

# COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

August 8, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS and Mary Beck, Clerk

## Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the minutes as presented for Monday, August 6, 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Approve Bills

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the bills per computer printout dated August 8, 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Resolution 2007-171

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2007-171 authorizing the extension of the term of the note with JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA for the purchasing of a fuel storage and pumping system at Richard Downing Airport.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Resolutions 2007-172 through 2007-180

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign Resolutions 2007-172 through 2007-180, Then and Now Certificate of Payments for the following:

2007-0172	Rays Auto Machine	\$16.00	Maintenance
2007-173	Coshocton County Transportation	\$2,497.52	DJFS
2007-174	US Postal Service	\$3,500.00	DJFS
2007-175	Verizon Wireless	\$67.03	Transportation
2007-176	Verizon Wireless	\$652.82	DJFS
2007-177	Verizon Wireless	\$229.33	Youth Services
2007-178	Verizon Wireless	\$151.27	Maintenance
2007-179	AT&T	\$354.05	911 Levy
2007-180	AT&T	\$99.30	Maintenance

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Prisoner Maintenance Report

Receive the Prisoner Maintenance Report for the month of July 2007 from the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office.

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Agricultural Society Payment

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to pay the 2007 annual Agricultural Society Payment in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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.

JFS

Table with 5 columns: FROM, TO, Salaries, Health, Unemployment, ABLE, AMOUNT. Total \$44,500.00

Engineer

Table with 5 columns: FROM, TO, WC Roads, WC Admin, WC Bridges Supv., AMOUNT. Total \$1,604.89

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Save Our Homes – Pat Harsh

Ms. Pat Harsh stated that she attended a meeting that was held by Ms. Sandy Corder called Save our Homes. This was a meeting that stated that Ohio is the highest state in home foreclosures. They would like each county to come up with our own educational tools for entities to utilize ways to get educational information to residents of the county. The State would like to have programs in place to help the residents of our county know what options they have in these situations. Mr. Shryock asked if it was discussed the 30 year fixed rate mortgage loans for these residents have these problems. Ms. Harsh stated that was never mentioned in this meeting. It may be brought up in the next meeting.

Public Hearing – Vacation TR 341, Jefferson Township

At 9:00 a.m. a public hearing on the vacation of TR 341 in Jefferson Township was held. There being no person present to voice any objection, Mr. Shryock asked that this be added to the Monday, August 13, 2007 agenda items.

Discussion – USDA Lease

Mr. Shryock stated that after speaking with Mr. Mike Jacobs about USDA leasing office space in the County Services Building, the Commissioners contacted Marc Fishel, Downes, Hurst & Fishel and asked if it is possible for the county to require employees already in place to have FBI background checks and credit checks. Ms. Beck took Mr. Fishel's call and he stated that for the

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## USDA Lease Continued

amount of money that it will cost, he does not feel it in the best interest of the county to require the county employees to have these checks done. He suggests that USDA find other means of office space. Mr. Shryock asked Ms. Beck to contact Mr. Mike Jacobs to discuss this issue further.

## Dog Warden Report

Ms. Ivy Farley attended the meeting to give her Dog Wardens Report. Ms. Farley stated that she has written 52 citations in the last two months. 33 no tags, 6 running at large, 7 Vicious loose and 8 no insurance. In 2006 they sold 6660 single tags and 284 kennel tags. In 2007 to date, 6161 single tags have been sold and 290 kennel tags were sold. She averages 20 dogs per week at the kennel that have to be euthanized. She euthanizes on average around 1500 dogs per year. She does issue warnings and then checks to make certain those people have followed through with the warning. Mr. Shryock stated that there was a court ruling that has upheld the vicious dog law. It will remain as it previously has been. Mr. Shryock stated that he appreciates where the dog wardens program was two years ago and where it has come today. He also stated that the public needs to know that Ms. Farley is on call 24 hours per day, nights and weekends. The only assistance she has is with the as needed assistant dog warden. Mr. Shryock stated that there is funding available to hire a part-time enforcement officer and they intend to proceed with the hiring of this employee. Also, the Commissioners are looking for office space for Ms. Farley away from the Animal Shelter. Ms. Farley stated that Coshocton County does have a problem with pitbulls. We do have incidents with these dogs often. She stated that the dog warden program has come along way from where it was two years ago. She continues to try to make it better each day. Mr. Stahl thanked Ms. Farley for her hard work and stated that he understands that it is not an easy job. The Commissioners thanked her for her report.

## Employee/Employer Relations

Ms. Deana Rinehart attended the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Shryock asked for concerns. Ms. Rinehart asked what is going on with the leak from the bathroom in the Tax Map Office. Mr. Shryock stated that Fisher's are taking care of that issue. They will put a sealer down on the floor and replace the carpet. The carpet downstairs will be replaced directly. Mr. Shryock stated that we are getting proposals that will include four different proposals for vision, which will be paid by the employee and vision where the county will pay for the employee and the employee will pay to have family added. A proposal with all birth control added, they are looking at increasing the bonus for employees waiving coverage and then Health Savings Accounts (HAS). With the Health Savings Accounts, the employer is permitted to give each employee up to half of the deductible and then once the employee reaches the deductible, then their claims are paid for 100%. Mr. Shryock stated that we would offer the HAS as an optional plan for employees. Mr. Fischer stated that the HAS is designed for healthy employees to have the ability to build up over a number of years monies to pay in the event they need it at a later date for medical purposes. This is something the Commissioners are looking at for employees. The next meeting will be September 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

## Discussion – Water

Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners submitted an offer to the city and stated that it was our best offer. The question before the board is do we say we submitted our best offer or do we go back and negotiate again. Commissioner Fischer stated that the language on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and recent conversations with Infrastructure Committee stating that they were going to run it up the flag pole and see if it would go. How do they know that it will pass? Mr. Shryock asked are we prepared to negotiate more or are we going to say this is the our best and final offer.

## Swiss Valley – No Treatment Calls

Mr. Mike Perkins attended the meeting to discuss Swiss Valley's No Treatment Resolution. He stated that he intends to go to the Swiss Valley Board meeting tonight and express the

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## Swiss Valley - Continued

Commissioners belief about this issue. He feels they want to charge for mutual aid whether they render care or not. Mike stated that he feels if they are called out and render care then they should be compensated. However, he does not recognize their resolution which states that if they go on a call to render care, whether render services or not, they will be paid. Mr. Shryock stated that he thought this was worked out previously. Mr. Perkins stated that they are the only agency that does not follow the requirements that Coshocton County EMS has requested in order to be paid for services rendered. He has written to them previously but things have not changed. Mr. Perkins plans to attend the Swiss Valley Board Meeting tonight to emphasize what Coshocton County will reimburse. The Commissioners are behind him 100% on this issue.

## Discussion – EMS Levy Request

Mr. Shryock stated that we have received the valuation schedule from the County Auditor and the amount of money the will be available is \$1,864,182.00. Mr. Shryock asked if Mr. Perkins intent was to build all new buildings or revamp some. He will build a new one in Coshocton, but revamp the other two buildings. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

## Discussion – Wayne Yoder

Mr. Wayne Yoder attended the meeting to discuss Habitat for Humanity's request to be included in the 5 year CHIS Council. He also stated that the county has monies in our Program Income that could be used for the Habitat house. Mr. Shryock stated that Mr. Yoder can send a request in writing for these funds and the Commissioners will consider their request. Mr. Shryock asked how Mr. Cleek was to deal with and Mr. Yoder stated that he found Mr. Cleek to be very professional and easy to deal with.

## CR 297 and CR 298 Road Issue – MR. Dale Wilson

Mr. Dale Wilson attended the meeting to discuss with the Commissioners his issues with CR 297 ad CR 298. Mr. Wilson stated that when he moved here 8 years ago he had beautiful roads. Since then the road has deteriorated. In the past, they repaired the chip-n-seal and it was nice. Now, they do not use the proper equipment. Three years ago they widened CR 298 which was needed. Now, they don't have enough money to put down the chip-n-seal. He is very frustrated with the process. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners office is concerned with his issues. He asked if he has spoke to Mr. Wachtel about this at all. Mr. Wilson stated that he has not spoke with Mr. Wachtel this year. Mr. Shryock stated that as an elected official, we are all equal and cannot tell other elected officials how to run their office. We will convey his dissatisfaction with the care of his road. We will also forward a copy of the minutes to him. Mr. Wilson stated that he does not want to hear that there is not enough money. He will be willing to pay for the road to be fixed to his house and take it off on his taxes. Mr. Fischer stated that we do take these complaints very seriously and we will discuss the matter with Mr. Wachtel. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

## Discussion – Water Continued

Mr. Fischer stated that the City and the County can come to an agreement, but if the end user does not want the product, then how is this a good agreement. It is important that we work together, but it is more important that the end user will purchase the water. Mr. Shryock agreed. Right now the county has water going past residents houses but they will not hook on because they do not feel they should pay 1 and ½ times the city residents. Mr. Fischer stated that this is a business decision with well established numbers. He does not see how we can be a viable water system with the numbers that the city is requesting. Mr. Stahl stated that what will happen when the city has to raise their rates then the outside customers will be increased 1 and ½ half times their rate increase. We might be subjecting the county residents to very high water rates in the future without having control. Mr. Stahl stated that if we enter into an agreement with the city, we as the county will have to be prepared to possibly build a plant or buy water from Warsaw or Newcomerstown after the five year

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Water Continued

contract.. They will discuss this issue further on Monday.

Recess

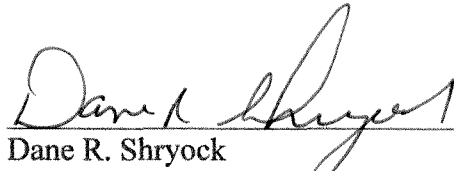
At 11:50 a.m. Mr. Shryock moved the meeting to recess. At 1:09 p.m. the meeting was returned to regular session.

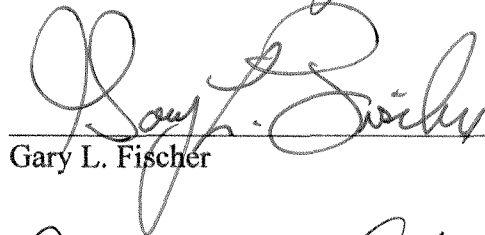
Discussion – Dog Warden

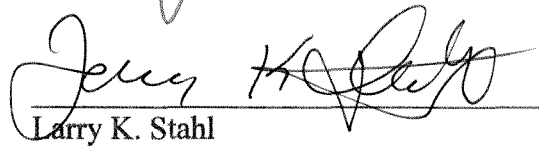
Mr. Shryock stated that he feels that the Commissioners need to find office space for the Dog Warden separate from the Animal Shelter. If and when they hire an Assistant Dog Warden they will utilize this office space as well. The other two Commissioners agree. Mr. Shryock will contact maintenance to get this process started.

Adjourn

At 1:25 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Gary L. Fischer

  
Larry K. Stahl

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Clerk