loss to substantiate the costs of work needed. Dan also stated per ORC 6131 others can be assessed outside the watershed. The Conservancy District cannot do that. Any flood mitigation beneficiaries would have to pay. Vince said an Attorney General's opinion should be sought. It is not viewed so much as flood mitigation but more like a drainage project. The cost could be \$3.2 million a mile. \$80 million is a feasible amount of the whole project spread out over 20 years coming to \$8.00-\$10.00 per acre. There is no problem to spend money on roads, I-75 expansion from Perrysburg to Auglaize County cost approx \$270 million. The bottom ground along the river could become more productive. Would the landowner of the bottom ground receive more benefit if ground is more productive? It may not outweigh the damages that are created from the removal. Whoever does the assessments have to be able to defend the method. The pebble method was explained, as the farther away the less the benefit. Anybody could petition to have the Blanchard River cleaned, a viewing must be held and the other five counties must participate. TULLOCH rule where disminimum discharge is a pollutant. The substance that is dredged out of the waterway. Army Corp of Engineer only has jurisdiction under the high water mark. The idea is to keep the water level consistent along the way until the

Auglaize River. The farmer can pay for ditching in their field but if there is no outlet what good will it do. Dan read the statement of the impacts on the Stan Tech plans for Findlay. The areas could either be handled by the Maintenance program or given to the Conservancy district to maintain. If the Commissioners would petition then that Board of Commissioners would have to be excused and the Common Pleas Judge would have to appoint new people not affected by the watershed. The assessments would be figured by benefit. The County has the most pressure to make the decision either personally or politically. The people could vote on the assessments also. The damages to landowners would be needed and the benefit is based on topography and on a case by case basis. One quarter of the project cost would be the compensation to the landowners. All of the costs would have to be stated in the public meetings. The costs and methods were discussed. It was requested to have Putnam County Commissioners call the Hancock Co Commissioners and see what their opinion is to see if they are willing to meet or if the other six counties should be invited also. Hancock would be the lead county on the project since they have the largest land mass involved. If all counties would partner together it would be better.

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

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

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