

# COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

May 2, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS, Kathie Dickerson, the Tribune and Mary Beck, Clerk

## Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes as presented for Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Open Bids – Village of Nellie/CR 41 Paving – Formula 2006

Ms. Robin McKee, Mr. Robert Smalls and Mr. Bruce St. Clair attended the opening. There were two bidders and they are as follows: The Shelly Company, Coshocton, Ohio with a bid of \$19,026.25, and Small's Asphalt Paving, Gambier, Ohio with a bid of \$18,952.86. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to turn over all bids for Paving – Village of Nellie/CR 41 to Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer for his recommendation.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Open Bids – Village of West Lafayette/Russell Ave/4<sup>th</sup> Street Paving – Formula 2006

Ms. Robin McKee, Mr. Robert Smalls and Mr. Bruce St. Clair attended the meeting. There were two bidders and they are as follows: The Shelly Company, Coshocton, Ohio with a bid of \$26,988.75 and Smalls Asphalt Paving with a bid of \$30,620.54. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to turn over all bids for Paving – Village of West Lafayette/Russell Ave/4<sup>th</sup> Street to Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer for his recommendation.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Appraisal Research Corporation Contract

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a contract for the Revaluation Services for Coshocton County with Appraisal Research Corporation, Findlay, Ohio in the amount of \$386,280.00 as requested by Ms. Sandra Corder, Coshocton County Auditor.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Harley-Davidson Lease

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a Lease Agreement with Harley-Davidson Leasing for a new Harley-Davidson Motorcycle in the amount of \$292.00 per month for two years as requested by Sheriff Tim Rogers.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Court Square

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to the Pomerene Center for the Arts the use of the Court Square from May 7 -11, 2007 for the Dogwood Festival.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea



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## Proclamation – National Day of Prayer

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a proclamation for the National Day of Prayer observance on May 3, 2007 and commending the Women of Witness and all associated with organizing this day.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea

## Employee Hired – JFS

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to hire Ms. Jandi Bigrigg effective 5/1/07 at the Department of Job & Family Services as requested by Mr. Terry Miller, Director.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea

## Reduction Appropriations – Recycling

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve a Reduction Appropriations for Litter which has been certified by the County Auditor.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
200-0100-200.00	Supplies	(\$1,038.11)
200-0100-400.02	Vehicle Expense	( \$405.00)
200-0100-400.03	Other Special Events	( \$263.00)
200-0200-400.00	Vehicle Expense	( \$975.64)
200-0200-260.00	Disposal Fees	<u>( \$134.04)</u>
	Total	(\$2,815.79)

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea

## Transfer Request

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer too approve the following Transfer Requests which have been certified by the County Auditor.

### Auditor

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
001-0120-5200.02	Supplies-Comp 001-0120-5210.00	Equipment \$1,054.00
040-0100-5400.00	Other Expense 040-0100-5400.01	Equipment \$1,500.00
040-0100-5260.00	Contract Service 040-0100-5400.01	Equipment <u>\$4,062.00</u>
	Total	\$6,616.00

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea

## Monthly Mortgage Report

Received the Monthly Mortgage Report for the month of April 2007 from the Coshocton County Recorder, David Dilly.

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## Additional Appropriations

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. to approve an Additional Appropriations Request for Litter which has been certified by the County Auditor.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Revenue not Anticipated in '07	200-0100-400.03 Other Special Events	\$1,559.00

Vote: Shryock    yea  
Fischer        yea

## Court Square

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Relay for Life the use of the Court Square to place purple ribbons for the event "Paint the Town Purple" through Relay for Life from May 1<sup>st</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Vote: Shryock    yea  
Fischer        yea

## Water System Study Modification for Tuscarawas Township

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock motion to sign the Water System Study Modification for the Tuscarawas Township Sanitary Sewer Study in the amount of \$4,300.00. We have received Resolution 2007-4.3 from Tuscarawas Township Trustees stating that they will commit a total of \$11,000.00 to this project which is an increase of \$1,000.

Vote: Shryock    yea  
Fischer        yea

## Investment Portfolio

Received the Investment Portfolio for the month of April 2007 from Ms. Barb Karr, Coshocton County Treasurers Office.

## Discussion – AT&T Update – Mike LaVigne

Mr. Mike LaVigne attended the meeting to update the Commissioners on the AT&T Phone issues. Mr. LaVigne stated that they resolved a couple of the issues. Mr. Crawford told AT&T that they will need different phones. AT&T is now looking for new phones for the dispatch office. Mr. Crawford compiled a list of features that they need to have. AT&T is still pushing for a solution by Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shryock asked about the dropped call issue. Mr. LaVigne stated that when the original phone system was put in for the county, they did not have enough lines. So, AT&T had to purchase a PG-Flex to solve this problem. That is why the county is experiencing the lost calls. Mr. Shryock asked if AT&T has found a phone that will work for the sheriff. Mr. LaVigne stated that they have a list of critic issues and AT&T is working with the company that manufactures the phone to work something out. Mr. Shryock asked if Mike had any idea of when the issues will be solved. Mr. LaVigne stated that they are working on it every day and trying to satisfy the county's needs. Mr. Shryock asked if other than these issues, if the county is pretty well set with the phone system? Mr. LaVigne stated that JFS has a couple issues but basically everything is moving forward. He stated that AT&T is bringing in a trainer for the county about the phones. The Commissioners thanked Mike for attending.

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## Discussion – Matt Robinette – Three Rivers Fire District

Mr. Matt Robinette attended the meeting at the request of the Commissioners to update them on the Three Rivers Fire District water and sanitary sewer. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners have decided to have an update on this issue every Monday and Wednesday until the project is complete. This is just to keep everyone up on the project. Mr. Shryock stated that he and Matt will talk with Carter Lumber about the sanitary sewer tomorrow. Mr. Shryock asked where we are on the easement with the Pew's. Ms. Beck stated that Mr. Wachtel has all the information and will be getting it to her soon. Mr. Shryock then stated that he would like Mr. Robinette to inform Mr. Wachtel and Mr. Neil Croft and let them know that we will be having these project meetings until the project is finished. Mr. Shryock asked if there is anything we need to be doing to get that water out there. Mr. Robinette stated that everything is being done. Mr. Shryock stated that he spoke with Mr. Chris Skelton AT&T and he stated that they normally require a distance of 5 feet from their lines for an easement, but they do not have that type of easement that would require that. So the county can get closer to their lines, but if they would damage them they will be responsible for repair. Mr. Fischer asked how many times we will cross Mr. Pew's lines on his property. Mr. Robinette does not know. The Commissioners asked him to go to Soil and Water and get this checked out. Mr. Shryock then asked what is happening with the CR 55 water situation. Mr. Robinette stated that he sent all the information to the city and they will go forward with the project. Mr. Shryock asked Mr. Robinette to contact the city and see where they are with the project and then get back with the CR 55 resident to update her. Mr. Robinette asked where we are with the Fresno project. Mr. Fischer stated that we are waiting on the survey and the EPA needs to contact the Prosecutor in writing that the site is approved.

## Discussion – Land Purchase – Airport

In an earlier meeting the Commissioners granted Commissioner Fischer permission to negotiate for the purchase of some land from the airport. Mr. Fischer stated that he met with the Craig Casey, president of the board, Mr. Don Yager and Mr. Jim Skelton about this issue. The County would like to purchase land at the top of the hill for a water tower and a 50' foot access road. Also he talked to them about the purchase of property at the bottom of the hill that has two water wells on it. It is 7.6 acres that have two existing water wells on it. What Mr. Fischer would like to propose is that the Commissioners relinquish the Airport Board's \$80,000 debt to the county for water and sewer and give them \$10,000 in their budget. Since basically every year the county puts \$10,000 in the Airport budget for them to pay back to the county. Mr. Shryock asked if EPA has looked at this site. Mr. Robinette stated that he has had Bob Little from EPA look at the site and it would serve the county's needs very well. He further stated that the aquifer in that area is one of the best in the State of Ohio. Mr. Shryock asked if Mr. Fischer has spoke with the County Prosecutor to look at this issue to determine if what we would like to do would be legal. Mr. Fischer stated that he spoke with Mr. Batchelor about the proposal and he felt there would be no problems with this plan. He would like to state that first and foremost, the county wants to get a water rate from the city. The second part of the negotiation is that the county will need a site for a water tower. The recommended site is located at the top of the hill on airport property. That has always been our first priority. For this property, the County would pay the Regional Airport Authority's debt to the Port Authority. It is approximately \$63,000. So, Commissioner Fischer is proposing that we pay-off the debt and they will put in the access road for us and the county will end up getting 9.6 acres of land for basically \$63,000.00. This will alleviate the Airport's long term debt. Mr. Fischer stated that this will all have to be approved by the FAA. Once they approve this proposal and get a survey done, the project can proceed. Mr. Fischer stated that since the Airport is one of our budgetary bodies, this is a good solution for all involved. At this time he is asking that the Commissioners enter into an agreement pending the approval from the FAA at the next scheduled meeting.

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## Benefits Resource Group Presentation

Mr. Michael Zaluski and Mr. Jim Dustin attended the meeting to discuss possible ways for the county to save monies on our health insurance plans. They have several findings. In the Administrative Stop/Loss, they feel they can possibly save the county between 30 and 60 thousand per year. For inpatient/outpatient, they estimate that they can save as high as \$200,000 for the county. For the physician costs, they feel they could possibly save the county up to \$35,000 annually. In the prescription cost area, it would range between \$30,000-\$35,000. They also feel that if the county would implement a dental network program, they will possibly have a savings of around 20%. The cost to the county for their services are based on a fee for services component. They would like to do the service for whatever we are paying at this time or less. The Commissioners will discuss the issue and get back with them.

## Presentation – Spy Glass

Mr. Scott Schuster attended the meeting to introduce his company. Mr. Shryock spoke with Mr. Mike Ferrall about this issue. He stated that we have recently entered into an agreement with a company for the services that Spy Glass provides. Mr. Schuster stated that they do only telecommunications auditing. Mr. Shryock also stated that we just recently signed a 5 year contract with AT&T and they also did a phone audit. Mr. Schuster stated that his company does give an inventory of each location so the county would know exactly what they are paying at each location. The Commissioners told Mr. Schuster that they will take his proposal under advisement and get back with him. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

## Discussion – Mr. Mike Perkins – County Cell Tower/Transport Rate

Mr. Perkins stated that a couple months ago he met with the Commissioners about a flat rate for the non-transport. He has done research and believes that rate should be \$75.00. That will be only when they render care but do not transport. This will in a sense make the ambulance whole so to speak. He stated that they did a survey of all the entities and this was a rate they feel is reasonable. He feels after a year or so they can get a better grasp on the actual cost for non-transport. Mr. Shryock asked if he is worried about entities taking advantage of this rate. Mr. Perkins stated that he feels they will not abuse this, but they will continually monitor this issue. The commissioners stated that they do not have any problem with paying this flat rate. Mr. Perkins will get an agreement together for the Commissioners to sign. The second item he wanted to speak about is the West-end tower. They would like to get on this tower. The tower is located on the Locke Farm. Mr. Shryock asked what the Commissioners need to do to make this happen. Mr. Perkins stated that he spoke with Mr. Jim VanHorn and he determined that there will be no problem with them being added to the tower if the antennae are separated far enough apart. Mr. Shryock asked if they had this in writing. Mr. Perkins stated that he does not know if they have it in writing or not. He will get with Mr. VanHorn to determine this. He would like to know if the Commissioners will require a rental charge and get the ball rolling. Mr. Shryock stated that Mr. Perkins needs to get with Jim VanHorn about being on the tower. Mr. Shryock then stated that he feels we will need to charge some type of rent since they are a private company. Mr. Perkins stated that he understands if they need to charge rent however, he doesn't feel we should charge rent. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels the charge should be minimal possibly \$1.00. Mr. Shryock asked him to get back with them about the letter stating that the tower will work with more than one antennae and he will get their decision on whether or not to charge rent. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

## Recess

At 11:40 a.m. Mr. Shryock moved the meeting to recess. At 1:37 p.m. the meeting was returned to regular session.

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## Discussion – City Water Rate

Mr. Fischer stated that he feels that as a counter proposal the county should agree to the city's request for the \$4,000 for the first million gallons used. After that he feels the county should counter proposal \$2.50 per thousand for the next million gallons. After the county reaches the 2 million gallon per month usage, the county proposal goes to \$2.50 for per thousand for everything eliminating the first \$4,000 for the first million. He also believes this should be a 5 year contract with the first two years of the contract having no price increases. After that, the contract cannot increase more than 2% per year on the remaining 3 years of the contract for a total of no more than 6% increase over the last 3 years. It will need to be determined the length of time needed before either party can terminate this contract or the renewal of the contract. Mr. Shryock stated that he agrees with Mr. Fischer's recommendations on these issues. Furthermore, our proposal to the city to purchase the water will utilize the master meter in the North Corridor to figure the gallon usage for that line. On CR 55, SR 541 and the Bordenkircher Addition Customers the county will purchase the water by totaling the water meter usage in those areas. This will continue until we reach 100 water meter users in those areas or, until construction may take place in that area and it would make it feasible for the county to put a master meter in place in each one of these areas. Mr. Fischer stated that it is not typical for the user to install master meters. It is the norm that the water supplier installs these meters but, in order to make this joint effort work, he will agree with Commissioner Shryock. Mr. Shryock stated that there is an issue with approximately 118 water meters that the city owns and has installed for these customers on the outside customer lines. It is his recommendation that the county pay the city 50 cents per month per meter, until the county reaches an agreed price for the meters with the city, unless the county completely changes the meters out and returns the city's meters back to them. He also stated that all other contracts or agreements the county presently has with the city will remain in effect for outside customers that this agreement does not address, such as, Pleasant Valley, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, County Road 16, ect. The county will continue to collect the 10% surcharge on those customers. Mr. Fischer stated that the County will agree to provide the city with water meter read-outs for all outside waste water customers that this contract would pertain to. The details will need to be worked out with the city if the customer is a sewer customer only.

## Discussion – Ms. Pat Harsh

Ms. Pat Harsh attended the meeting at the request of the Commissioners. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners have looked into an ERIP for the county. Mr. Shryock stated that he has some concerns that we would be unable to cover her workload if they offered this plan at this time. Mr. Fischer stated that he apologized for this getting out before they even discussed this with her. He does have some reservations at this time. There are multiple projects going on at this time and is not certain we have the ability to cover her position at this time. He asked if she does have an interest in this plan. Ms. Harsh stated that this year would be the best year to go according to PERS. Mr. Fischer stated that the longer he is here, the more he is not certain how easy it would be to replace her. Ms. Harsh stated that she would like to have a meeting with the Commissioners and the County Engineer to discuss the Engineers workers compensation claims. The Commissioners agreed that this meeting needs to take place. Ms. Harsh will schedule the meeting. The discussion then went back to retirement. Ms. Harsh stated that she still feels the Commissioners need the safety position even if she would take the retirement. Mr. Shryock stated that they will continue to think about it, but right now, it is just not very good timing. Mr. Fischer stated that the intent for the ERIP was a positive one for both the county and Ms. Harsh. He is just worried that at this time it is not right for the county.

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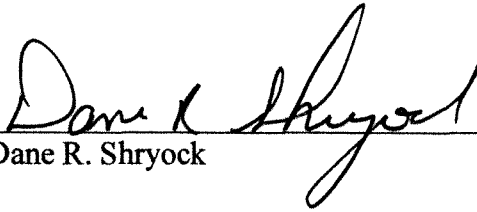
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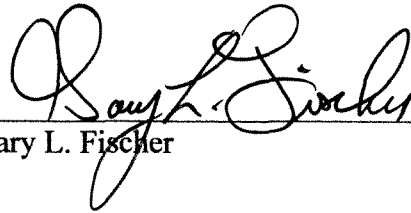
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Adjourn

At 3:00 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Gary L. Fischer

  
Clerk

