

## Minutes for Thursday, January 25, 2018

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, This 14th day of December, 2017, 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 Larry Jones and others to reconstruct a surface drain to adequate size and depth.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the upper terminus of the improvement in Monroe Township be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the view thereon; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 8th day of March 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

Mr. Love moved to approve the Contract for the Provision of Sheriff's Deputies to the Miller City School District for two (2) law enforcement officers during the 2017-2018 post season basketball tournaments for a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes                      Mr. Schroeder yes                      Mr. Lammers yes  
Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 31-32

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, 2018, 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:

Fund 118, Safe Communities

118 TRNG, Peace Officers Training.....\$5,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers yes  
Comm. Jrl. 112, Page 33

### Now and Then Purchase orders

**Sheriff.....**purchase order 36053

Mr. Love 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 34

### Purchase orders and travel requests

**Sheriff.....** Travel request for Dpts. Mark Doster and Chuck Bishop to attend Street Survival Seminar in Cleveland May 13-15, 2018 with purchase orders for registration of \$458.00 and lodging and meals for \$648.36.

**Commissioners...**Travel request for John Love to attend CEBCO meeting in Columbus on January 26, 2018 no expenses listed.

**County General.....**Purchase order to Blanchard River Watershed Partnership for 2018 support for \$2000.00. Purchase order to Manufacturer's Supply for remodel bathroom at Health Dept for \$402.12.

**E-911.....**Purchase order to Wadsworth Solutions for annual preventative maintenance and on-site remedial services for UPS unit for \$3488.00.

**Veteran Service Commission.....**travel request for Randy Gasser to attend the OSACVSC new Commissioner Training in Westerville February 24, 2018 with purchase order for mileage and meals for \$113.80.

**Capital Improvement...** Purchase order to All Temp Refrigeration for a/c in attic server room for \$7511.00.

Mr. Love moved to amend the amount for 2018 support for Blanchard River Watershed Partnership to \$1500.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the amendment.

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

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

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love Mr. Schroeder Mr. Lammers

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Love yes Mr. Schroeder yes

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

Mr. Lammers gave an update for the Soil & Water meeting he attended and shared the financial information he received with the other Commissioners. The ditch maintenance program was also discussed. The history of the relationship with Soil & Water was explained to Mr. Lammers regarding the funding that is provided to them.

The position at the Recycling Center that is being interviewed for was discussed by the Commissioners. The wages that will be offered were discussed based on what the job duties will be. The abilities of the person will have to be determined. The state minimum on wages is \$8.30. The Commissioners are thinking of a starting wages of approx. \$9-\$10. Brookhill will handle the transportation. Mr. Love wants to know how many hours will be offered, 8am -2pm less than 30 hours per week. The position will not include any health care benefits. A job coach will be involved also so a training period would be needed. It was suggested to start at a lower pay rate and offer performance incentives to increase pay. The hourly rate was verified to \$9.00. A probationary period of a year will be in place also.

The purchases of new equipment for recycling was discussed and the limits and what Joe can spend when he needs to. There are purchase orders already in place for repairs and supplies. The Commissioners are willing to move forward with the recycling program but they want to know what the costs will be. They want to see if the changes that have been made are creating a cost savings before they put any more money into it. The spending limit of \$5000 is set for any essential equipment items that Alaina has authority to oversee.

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.

Melissa Bodey with CEBCO met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers; Jackson Betscher, Administrator; Adam Cupp, Dennis Recker of UIS Insurance & Investments Laurie Basinger, Jonathan Fortman of Fortman Insurance at 10:30 a.m. to review the CEBCO 3rd quarter information. Melissa presented the quarterly information and reviewed the employee

numbers for enrollment and claim numbers. The future participation in the wellness program was discussed as to the rates that will be implemented. The insured can have a set of rates for participating employees versus non participating employees in the wellness program. CEBCO will still provide the insurance. If there is no wellness program will the rates increase? Melissa will confirm this. The Commissioners agreed to continue the small incentives but the large ones from CEBCO will discontinue. Will the County cover difference in the rates? It will be expected for the participation to continue without having to offer incentives, the convenience should be a factor. The participation at the health fair was discussed that the culture has changed where more testes are wanted now. The criteria must be met to be considered as a participant and will be a factor in being considered for the future. The punitive charges of increased rates are being seen as an incentive to participate in the wellness program. Employers in the area are looking for employees and are foregoing drug testing but they do not offer insurance benefits. The search for employees is a major problem in the area. Should people pay the same rates if they do not want the same information? Participants in the wellness program tend to be healthier people. Nonparticipants will not be kicked off of the insurance. Melissa will be back in March with further updates. Mr. Lammers asked why the phlebotomists were from Chicago, they are employees of IHS that only work for them.

Commissioner Schroeder left for an appointment at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioners Love and Lammers interviewed Brent Richardson at 11:45 a.m. for a position with the Recycling Program with Joe Hohlbein, Karl Meyer, Alaina Siefker and Paula Kempf. Brent likes to work out in the garage and staying busy. Brent is aware that that job consists of sorting and he could operate equipment. He did run a circular saw and he mowed grass. He would be able to drive the skid steer with training. Brent is working toward getting his license. Brent has experience driving farm machinery also. Brent does not have his license but he does have someone who could give him a ride and Brookhill is starting a transportation service for a charge. The hours that are being looked at would be 8-2 summer hours could be 7-3, with Fridays as catch up days. Monday through Thursday are regular work days. There will be a training program for all the equipment that will be used. Keeping the area clean was discussed as a safety issue, and certain protective gear that would be required. Brent's job coach will be working with him as long as needed. Mr. Love explained that the workers from Job & Family are no longer available at this time. Mr. Hohlbein explained that there are always jobs that need to be done whether it is cleaning or sorting. Brent could be shown how to tie bales. Mr. Lammers asked about a change in materials since the bins have been moved. Mr. Schroeder returned to the office at noon and joined the interview. Mr. Hohlbein said there is more plastic bags of things that are not sorted. Safety is a big concern here. Concrete will be needed eventually. The Commissioners made an offer of \$9.00 per hour and Brent accepted the offer. His start date will be Feb 5, 2018.

Mr. Lammers left for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Schroeder & Love left for lunch at 12:55 p.m.

Commissioner Lammers returned from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Schroeder returned from lunch at 1:40 p.m.

Commissioner Love returned from lunch at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers held discussions with Jackson Betscher and Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel at 2:00 p.m. of Rob McColley's request for interpretation of usage of wind turbines in Putnam County. Vince added that there is legislation for setting the setbacks for the wind turbines. Mr. Love confirmed if the Commissioner are in favor of lowering the setback to go back to what the original setback were. The legislation is to give the local control. The pilots would go away also. The Commissioner would make the decision along with the township trustees the option are if the people do not agree we have the option to put it on the ballot. Fall distance to 1 ½. Can we repeal the alternative energy zone that has been already set? The change in setbacks took the Leipsic area out of the options. Mr. Lammers says any local control is a positive and a must. The Planning Commission does the zoning for the County where there is no zoning. The windmill at Whirlpool is too close to the Airport and there is interest in setting up a board to set those limits. The Commissioners opinion would be the people affected the most, townships without incorporated areas. The Villages did vote, the councils not the people. Voters of affected area within a township only those in unincorporated area. The Village of Ottawa granted two variances for the wind turbine at Whirlpool for height and zoning. Should local control be given to the Commissioners and the referendum? Mr. Schroeder thinks the affected people should get to vote. The incorporated area is not under the Commissioners' jurisdiction. A letter will be sent to Rob McColley with the Commissioners opinion. The letter should state the affect people outside the incorporated area should get to vote. Give the Commissioner the opportunity to decide if the issue should go on the ballot. In Kalida the Council overrode the vote of the people. There was no tax deferral requested for the wind turbine at Whirlpool. The setbacks would be under local control. It should be the Commissioners' choice to put it on the ballot. The Commissioners agree that there should be local control where the Commissioners' specify setbacks and it can be put on the ballot for the people. The setbacks should be determined by the local people. Mr. Love thinks the setbacks will be restored by the rewriting of this legislation. Mr. Lammers called Mr. McColley and he joined the meeting via teleconference. Mr. Lammers asked about changing the current setback numbers. Mr. McColley said "The setback at current levels would be lowered". Mr. McColley stated the affected townships would be able to vote and the people would be able to file a referendum. It would give more local controls. A draft on the Senate bill was requested. No resolution is needed but Putnam County's input is sought since they are within the corridor of the wind projects. The Township trustees have not been contacted yet. Vince stated the opinion of the people of the affect township outside the unincorporated area. Mr. McColley confirmed that the people inside the villages would then not be allowed to vote. Would setbacks be done strictly locally or go back to old criteria? Setbacks would be set by state and not be done locally. The current setback numbers were discussed. Marin Verni asked if any other economic development goes on the ballot for the people to vote on. No other economic develop project has been voted on by the people. Mr. Love said they agree with the legislation to take it to a vote.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers held discussions with Mr. Betscher at 4:00 p.m. regarding Metalink talking to Greensburg Township and the Commissioners gave a recommendation for Metalink to follow the zoning rules of the township regarding the Communication tower. Vince reviewed some past minutes of Planning Commission meetings which zoning was discussed.

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

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, January 25, 2018.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

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