

**Minutes for Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

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 County Probation....

From 2 M 2B, Compensation Probation,.....to...2 M 2 HB, Fringes, Probation..... 40.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes            Mr. Schroeder yes            Mr. Lammers yes  
Comm. Jrl. 113, Page 5

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners on October 20, 2015, passed a resolution to freeze the wages of the Board of Elections employees for four (4) years starting in 2016 and lasting until 2019.  
and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners are aware that the full-time employees of the Board of Elections have received raises in 2018, which was within the four years of the wage freeze.  
now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to retain the wage freeze on the Board of Elections employees until the year 2019 and have a 1.5% cap for increases in 2020 due to the disregard by the Board of Elections on the prior freeze order dated October 20, 2015 for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes            Mr. Schroeder yes            Mr. Lammers yes  
Comm. Jrl. 113, Page 6

Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Clerk gave notice to the Board this date of the Engineer's completed survey and estimate of the construction area for the John Niese Single Ditch #979 project.  
and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed project commences at a point ¼ mile South of the North quarter post of Section 9, Palmer Township, Putnam County, Ohio; Thence West ½ mile along the line of an open ditch to township road 17 where said ditch turns South; Thence

¼ mile South where it outlets into the Earl Burkhart Ditch #679 along township road B-13 and there terminates.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the 13th day of December, 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 final hearing on the proposed improvement. 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  
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Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, That per the request of The Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of the GHS OVI Task Fund the following advance of funds is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15 A 15A, Advances Out	119 AI, Advance In	\$ 15,400.00

And be if further RESOLVED, 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 119 GHS,  
 119 FR STEP Fringe, ....\$ 1,700.00  
 119 SA, STEP Salary.....\$6,000.00

119 FR2, IDEP Fringe.....\$1,700.00  
 119 SA2, IDEP Salary.....\$6,000.00  
 (Advance needed for GHS STEP & IDEP Grant Fund)

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 County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2018.

For EMA

From.....W 9, Other Expenses.....to.....W 1, Salaries.....\$ 13,000.00

From.....W 9, Other Expenses.....to.....W 6, PERS.....\$1,500.00

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners are aware that the flow of traffic in the court house will be at a minimum on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018. now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby close the Court House at Noon on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018. and be it further

**RESOLVED**, The Putnam County Court House will have regular hours on New Years Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Lammers 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.....to....1 H 1, Examination of County ...\$5,000.00

Mr. Love 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 005, Dog and Kennel  
B 2, Salary Dog Warden.....\$15,000.00  
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:  
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 052, Title Administration  
52 TS, Transfer Out.....\$33,100.00

and also  
that to provide for the unanticipated expenditures of said County during fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, the following sums be and the same are hereby transferred, set aside and appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

From.....Fund 052, Title Administration (52 TS, Transfer Out).....to.....Fund 001, County General ( A 26, Transfer In).....\$33,100.00  
Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Love yes            Mr. Schroeder yes            Mr. Lammers yes  
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Mr. Lammers 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 052, Clerk of Courts Title Administration  
52 OT, Other Expense.....\$ 18,000.00

Fund, 001, Co General/Muni Court-Clerk  
2 G 2, Compensation of Employees....\$6,400.00  
2 G 2H, Employee Fringes.....\$ 7,900.00  
2 G 2P, Emp Share PERS.....\$ 800.00  
Mr. Love 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 County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2018.

For Title Administration

From.....52 SU, Supplies.....to.....52 FR, Fringes.....\$ 3,600.00

From.....52 WC, Workers Comp.....to.....52 SA, Salaries .....\$ 1,400.00

From.....52 TR, Travel.....to.....52 SA, Salaries.....\$ 1,500.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

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Mr. Lammers moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners currently charges Sewer District No. 2 residences as follows:

Residences outside village boundaries.....\$138.29 per month  
and

**WHEREAS**, due to increasing bills from the Village and the account balance going down the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary to adjust the rates to get the account back in good standing.

now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree that the monthly fees for Sewer District No. 2 will increase to \$180.00 per month

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, The Board will still continue to invoice the residents on a monthly basis. Invoices will be mailed approximately the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be assessed if the previous billed amount is not paid by the first of the following month billed. The payment increase will start for the November 15, 2018 billing for October usage.

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 County, Ohio, that the following appropriation modification be made for the year ending December 31, 2018.

For Sheriff

From....4 B11MP, Medical .....to...4 B 11PC, Professional Srv Doctor..\$1,875.30

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 084, HOME

84 AC, HOME Admin.....\$650.00

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

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

**Capital Improvement**.....purchase order 37648

**Auto License & Gas**.....purchase order 37589

**EMS**.....purchase order 3233

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**

**Treasurer**.....Travel request for Tracy Warnecke to attend the CTAO Fall Conference in Dublin, OH on Nov 13-15, 2018 with purchase order for lodging, meals, registration and parking for \$590.00.

**Public Assistance**.....blanket purchase order to other expenses for \$4500.00.

**WIA**.....Blanket purchase order for adult expenses for \$1475.00.

**Commissioners** ...Travel request for John Love to attend the CCAO winter conference in Columbus Dec 9-11, 2018 with purchase order for registration for \$330.00.

**EMS.....**Purchase order to Okuley's Pharmacy for oxygen & cylinder lease for \$2000.00. Blanket purchase order for Ambulette maintenance for \$750.00. Blanket purchase order for vehicle maintenance for \$3000.00. Purchase order to Manufacturers' Supply for 2 toilets/accessories -PCOPS for \$900.00.

**Engineer.....**Travel request for Mike Lenhart to attend the 2018 Asphalt Pavement Technical seminar in Perrysburg on Nov 29, 2018 with \$75.00 for registration. Travel request for Rachel Schroeder to attend the Softworks training seminar at Pokagon St Park in Angola, IN on October 30, 2018 no expense listed.

**Title Admin.....**Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for cost allocations for \$17658.00.

**Clerk of Courts.....**Purchase order to Wood County for microfilming project for \$1507.77

**HOME Funds...**Purchase order to Put Co Commissioners for 10% Admin for Brinkman payback for \$612.90.

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

Paulette Huber, Lee Rausch and Paul T of Poggemeyer Design Group and Justin Barnhart, Village of Leipsic met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers, Jackson Betscher and Ashley Slefker to discuss the possibility of Leipsic applying for Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NRG). Paulette explained the process and the possibility of applying for NRG funding for the project similar to the Village of Continental. The Commissioners will need to release the RFQ. Justin explained survey that went out, sidewalks, Main Street Improvements and additional parking. Leipsic has 65% LMI so they would qualify for CDBG. It was emphasized that the proper process and procedures must be followed for the project to happen successfully. Poggemeyer is prepared to handle the process. There must be three projects and can include demolition. An income survey was taken to provide the 65% LMI. Some other NRG projects were discussed along with their funding sources. The use of RLF (Revolving Loan Fund) funding was also discussed. The County's RLF is already allocated toward the current CHIP grant. The public input process was discussed as being beneficial for possible projects. The Commissioners will need to approve the RFQ for consultants to prepare the application. Ashley shared the LMI information for Leipsic that does not show that Leipsic is LMI qualified. Justin said there was a new income survey done in 2017 showing that the village of Leipsic is LMI qualified. The income qualification is a most important criteria for the application. The maximum amount allowed will be applied for. If the application is not funded the Village would pay for half of Poggemeyer costs. The County could also receive some of the administration fees. The Village would not

receive any administration funds. If the income survey is not accepted by the State the application could still be done but with more work. Poggemeyer's share would be 15%, and they would be responsible for the environmental reviews.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers; Jackson Betscher. Administrator and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk.

The Commissioners returned a call to Jared Kimmel regarding a letter he received regarding an increase in his sewer bill. Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers suggested the Mr. Kimmel talk to his neighbors about annexing into the Village to help alleviate the sewer bill by putting them on the inside village rate. Some clarification of the inputting of the tile was discussed also. The sewer line was not initially put in by the County but by a homeowner's association.

Gaylan "Dave" Ripley met with Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers; Alaina Siefker and Jackson Betscher to discuss the possible position of being a Recycle Driver. Mr. Ripley does have a CDL. Mr. Ripley is able to work as many hours as needed. His driving record was reviewed. The recycling program was explained and the moving of the bins and the sorting that happens at the Ag Complex. He has not had experience driving a skid steer but he did drive a fork lift. If Mr. Ripley would see any efficiencies in the recycling process he was asked to share the ideas. Mr. Ripley would like to view the facility.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers and Jackson Betscher met with Cathy Recker, Recorder and Lori Rayle of the Records office to discuss compensation for that department.

Mr. Lammers moved to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation with Commissioners Schroeder and Love; Cathy Recker, Lori Rayle, and Jackson Betscher.

Mr. Love second the motion

Vote Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers Yes

The Commissioners came out of executive session.

No decisions were made.

The Commissioners held a discussion of authorizing supervisory duties in the Recorder's office to include records retention for the County, payroll and accounts payable for the department at a rate of \$.50 per hour effective Jan 1, 2019.

The minutes from Thursday October 25, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Luetz arrived at the office.

Mr. Lammers moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

The Commissioners returned from lunch.

Commissioners met with Jeff Reinkemeyer, of Avangrid Renewables, Chris Schmenk, and Justin Cook from Brickler & Eckler; John Leutz, CCAO legislative counsel; Bob Benroth, Auditor; to discuss the potential solar field in Putnam County. Also attending the meeting are Jim Erford, Miller City Mayor; Martin Verni, Putnam County Sentinel; Roger Niese, Denny Verhoff, Palmer Township; Greg Luersman, Paul Dixon, Kyle Nemire deputy Auditors. Mr. Reinkemeyer explained the project and the reasoning for choosing the area. This was chosen since it is not the most productive in the area.

Anticipating next year for permitting with the Ohio Power Siting Board. They are looking at abatement options. Will this area in question be incorporated into the village of Miller City? Renewable energy is becoming competitive. Various options are being reviewed. Tax advantages were inquired. Mrs. Schmenk explained that funding is being sought and within a village this could be more available. A CRA, TIF or Enterprise zone agreement was brought up even the PILOT program. How would the tax abatement benefit the company? The CRA or TIF would abate the real estate taxes not the energy taxes. Why would the energy company want to pay more than the PILOT payment? This is all being reviewed by the company. The County does have an energy zone established. The energy company plans to be a long term member of the community and promote economic development, to create a positive impact on the community. There is research on the vegetation use to help preserve the land. The Energy Company is trying to be proactive and not use spraying in the Midwest. Native vegetation will be used to promote neighboring farmland and enhancing pollination. A community night will be held in Van Wert to inform the public. Are the rules that same for solar that were in place for the wind project? Those rules are set in the PILOT program. There are benefits to the schools and universities also. Ohio State had a part in the wind project. Since there are landowners signed what is the next step. More landowners are still needed. When tying in to a high voltage system PJM (Pennsylvania, Jersey, Maryland) an analysis must be done to see what breakers will be set. Preparation for the Power Siting Board will follow. The Power Siting Board will provide for public input. With the wind project people wanted more will that happen with this project also? The size of the line they are connecting into is a factor to determine the size of the project. This project may not start construction until 2020 or later, it will be a couple years. The critical factor is the connection process. The wind project study went year by year not just season by season. Mr. Schroeder asked about the county's renewable energy zone, the zone would control the tax abatements over the county. This is being analyzed right now. The company will have to apply for any of these programs and the Commissioners will have to give the consent. It is unknown at this time, what is the best path to take in the process. The tax abatement method will be done in parallel with the application to the Power Siting Board. The Energy Zone decision would run through the Commissioners. If another option would be taken the energy company could save more money and not have to go through the County but deal directly with the Village and Township. Mr. Reinkemeyer said they would have to stay competitive. The published payments are being looked at to help them remain competitive. The numbers are being run and have not been seen yet. The best option for the company is not known yet. They will try to make as many stakeholders happy as possible but it still has to work for the energy company. The other types of tax abatements that are being explored was explained. The CRA, (Community reinvestment), TIF (Tax Increment Financing), the energy PILOT and the Enterprise Zone agreements will all be looked at as options. Mrs. Schmenk said decision have not been made yet. Mr. Reinkemeyer said they are still working with the landowners also. Commissioner Schroeder said it was proposed as a CRA or TIF project to them initially to avoid dealing with the County. Mrs. Schmenk said that is not the case all the options are being evaluated. This is officially the first the Commissioners have been approached about this. Mr. Schroeder said the Alternative Energy Zone cannot be bypassed. Mr.

Leutz explained if the Company applies through Dept of Development and with the Alternative energy zone PILOT in place the project is already granted, which Putnam County has. In some areas an Enterprise Zone agreement would be more beneficial, it depends on the area. If the utility taxes could be exempted or abated then that option would be used. This is not a plan looking for a loophole to make a new law they are just trying to utilize the programs that are available in the State. Mrs. Schmenk said they do not want to invent new laws and they will share the options when they are chosen. The township asked if A CRA is an option. They are not sure yet. Under 5727 what would be the townships portion? Solar energy has a mandated PILOT payment which is split between the political subdivisions involved. An additional payment of megawatt payment goes to the general fund. The project was started approximately a year ago in dealing with the landowners. They are looking for 1,000 acres for the whole project. The Van Wert project was discussed. Avangrid will be contacting the Commissioners when they have more information.

Bob Benroth and John Leutz explained the different options for the Energy Company to the Township trustees.

Commissioners Schroeder, Love and Lammers held discussions with Prosecutor Gary Lammers regarding the pending road 5 litigation and the court's award attorney fees of supplemental attorney fees connected with the prior road 5 litigation.

Mr. Mike Lammers moved to go into executive session with Commissioners Schroeder and Love, Gary Lammers Prosecutor and Jackson Betscher, Administrator to discuss the resolution of 10 of the pending road 5 cases and approval of those settlements and additional attorney fee order decision previously issued in the earlier road 5 cases.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Love moved to come out of executive session.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Love moved to have a resolution prepared directing the county auditor to pay the remaining balance of the settlement monies in the 10 Road 5 cases to the clerk of courts for deposit in those respective cases and, after all the necessary documents have been executed by the parties, to have the Clerk of Courts pay the property owners the total settlement amounts.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Love moved to file a timely notice of appeal on the judgment awarding supplemental attorney fees in the amount of \$37,241.34.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Vote: Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Love moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote Love yes Schroeder yes Lammers yes

Mr. Lammers moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

Mr. Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Love yes

Mr. Schroeder yes

Mr. Lammers yes