

**Minutes for Thursday, November 1, 2018**

Mr. Love moved to approve the Software License and Service Agreement, Software license and Implementation agreement and the Zurecher 911 Support agreement for the Sheriff's office, 911 and Jail between the Putnam Co Commissioners and Zuercher Technologies LLC of Sioux Falls, SD.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes            Mr. Schroeder yes            Mr. Lammers yes  
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Mr. Lammers moved to approve the Consulting Service Agreement between Putnam County and Local Government Services, LLC of Findlay starting November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019 for \$4,900.00.

Mr. Love seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes            Mr. Schroeder yes            Mr. Lammers yes  
Comm. Jrl. 113, Page 25-26

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 Office of Public Safety  
From....120 SA1, Salaries ...to....120 EQ1, Equipment.....\$14,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes            Mr. Schroeder yes            Mr. Lammers yes  
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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 014, REA  
J 6, Other Expenses.....\$ 7,000.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes            Mr. Schroeder yes            Mr. Lammers yes  
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Mr. Lammers moved to approve a change order for Continental NRG project increase amount of \$9,875.00 bringing it to \$208,972.45.

Mr. Love seconded the motion

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

**Now and Then Purchase order**

**ADAMHS Bd.....**purchase order 37137

**Common Pleas.....**purchase order 37762, 37763

Mr. Love moved to approve the then and now 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  
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**Purchase orders and travel requests**

**E-911....**Travel request for Brad Brubaker to attend the Ohio SIEC meeting at Ohio Fire Marshall's Facility on October 31, 2018 no expense listed. Travel request for Brad Brubaker to attend the Ohio 911 Coordinators NG 911 educational session in Dublin on November 5, 2018 no expenses listed. Travel request for Ohio NENA/APCO chapter meeting in Columbus on November 7, 2018 no expenses listed.

**EMS....**Purchase order to Zoll Medical Corp for preventative maintenance on Zoll Heart Monitors for \$18048.75.

Mr. Love 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  
Mr. Lammers called the meeting to order with Mr. Love & Mr. Schroeder by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers held discussions with Mike Lenhart and Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel regarding filter strips on County Ditches and Soil & Water's grant opportunities. Mr. Lammers read minutes from the Soil & Water meeting regarding the filter strips. Since the filter strips are part of the County's maintenance plan are there any issues. The past requirements have not been enforced. Mr. Lenhart shared the ORC showing the Engineer's duties. He read off the duties that are involved, ORC 6131.14 " The engineer shall prepare specifications for the construction of the improvement. The engineer shall specify a width of temporary easement for construction purposes. The specifications shall provide for spreading and leveling of spoil banks and shall provide for erosion and sediment control through the establishment of a sod or seeded strip not fewer than four feet nor more than fifteen feet wide, measured at right angles to the top of the ditch bank, on both sides of the ditch, except

where suitable vegetative cover exists. The strip or other such controls shall be considered a part of the permanent improvement. Sod or seeded strips established and maintained in excess of four feet shall be compensated for by their removal from the taxable valuation of the property of which they are a part. The engineer shall make estimates of the cost of excavating and of the cost of material and may divide the construction of the improvement into construction areas as considered expedient. The engineer shall make a note of all fences, floodgates, culverts, or bridges that will be removed in constructing the improvement and of all culverts or bridges that must be adjusted or the channel of which must be enlarged to construct the improvement." The rule will be enforced going forward. With the proposed creation of distressed watersheds and mandates from Columbus, this is going to be an opportunity for possible grant funds. If this comes about then Soil & Water would have the options to apply for these funds to create the needed filter strips on the maintenance ditches. Mr. Lenhart told of different scenarios with other counties of the responsibilities for ditch maintenance. Recently Putnam County became more aggressive with their spray program and tripled the costs. No other counties pay for crop damage within the 10 foot strip. There were county committees that suggested a mandatory 10 feet, some even proposed 15 feet. 10 feet is the "happy medium" for the size of the strip. Mr. Schroeder proposed a required but average measurement. The FSA (Farm Service Agency) on CRP will pay rent on the total amount. If the filter strip gets damaged by the farmer and has to be replaced the farmer will get assessed. The farmer is still paying to the top of the ditch, should that be reduced from their acreage. It is a public waterway just like a public road. The different Counties have different practices for spraying also. Some only spray for brush while others spray for thistles and all. The amount of acres that are involved in this was discussed. Soil & Water is asking for support through ORC and the property taxes, the maintenance of the ditches, the safety of farmers, and improved water quality by the presence of proper filter strips on all ditches. Would the Commissioners support Soil & Water in their seeking of the grant funds for this purpose? Since Kasich's decision it is believed this will be enforced for better water quality. Soil & Water has had an issue with getting enough participation on past grant projects, and with Commissioners support this grant opportunity may be more successful. The promotion of the enforcement of the filter strips is being presented on all new ditch maintenance projects. The filter strip acreage amounts are being removed from the real estate taxes. There have been some landowners that have taken care of these strips and now the Engineer will now be doing it. Some landowners have been upset that Engineer has done spraying after the landowner had done it also. The landowners need to communicate with the Engineer's office of any issues and work that has been done. The percentage of ditches that have filter strips was discussed. The ditches are getting the spray resistant weeds growing in them so the farmer should be allowed to spray the noxious weeds. Mr. Schroeder suggested waiting on the requirements for water improvement on the impaired watersheds. Soil & Water wants to apply for the funding that is available to show that improvements are being done. Mr. Love said they will give the support when needed. Mr. Schroeder also shared some information from the CCAO Water Quality committee.

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

Jim Hoops stopped in to talk to Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers regarding some updates and legislation and their support on some issues.

The minutes from Tuesday October 30, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

The Commissioners returned from lunch.

Mike Schroth met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers to discuss 2019 employee compensation. Mike presented the monthly dog totals to the Commissioners. Majority of his calls have been to Belmore Leipsic area recently. The totals for the dog licenses sold were discussed. 6,200 licenses have been ordered for next year. A Boy Scout is doing an Eagle Scout project at the dog shelter, erecting a maneuvering platform for the dogs to play on. It will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Mike only has one active assistant dog warden currently. Mike shared the current wage rates for his department. He would like to offer increases for the assistant to retain him. There is money in the fund to cover these increases. Mike would like to purchase a new computer for the shelter. Mr. Lammers suggested some equipment to purchase. The truck is in good shape yet. The pay increase was discussed for the assistant. The Commissioner have asked for a monthly update on the Dog & Kennel Fund balance.

Bob Benroth came in to present the casino revenue figures for the quarter to Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers. The year's totals were just above \$400,000.

The Commissioners and Mr. Benroth discussed the previous meeting with Avangrid and Brickler & Eckler held on Tuesday October 30, 2018.

Alaina Siefker Utility Billing for Sewer & Water popped in to ask Commrs. Schroeder, Love and Lammers to let them know that Matt Cunningham came in and said that his payment for his rental properties out there is high enough and he would like the commissioners to see if his payment can remain the same. The commissioners all said no, we need to be fair to all of the people in that district and his payment should increase also. Alaina will let Mr. Cunningham know.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

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