

Minutes for Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, This 12th day of March, 2018, the Clerk of this Board gave notice to the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, on the filing with her of a petition signed by William Foulkes and others to repair or replace an existing tile outlet.
and

WHEREAS, It appears to the Board that the proper bond has been filed with the Clerk, approved, conditioned for the payment of costs of notices, plus any other incidental expenses, except the costs incurred by the Engineer in making his preliminary reports, if the prayer of the petition is not granted, or if the petition is for any cause dismissed, unless the Board decides to pay the Engineer's costs from the bond in accordance with Section 6131.09 of the Ohio Revised Code.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners that the 3rd day of May, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the upper terminus of the improvement in Sugar Creek Township be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the view thereon;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That the 17th day of May 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the General Assembly Room of the Putnam County Court House, Ottawa, Ohio, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the first hearing on the petition.
and be it further

RESOLVED, That notice of said view and hearing be given, as required by law.
and be it further

RESOLVED, It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes
Ditch. Jrl. 6, Page 27

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has received approval from the Auditor of State to establish a new fund for the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison grant program.
now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to establish a new Fund entitled :

Fund 041 – T-CAP Targeted Alternatives to Prison

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to establish the following appropriation lines for Fund 041:

- 41 SA, Employee Salary
- 41 FR, Employee Fringes
- 41 EXP, Expenses General

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Putnam County Auditor to establish the following revenue line for Fund 041:

41 GR – Grant Funds

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes
Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 129

Now and Then Purchase order

County General.....purchase order 36613

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

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
Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 130

Purchase orders and travel requests

Capital Improvement....Purchase order to Douglas P. Rellinger DBA Perpetual Clock for repairs to courthouse clock for \$280.00.

Water Dist #1.....Purchase order to Ottawa Water Works for April May & June Usage for \$6000.00.

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

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

Mr. Schroeder gave an update on the Fairboard meeting that he attended. The Fairboard wants their proceeds from the County Auction on any items sold. The financials for last year's fair were reviewed. The waterline project at the Fairgrounds is finished.

Administrator discussions:

Mr. Betscher held discussions with Commissioners a briefing on legislation for voting machines with CCAO, \$250,000 plus percentage of voters will be received for voting machines, larger counties will get more depending on population. Optical scan, DRES and hybrid paper scanning are some options. Test runs could be held in 2019. These systems are more expensive than anticipated. What if we do not need the new voting equipment at this time will funds be available later? No, but Cuyahoga also inquired about funds being available later. It would be a reimbursement not a match. Other counties have done research as well. The costs of the systems were compared by initial cost versus operating costs. If BOE does participate we could reduce poll workers due to having the e poll books. The funding would be \$250,000+ percentage of voters. Our County does not have any issues with errors during voting and we currently have a paper trail. If our voting needs are being met adequately we are not in need of new equipment at this time. Cuyahoga wants an intent statement added to make funding available when a County is in need of new equipment. The Commissioners had asked our BOE if our machines are able to be serviced and maintained adequately and no answer was received. The only problem is costs there are no other issues with our system.

HB500 is a township bill, with a county concern of being able to bypass the planning commission, which could be problematic. Road vacation was another concern, prohibiting the Commissioners and Engineers from being able to vacate a road only townships. An admission tax could be added to an event or park admission to provide revenue for roads & infrastructure.

Non-emergency medicaid transport, the State wants to lease out the service to private firms. Our system works for us, and we do not have a market for a third party servicer since we do not have any cities. The individual offices take care of their patrons –Veterans, Council on Aging. The availability of service would go down.

911 regulations –new legislation for hardening the TCAP system

Medicaid Managed Tax HB 49-the managed tax is gone. Opiate litigation for small counties they can be part of litigation at no cost, and could get larger settlement amounts than non-participating counties.

CCAO Survey is due

Nothing has been heard from the Judges regarding the relaxed bail bonds. The bails could be reduced for lessor crimes.

Water meeting-next week the pollution of Lake Erie will be discussed.

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

Jeff Loehrke met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers and Mr. Betscher to discuss the creation of a TID Transportation Improvement District. Mr. Loehrke represents ODOT and the Division of Jobs & Commerce. The road to the Ottawa Industrial Park, drive to KMI and turn lane on SR 65 in Columbus Grove were some projects that ODOT helped to fund. There are some other projects such as in Leipsic, Road 3 that are in progress. This program has helped to leverage funds for projects and create and retain jobs. This program works fast to keep things moving. Tier 1 level jobs are the target for this program, family sustaining jobs. TID funding targets retail or service related jobs. TID's are a form of local government, there are 33 TID in the State of Ohio. The County Commissioners would form the TID, it cannot be a municipality must be county wide. TID promote intergovernmental and public-private cooperation of transportation resources and investments. An opinion from the Prosecutor can be requested. A TID is recommended to be formed by a resolution from the County Commissioners appointing five members to represent the County. Initially TID funds were handled through the Ohio Department of Development. ODOT likes to be able to make the most out of the funds available. Eligible expenses include engineering design, right of way acquisition and construction. ODOT TID will fund up to 25% of total project cost not to exceed \$250,000. CDBG, RLF, OPWC or 629 funds could be additional funding sources. ODOT would be able to assist in lining up funding for the projects, as funding strategists. TID can have the ability to buy and sell land similar to a Port Authority. Commissioners form the TID Board then the TID Board would apply for the funding. The Fiscal agent would be the County. It was asked if the State audit of the County would be sufficient for auditing the TID also. An opinion from the Prosecutor would be needed if the Commissioners would have control to disband the board also. The TID would also have the power to assess. The make-up of the TID board was inquired, could all three commissioners sit on the TID Board for them to keep it within their direction. No TID has done an assessment to this date, but they could if needed. The main purpose of forming a TID would be for acquiring funding for road projects. A qualifying project would have to be for road work, drainage would not be allowable. The liability of the TID could be laid out in the forming resolution. Mr. Loehrke gave samples of other county' projects, Paulding, Fayette. Mr. Betscher asked about criteria needed to make an application stand out, the proportion of impact would be a key point. Most TID's meet twice a year. It was not recommended to submit applications for all project submitted. It supplements the County Engineer it does not replace their duties. The TID applications are due to be submitted from May 1 through May 31.

Troy Recker, Bockrath & Assoc. stopped in to give the Commissioners an update on the waterline project at the Fairgrounds. The project is mostly complete. There was a hydrant that need to be replaced and curb stop was added that was not included. The holes are backfilled but not graded. A pay application has been submitted by Knueven Earthworks for a completed project. There are a couple other issues that need to be completed, then the whole project will be done. Troy has pictures of the progress and the borings.

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

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

The Commissioners returned to the office at 1:10 p.m.

A conference call with EPA legal representatives Nagi Abdulah, Bill Fishbein and Tom Hoffenberger, Greg Klausing Country Acres Golf Club was held with Commissioners

Schroeder, Love and Lammers; Gary Lammers, Prosecutor; Jackson Betscher, Administrator and Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel regarding Country Acres Golf Club and the responsibilities for the sewer system. Mr. Betscher asked why would the Commissioners be responsible if the golf course is sold? The Commissioners are the NPDES permit holder. The EPA's interest is to insure that the golf course and area served will be operated and ran appropriately. The EPA does not want to make any changes in operation. Mr. Klausing asked why this would be any different than any other sewer district in the county for the Commissioners to take it over. Mr. Klausing does not feel that it is good to have it run privately. If the County takes over it could be expanded. The rates are comparable to other community rates. Mr. Klausing should call Sue Daly 614-466-5634 to discuss his set up and customer base with PUCO. PUCO, Public Utility, would be involved if the customers are not owners of the system which they are not. Mr. Fischbein said the waste water treatment plant should be under proper permits and operates in compliance. Continuity of operations and proper permitting is the EPA's main concern. If the County would take ownership then PUCO would not be involved. If a homeowners association would take over the system it would create some hurdles, if an association could be created. There are homeowner associations that do own water systems. All homeowners would have to be willing. The County does not have any financial knowledge of the system. The County would like that information if they are going to be responsible. The initial agreement given for the golf course system to operate does not cover any of these questions. The current legal staff cannot know what the best solution is. Litigation would not be a solution. A judge would have to render a decision. Mr. Klausing will contact Sue Daly and then another call with this group will be made. Mr. Schroeder asked if Mr. Klausing asked the homeowners about their preferences as far as a homeowners association and ownership of the water system. Mr. Klausing said there is not a lot of interest in taking ownership of the system. Mr. Klausing said the County could have access to the reports, the system is in good standing with no findings. The water system cannot be simply handed over to the County Commissioners. The phone call ended. The Commissioners discussed if they would acquire the system they would need to have money for operation, since the county would not put any county money into the system but would charge for all services provided by staff.

Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy met with Commissioners Love and Lammers at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the situation with First Energy Solutions in bankruptcy chapter 11. The Davis Bessie plant shut down will not affect Putnam County. There are no clients in Putnam County that will be affected. The government aggregation program will not change. The RFP may be started sooner when needed. There should not be a lack of supply with the new gas suppliers coming in. Ottawa County will lose a large amount of tax income due to the closure and the schools will lose income also. Mr. Lammers asked who is the largest gas generator in Ohio? Amy is scheduled to talk at the April Mayor's meeting. Any new news will be conveyed through the Palmer Report. John's retirement from his Commissioner seat was discussed. Any further questions we can contact Amy.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder absent Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love yes

Mr. Schroeder yes

Mr. Lammers yes