

# COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

August 29, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS, Kathie Dickerson, The Tribune 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 29, 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Letter of Support – 2008 CFLP Grant Request

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a letter of support for the Coshocton County Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Requests for the 2008 CFLP Grant year.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Contract Amendment – JFS/Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Contract Amendment between JFS and Big Brother/Big Sisters to make a change to the budget line items as requested by Mr. Terry Miller, Director, JFS.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Transfer Request

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

### Children Services

FROM		TO		AMOUNT
090-0100-300.00	Travel	090-0300-300.00	Travel	\$1,100.00

### Commissioners

001-1410-5112.00	Unemployment	001-0420-5260.01	Utilities	\$4,000.00
001-1410-5263.00	Bonds	001-0420-5260.01	Utilities	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
			Total	\$4,500.00

### Juvenile Court

211-0400-260.00	Placement	211-0400-200.00	Supplies	\$ 300.00
211-0400-260.00	Placement	211-0300-102.00	Salaries	\$12,791.00
211-0400-260.00	Placement	211-0200-102.00	Contract	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
			Total	\$15,091.00

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

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## Additional Appropriations

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

### Commissioners

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Revenue not anticipated #82998	001-0110-5400.00 CCC Other Expense	\$5,996.52

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

## Resolution 2007-200 through 2007-201

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign the Resolution 2007-200-201, the following Then and Now Certificates of Payments as requested by the following departments:

2007-200	Juvenile Court	Randall Wallace, PSY.D	\$576.00
2007-201	Juvenile Court	VISA 2	\$195.42

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

## Proclamation – Joyce Buerkel

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Proclamation Commending Joyce Buerkel on her many years of service as a county employee and wishing her well in her retirement.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

## Contract Amendment – JFS/FCFC

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Contract Amendment between JFS and FCFC – Care Teams to change the contract value from \$42,725.00 to \$49,925.00.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

## Management Letter – 2006 Audit

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Coshocton County Management Representative Letter for the 2006 County Audit as requested by Ms. Sandra Corder, Coshocton County Auditor.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea



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## Resolution 2007-202

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to combine Funds #356 and #353 to establish a single water and sewer fund for maintenance, repair, capital improvement and contingencies.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Executive Session - Personnel

At 8:50 a.m. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session with Ms. Deb Laney to discuss the dismissal of an employee. All vote yea. At 8:58 a.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. No action taken.

## Open Proposals – Janitorial Cleaning – Annex &amp; Courthouse

At 9:00 a.m. proposals for the Janitorial cleaning of the Courthouse and Annex Building were opened. There was one proposal submitted, Freshway Cleaning, Mt. Vernon, Ohio with a proposal of \$1,945.00 per month. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to accept the proposal of Freshway Cleaning and send a contract to them.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Discussion Water

Mr. Matt Robinette attended the meeting to inform the Commissioners that Keen Drilling will be at the bottom of Airport Road to determine the capacity and water quality tests for the wells owned by the county. The Commissioners asked him to keep them informed.

## CHIP 2007 Grant Funding

Mr. Shryock stated that we were notified by the Coshocton Tribune that the County has received \$499,900 in CHIP funding for low to moderate income housing for the county.

## Discussion – Animal Shelter Estimates

Ms. Schonauer presented estimated for repairs to the Animal Shelter. These repairs will consist of replacement of windows vinyl siding and masonry work totaling \$5,909.60. The Commissioners approved these estimates and ask Ms. Schonauer to have the Maintenance Department proceed with the repairs.

## Transportation Employment Issue

Ms. Audra Hammond attended the meeting to discuss her termination of employment at the Coshocton County Transportation. She stated that she does not understand why she was terminated. Her spouse was ill and then she had a funeral. She felt the things that happened to her were out of her control. She was never given any training or informed of any of her rights. Mr. Shryock stated that under government rules, at any time during a probationary period, an employee can be terminated without any reason. She stated that she wanted to inform the Commissioners of what a horrible place the Transportation Office is to work. She stated that Ms. Laney is very unprofessional and has been caught playing solitaire on her computer. She also stated that Ms. Laney spends a lot of time on her cell phone. The Commissioners thanked Audra for attending.

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## Discussion – USDA Office Space

Mr. Mike Jacobs attended the meeting at the request of the Commissioners. Mr. Shryock stated that after consulting with our labor attorney, it is not in the best interest of the county to subject our employees to these requirements. Mr. Jacobs stated that after the last meeting with the county, he researched the issue and determined that we can get around some of these requirements if they are there during office hours as far as janitorial is concerned. As far as maintenance is concerned, not every maintenance worker would need to have these checks done. Possibly the head of maintenance or a supervisor would be the only one that needs to be checked. Mr. Fischer stated that we would still be subjecting one of our employees to something we were advised not to do. Mr. Stahl asked if this is a deal breaker. Mr. Jacobs stated that he is not certain; he does not think so, he will have to do some more research. Mr. Shryock stated that whether it is one employee or ten employees, this is still an issue for the county. Mr. Jacobs stated that he will pass this on and indicate that it is an issue for the county. Mr. Shryock stated that he understands what Washington is trying to do, however, he wonders if they understand the impact on the local level. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

## Discussion – Water

Mr. Stahl stated that he has several issues with the letter from the city about the bulk water rate. The Mayor has threatened to veto anything that may have the county sell water for less than the city. Using their formula he figures they will be in the hole approximately \$653,700 at the end of year five and \$1,036,600 at the end of year seven. His issue is that he has a problem signing a contract with someone that will need a 36.44% increase just to make their system work. That would mean an increase of 64% for the county. He would suggest that they do follow through with the audit as suggested by Tom Edwards. He stated that as a board the county has never told them how to run their business, and they should not dictate to the county how we should conduct ours. He is very concerned about the debt factor and he would really like to see a professional audit. He wants to see the city and the county work together but he is not willing to put the county at risk.

## Quicksall &amp; Associates

Ms. Jeanette Wierzbicki and Mr. Doug Little, Mr. Don Wells, Mr. Matt Robinette and Mr. John Thomas attended the meeting to discuss the SR 83 Waterline Project and the Water Tower at the Airport. Mr. Little presented plans for the SR 83 Waterline Project. He discussed how they will tap into the existing system and where they will cross US 36. They will provide a stub on the north side of US 36 for future development. Then bore back under SR 83 and on around SR 83 toward Lake Park. They will need to follow the bike path around the lake servicing the soccer fields and the canal boat. At the park entrance they will then go to an alternate bid to get to the second park entrance, this will go past the administration office to the second park entrance. Mr. Shryock asked if they plan to use potable water to go to the golf course. He does not feel it would be in the best interest of the golf course to use potable water to water their greens. Has this discussion taken place with the park? Ms. Wierzbicki stated that the park is not extending the line to the golf course, it will be up to the golf course to determine how they will utilize the city water. Mr. Shryock asked what the engineers estimate is and if it has increased. Ms. Wierzbicki stated that they do have an estimate and it has increased from the one given in the water plan. Mr. Little stated that the original cost stated in the plan was approximately \$220,000 to 316,000 an increase of approximately \$95,000 the reason being that they have increased the line by 3600 feet. Mr. Shryock asked what type of time factor they are talking about. Because the bike path is used daily by many residents daily and that will need to be addressed. Ms. Wierzbicki stated that they could use crushed limestone or limestone screenings on that area and it should work well. Mr. Fischer asked if they included the replacement of the asphalt in the bid. Mr. Little stated that they did include that in the estimate. Mr. Shryock stated that the increase in price is an issue. The Commissioners stated that they will make a decision by next Wednesday, when do they think the completion date will be. Mr. Little stated that they will have it completed within 60 days.

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## Quicksall's & Associates Continued

Mr. Little stated that a check in the amount of \$1,092.55 EPA Permit fee for review of the project. It will need to be sent to the EPA for a final approval of the project.

Mr. Little then stated that the Commissioners have asked for them to stake the location of the water tower at the airport. He has determined that the cost will be \$2,900.00 to locate the stake. Mr. Shryock stated that we sent out a letter to local surveyors to survey the whole property and those estimates came back below \$1,000.00. Is it that difficult to stake this tower? Could a local surveyor stake that tower? Mr. Little stated that we can get them that information. But he has time in the mapping of the area that the county will be billed for. Mr. Shryock asked that he separate his time from the estimate and get the information to the local surveyors to get this completed. Mr. Little stated that he will get the information to the local surveyors and get the ball rolling. Mr. Fischer stated that we would like the information to the local surveyor as soon as possible. Ms. Wierzbicki stated that as soon as we determine who will be doing the survey, let them know and they will get them that information.

Ms. Wierzbicki stated that she wanted to address an article that was in the paper that the Commissioners were given an estimate which was for a much smaller water plant than they gave an estimate for. Mr. Fischer stated that the county's thought process is that we build a plant that will satisfy our needs and then expand from there. If they are willing to give another proposal at no additional cost then the Commissioners will accept another proposal. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners will not take anything at face value. We will always look at every option that is available to the county to save as much money as possible for the county. The County does not want to get into a situation where there is such a large debt that we cannot have a viable water system for our residents. We will look at every option available. Mr. Fischer stated that even if we have to put several package plants in different locations if it is the best option for the county. Ms. Wierzbicki stated that her only concern is that they misunderstood the county's intentions and wanted to make certain that they give us what we want. Mr. Fischer stated that we are going to use all resources available to make a decision that is best for the county. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

## Surveying Proposal

Mr. Shryock stated that we have received two proposals for the surveying of the airport property. Hitchens and Associates will not exceed \$850.00 and will start within two weeks and be complete within four weeks. American Precision gave an estimate not to exceed \$1,000 and will start within one week and complete within two weeks. Mr. Shryock telephoned both companies and determined that American Precision can have the project done within two weeks. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels that the time factor is of the utmost importance and therefore, we should contact American Precision and have them complete the survey as soon as possible. Mr. Stahl was in agreement. Mr. Shryock stated that he will have Matt Robinette contact American Precision.

## Discussion – Water

Mr. Fischer stated that he has some problems with the letter sent by the city. There are several incorrect statements. The city says we have not moved on the \$2.50 per thousand. In the original meeting we started at \$2.00. This has been being negotiated since August of 2006 and if it can't be negotiated in a year it can not be negotiated at all. Another concern is that the county may be doing an injustice to the county residence by entering into an agreement with an entity that is as financially unstable as the city. He also stated that this is not personal in any way. Mr. Stahl stated that even if we sign an agreement with the city, and doubled our capacity, the city will still be in trouble. Mr. Fischer stated that our difference at the end of year five to the end user it will not be a viable water system. Also, their comment that we should vote on their proposal is inaccurate, it was already voted on. We sent them a letter stating that we did reject their offer and asked them to vote because we did not know where they stood on our proposal. Now we know where they stand and we need to move forward. The numbers that they provided us shows that the increases that they are projecting will not make a viable water system for the county.

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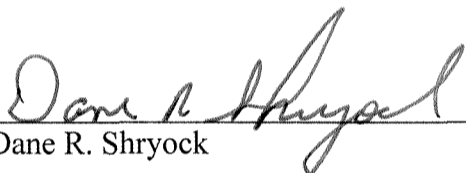
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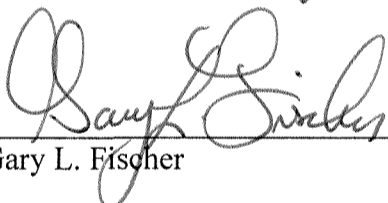
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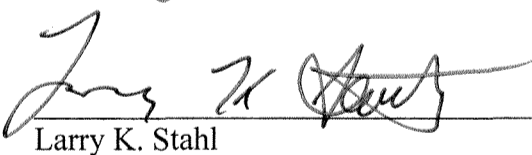
He does not want to cause any problems for the county. He would like to work with the city, and he does not want to cause a hardship for the city, but he has to look at what is in the best interest for the county. Mr. Fischer stated that he felt the county was never in a negotiation with the city. They presented numbers that were the best the county can afford and still be able to provide water to county residents that they will be willing to tap into. Mr. Shryock stated that he agrees with the comments from Mr. Fischer. We did take our best proposal to the city. The difference between the city taking a vote and the county taking a vote is that the County already came to a decision and the rejected it. Based on facts off the city website of what it costs to run and maintain their water department, it was \$2.33 for cost, production, distribution, and debt reduction. It only costs them \$.53 to produce a thousand gallons of water and we are offering them \$2.55 per thousand gallons, they are making almost \$2.00 per thousand for their water. The county will have to pay for billing, infrastructure and debt reduction for our system on top of the payment to the city for bulk water. Therefore, we have given them our best offer and they have turned us down. We need to send them a letter stating this. Mr. Fischer stated that as stewards of the county dollar, can the Commissioners go into an agreement with the city when they are in the financial situation they are in. Mr. Shryock stated that he thinks it's huge that the county has offered them the money up front so they don't lose monies from the customer they now have. They do not realize what that even means. They all agree that a vote has already been taken and they will send a letter stating so. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels based on the numbers the city has given us, the county is being forced to build our own plant and does not have any other options. The Commissioners will draft a letter to the city as soon as possible.

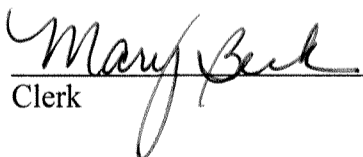
Adjourn

At 12:15 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Gary L. Fischer

  
Larry K. Stahl

  
Clerk