

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

July 16, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Monday, July 16, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS and Mary Beck, Clerk

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the minutes as presented for Wednesday, July 11, 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Service Agreement – ACS

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Service Agreement with ACS Enterprise Solutions, Inc. for imaging, index, cashiering and Public Inquiry System at \$4.00 per document, and Web Delivery Services at \$350 per month.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Vacation TR 344 Invalid Petition

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to invalidate the petition of the Jefferson Township Trustees for the vacation of TR 344. Upon review of the document, it was found that the description is invalid and by law, they are not permitted to vacate a roadway located in Newcastle Township.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Release of Funds

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to release the Coshocton County Divorce, Dissolution & Marriage Separation Fees and Marriage License Fees to First Step Family Violence Intervention Services, Inc. for the 2nd Quarter 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Transfer Requests

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

Water & Sewer

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
356-0100-260.00	Contract Services 356-0100-113.00	Insurance \$2,240.32
356-0100-260.00	Contract Services 356-0100-115.00	Medicare \$ 350.00
356-0100-260.00	Contract Services 356-0100-102.00	Salaries <u>\$5,000.00</u>
	Total	\$7,590.32

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Transfers Continued

Juvenile Court

211-0100-110.00	PERS	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$ 14.84
211-0100-115.00	Medicare	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$ 3.60
211-0200-102.00	Contract Serv	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$1,000.00
211-0200-400.00	Other Expense	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$ 200.00
211-0300-102.00	Salaries	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$4,304.54
	FROM		TO	AMOUNT
211-0300-200.00	Supplies	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$ 306.33
211-0300-300.00	Travel	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$1,940.45
211-0400-200.00	Supplies	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$ 284.06
211-0400-200.02	Misc.	211-0400-260.00	Placement	\$ 428.03
211-0700-300.00	Travel	211-0400-260.00	Placement	<u>\$1,530.27</u>
			Total	\$10,206.02

Coordinated Transportation

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
088-0100-526003 Contract Ser Rental Rent	088-0100-520000 Supplies	\$1,000.00

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Additional Appropriations

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Revenue not anticipated	211-0100-102.00 Personal Services	\$ 5,700.00
	211-0100-110.00 PERS	\$ 800.00
	211-0100-115.00 Medicare	\$ 100.00
	211-0200-102.00 Contract Services	\$ 1,000.00
	211-0200-400.00 Other Expense	\$ 200.00
	211-0300-102.00 Salary	\$36,009.00
	211-0300-110.00 PERS	\$ 5,300.00
	211-0300-115.00 Medicare	\$ 550.00
	211-0300-200.00 Supplies – Food	\$ 400.00
	211-0300-260.00 Contract Services	\$ 900.00
	211-0300-300.00 Travel	\$ 2,500.00
	211-0400-200.00 Supplies	\$ 500.00
	211-0400-200.01 Misc.	\$ 3,200.00
	211-0700-300.00 Travel	\$ 9,100.00
	211-0800-200.00 Membership Fee	<u>\$ 1,250.00</u>
	Total	\$67,909.00

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Fischer yea
Stahl yea

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Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Sheriff

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$58,350.19 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Angie Cantrell

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Angie Cantrell in the amount of \$14.88 per hour not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Todd Johnson

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Todd Johnson in the amount of \$12.00 per hour not to exceed \$11,520.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Amy Mathias

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Amy Mathias in the amount of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed \$10,400.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Natalie Stillion

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Natalie Stillion in the amount of \$12.00 per hour not to exceed \$18,720.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Mary McKee-Kobel

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Mary Mckee-Kobel in the amount of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed \$20,800.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

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	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

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Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Larry Boal

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Larry Boal in the amount of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed \$20,800.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Gene Distler

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Gene Ditsler in the amount of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed \$4,680.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Pam Chaney

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Pam Chaney in the amount of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed \$11,860.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Purchase of Service Agreement – JFS/Karen Shample

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement between JFS and the Karen Shample in the amount of \$10.00 per hour not to exceed \$17,160.00 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Resolution 2007-128

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign Resolution 2007-128 to establish regulations for the administration of the Lodging Excise Tax which was enacted on May 19, 1980.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Discussion – Water Rate

Mr. Steve Mercer attended the meeting to address the board on the Bulk Water Rate Proposal from the city. Mr. Mercer stated that the City Infrastructure Committee sent another proposal to the Commissioners on Friday and their original proposal was to be at \$4,000 and for them to be able to keep that number there is terrific. They didn't think they would because of their debt. He stated that their engineer's figures were based on 7 million gallons per day and they only use between 3 – 4 million gallons. He feels that this is a really good offer. Mr. Fischer stated that he is concerned to increase the bulk rate the same as a residential percent goes against the whole retail vs. wholesale

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Discussion – Water Continued

process. Mr. Mercer stated that they have a structure on the prices and they will increase the same as the counties. Mr. Fischer stated that the city's large customers are paying for an industrial rate, not a bulk rate. They are not paying for the infrastructure. Mr. Mercer stated that he feels the county is no different than any other customer. The second thing Mr. Fischer takes issue with is the language that the county cannot sell water for less than 1 and ½ times the city rate. Mr. Fischer stated that it isn't fair to sell something to someone and then tell them how much they have to re-sell the product for. This language has never been in the proposals before. Mr. Mercer stated that it hasn't been in the proposals before but, it was discussed. Mr. Shryock stated that he has said previously that the county should not be penalized if we can be better businessmen than the city. Mr. Shryock stated that the City's fixed costs are already in place and it costs them \$2.33 per thousand for the first 4 million gallons. The cost then is decreased by every million gallons after that. Mr. Mercer then stated that he does not agree with Mr. Shryock's analogy. He does not feel that the city should sell water to the county for less than they do to their other customers. Mr. Fischer stated that the county does not want to cause a financial burden to the city that is why they agreed to pay \$4,000 for the first two million gallons for the outside customers. He then stated that *we spoke with people in the know about what the county can charge for water and still be* affordable to residents. Mr. Mercer stated that the city has been getting professional advice also. Mr. Fischer stated that the statistics they have are from successful water systems. If the County would sell water to residents at \$55 or \$60 per month, they will not have a successful water system. Mr. Mercer asked if the Commissioners have determined a number that they are not willing to go past. Mr. Fischer stated that the Commissioners are very concerned about not being able to come up with an agreement. He is very concerned that if we don't come up with an agreement, it will hurt the city. He feels the only way for Coshocton County to prosper is if we prosper together. The Commissioners will go ahead with this process whether the city is on board or not. Mr. Fischer stated that he was disappointed that the city council did not get presented with the county's proposal. Mr. Mercer stated that it was only reported on and everyone was told about it, but it was not voted on. Mr. Fischer stated that this decision is going to affect the city forever. He really feels that all the council should be aware of what is going on with this decision. Mr. Fischer stated that this county can no longer watch other counties put in infrastructure. We have to move forward on this issue. Mr. Shryock stated that these negotiations have been very frustrating. We have run all the numbers and have determined that if we build our own plant, the debt reduction will be approximately \$5 per month per user. Mr. Shryock asked how many bulk water customers the city has. Mr. Mercer stated that depends on the tier structure. They have lots of industrial users. He classifies them as bulk water users. Mr. Shryock asked if they have any users that buy bulk water and re-sell it to users. Mr. Mercer stated that they have none that he is aware of. He stated that he hopes the Commissioners will come together and reason together with the city. We are very close here. Mr. Fischer stated that unless the county can get users, then it doesn't benefit the county or the city. So if we sound firm on our figures we are requesting, it's because we are being honest and open and want it to work with the city by telling them exactly what we need. They thanked Mr. Mercer for attending.

Open Bids – Seal Coat Various County Roads

At 9:00 a.m. bids for the Seal Coat of Various County Roads were opened. Ms. Robin McKee and Mr. Fred Wachtel attended the meeting. There were three bidders as follows: The Shelly Company, Thornville, Ohio with a bid of \$136,813.80, Small's Asphalt Paving, Gambier, Ohio with a bid of \$120,995.65 and Melway Paving Co., with a bid of \$138,953.25. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to turn over all bids for Seal Coat Various County Roads to Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer for his recommendation.

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	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

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Workers Compensation – Mr. Fred Wachtel

Mr. Fred Wachtel and Ms. Pat Harsh attended the meeting to discuss Workers Compensation. Mr. Wachtel stated that after the meeting in Roscoe, he thought that everyone wanted some type of payroll based solution to the issue. He then presented the Commissioners with worksheets showing his previous year's workers compensation charges and his proposed charges based on a risk multiplier. He determined the risk multiplier based on what the employee does at work to determine the weighted payroll and then take a percentage of the weighted payroll. Mr. Shryock stated that he understands why it would be easier to plan with this type of system. However, the issue that concerns him is that some of the departments will be paying a lot more than they are right now. Mr. Wachtel stated that it is a lot percentage wise, but not really a lot of money. Mr. Wachtel stated that what he heard the assembled group say that they wanted this type of a system. Mr. Shryock asked Ms. Harsh when we will know what the workers compensation charges will be. Ms. Harsh stated that CompManagement gives those figures out at the annual meeting. Ms. Harsh then presented the Commissioners with a spreadsheet that showed what the charges will be if they charge the departments at 100% of the payroll, 30% of the payroll and 70% of claims and 50% payroll and 50% claims. She stated that Mr. Wachtel's multiplier system is really no different than the 100% of payroll.

Discussion – Deb Laney

Ms. Laney attended the meeting to request that the Commissioners grant her permission to hire a new employee as one of hers walked out last week. She is asking permission to hire Audra Hammond for 28 hours per week permanently. Also, to hire Azure Brinkerhoff as a temporary part-time driver for 28 hours per week from July 23, 2007 through November 16, 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Telephone Conference – Mr. Dave Brooks, CORSA

Ms. Pat Harsh attended the meeting and the Commissioners then telephoned Mr. Brooks. Mr. Shryock introduced all in attendance. Mr. Brooks stated that CORSA has an annual financial audit done and they have asked CORSA to collect the deductibles from the county or write them off. Coshocton County owes \$16,000 in deductibles from the County Engineer because he refuses to pay for them. He stated that if the Commissioners provide the Engineer with an invoice, we should be able to get those funds reimbursed. Mr. Shryock asked if there was any other county that had a deficit balance owed to CORSA for their Engineer's deductibles. Mr. Brooks stated that there are some outstanding deductibles for 2007 and he anticipates that they will receive all those deductibles. Mr. Shryock asked what the total owed is, and Ms. Harsh stated that he owes \$16,341.64. The Commissioners thanked him for talking with them. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to pay CORSA \$16,341.64 for outstanding deductibles that are owed to them. Mr. Fischer asked Ms. Harsh if we have any other options. Ms. Harsh stated that we do not. Mr. Shryock stated that he would like it noted that Mr. Brooks stated that the Supreme Court will re-address this issue and feels confident that they will find that the Engineer can use highway funds for this purpose since it is for the cost of doing business.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Recess

At 12:00 p.m. Mr. Shryock moved the meeting to recess. At 1:00 p.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session.

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Discussion – Jerry Firman

Mr. Firman stated that he is attending the meeting in support of the Rootbeer Stand on CR 1A. Please help them and don't hurt them with codes that may stand in their way.

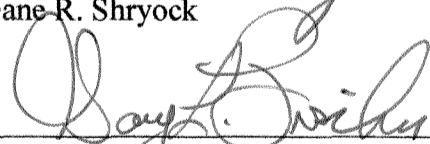
Wireless Internet Discussion

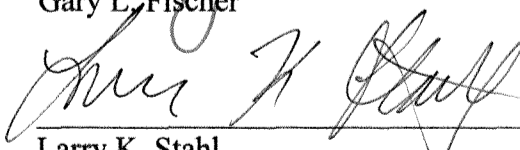
Chuck Ellis Jerry Dolzine, Jerry Firman, Troy Bricker, Jim VanHorn, Kyle Quillen, Mr. Mike LaVigne, Jim Kenny, Mr. T.J. Justice Mr. Jim Crawford and Fred Wachtel attended the meeting to discuss Wireless Internet throughout the county. This project was brought forward by Pearl Valley Cheese who is a business in Coshocton County and interested in this possibility. Mr. Chuck Ellis of Pearl Valley Cheese introduced Light Speed a company that provides wireless internet to the Commissioners. Light Speed operates off of publicly owned and privately owned communications towers that provide secured broad band access to residents. The Commissioners wanted to have this meeting today to make certain they have covered all available antennas. The county will benefit by getting free wireless internet for all public building and vehicles. Mr. Ellis stated that Pearl Valley Cheese has become very dependant on the internet. They have determined that the wireless internet will be a great asset to their business. Mr. Quillen stated that Light Speed is based out of Berlin, Ohio and started because the owner wanted to have access at his home. By utilizing the local towers, they were able to pretty much cover all of Holmes County. They have expanded to Tuscarawas County recently and are hoping to move into Coshocton County as well. Mr. Shryock stated that the meeting today is to inventory what is available in Coshocton County and can be utilized for this project. Mr. VanHorn discussed the sites used by EMA. Mr. Kenny discussed all the sites used by the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Kenny does not think it will be a problem to put wireless on these sites. Mr. Shryock stated that we have 4 Marx towers in the county as well. Mr. LaVigne stated that he has sent the location information for those sites to Mr. Quillen. Mr. Wachtel gave some input on where he feels would be good sites. He feels that once they find the areas they are interested, he can do some GIS mapping and let them know what works best. Mr. Kenny stated that the county's towers are not line of sight from one to another. They are line of sight back to Coshocton. Mr. ^{Quillen} ~~Quinlyn~~ stated that not having line of sight from tower to tower is not good. He will have to go out and look at each site and determine a plan of action. If he can get on the Marx towers he feels he will be able to cover pretty much all of the county. In the next couple of days Mr. Quillen will go out and visit each site to determine what the next step should be. Mr. Shryock stated that we have a county-wide broad band meeting on the 30th of this month and would like to have some information for that meeting. Mr. Quillen stated that he should have some information by that time. The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

At 2:09 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.


Dane R. Shryock


Gary L. Fischer


Larry K. Stahl


Clerk