

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

December 19, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, and Ms. Mary Beck, Clerk.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the minutes as presented for Monday, December 17, 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.

Board of Elections

FROM		TO		AMOUNT
001-0310-5101.00	Salaries Off.	001-0310-5102.00	Salaries – Employees	\$ 75.00
001-0310-5101.00	Salaries Off.	001-0310-5110.00	PERS	<u>\$225.66</u>
			Total	\$300.66

Safety

001-1400-5200.00	Supplies	001-1400-5110.00	PERS	\$110.00
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Commissioners

001-0420-5260.01	Utilities	001-0150-5410.00	Audit Costs	\$500.00
001-0420-5260.01	Utilities	001-0270-5400.01	Co. Share Munic.	\$ 0.03

Clerk of Courts

001-0250-5200.00	Supplies	001-0250-5111.00	W. Comp	\$985.00
001-0250-5102.00	Salaries	001-0250-5111.00	W. Comp	\$600.00
001-0250-5115.00	Medicare	001-0250-5111.00	W. Comp	\$600.00
001-0250-5400.01	Microfilm	001-0250-5111.00	W. Comp	<u>\$352.00</u>
			Total	\$2,537.00

JFS

090-0100-5111.00	W. Comp. Sims	090-0300-5102.00	Salaries Sims	\$1,000.00
380-0100-5113.00	Insurance	380-0100-5110.00	PERS	\$1,724.56
380-0100-5113.00	Insurance	380-0100-5102.00	Salaries	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
			Total	\$9,724.56

090-0100-602.00	Protect Ohio	090-0100-400.00	Other Expense	\$10,000.00
090-0100-602.00	Protect Ohio	090-0100-260.00	Contract Services	\$20,000.00
090-0100-602.00	Protect Ohio	090-0100-820.00	Grants	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
			Total	\$50,000.00

Vote:	Shryock	yea
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	Stahl	yea

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Resolution 2007-383

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2007-383 declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for a 2 mill additional levy for the operation, maintenance and/or construction of buildings or acquisition of property for a Coshocton County Emergency Medical Service for a period of 5 years.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Resolution 2007-384

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign Resolution 2007-384 declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for a 1 mill additional levy for the support of county criminal justice services under section 307.45 of the ORC., which may include the following: Operation, maintenance and/or construction of buildings or acquisition of property for a Coshocton County Justice Center/Correctional Facility for a continuing period.

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 JFS which has been certified by the County Auditor.

Table with 4 columns: FROM, TO, Description, AMOUNT. Rows include Unappropriated Fund Balance, Misc. TANF Contracts, Co. Transport. Misc, WIA Programs, Soc. Service Contract, and Total.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Meeting Request – Blanket

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve a blanket meeting request for the 2008 calendar year for the Coshocton County Records Office. These expenses will meet the guidelines established by the County Commissioners and will not exceed the budgeted line item for travel.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Office Space – Soil & Water

Ms. Theresa Bradford and Mr. Tim Halt attended the meeting to request additional office space for their offices. Mr. Shryock stated that we have office space in the basement of the County Services Building that will become available at the end of this year. The Soil and Water Office is requesting that they get the front office space and the office behind that and then EMA can have the offices behind those offices. He stated that the Commissioners have no problem with them utilizing this

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Office Space continued

space. They discussed how this would be paid and determined that if the Commissioners increase their funding by half the amount of the cost of the space, they will get reimbursement back from the State of Ohio.

Conference Call – Ms. Joy Padgett

Mr. Fischer stated that the Commissioners are trying to determine how to go about this EMS/Jail Levy. There are three mills out there that are for the EMS. They have not been utilizing the full three mills in the past couple years. The EMS is willing to come back into the county and decrease their millage to two mills and then we can utilize the one mill for a Justice Center. Originally the intent was to merge the two levies together, but legally we are unable to do this. So now, we have to run these as two separate levies. We are taking a risk because if these levies don't both pass, then we will lose one mill if the jail levy does not pass. Mr. Shryock stated that we are trying to utilize the millage that is already in place and not ask for additional millage. He also stated that he spoke with Jim Bonta at the Hydrologic Station and they are interested in having the Federal Government purchase some of the land up there. He is working with the Governors Office and has been told that it is in the best interest to solidify the Hydrologic Station with this purchase. Ms. Padgett asked what we have heard about the state monies for a jail. Mr. Fischer stated that we did hear this and that is why we have hired an architect to get us in position if this would happen. She stated that there were monies available many years ago, and there has been much discussion that it is added back in again. She stated that she does not feel the Commissioners should count on that happening. Mr. Shryock stated that he feels we really need to try to do something. If the citizens of Coshocton County decide to say no to the levy, then he feels that the Commissioners Office at least tried to be proactive. Mr. Fischer stated that they know it will be a hard sell, but he feels that the Commissioners have no other option. He stated that they wanted to make her aware of the possible land purchase and the utilization of these funds for the jail and also how they intend to go about progressing with this levy request. The Commissioners thanked her for her time. Ms. Padgett stated that she feels that she is in support of the purchase of the Hydrologic Station property and she also is in support of the Commissioners decision on the levies.

Executive Session – Regional Planning Employee

At 9:20 a.m. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to go into executive session with Ms. Tiffany Swigert and Mr. Andy Jones to discuss personnel. At 9:43 am the meeting was returned to regular session. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to hire Ms. Tiffany Swigert effective immediately for the position of Executive Director of Regional Planning.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Stahl	yea

Discussion – EMS/Jail Levies

Mr. Shryock stated that he e-mailed a re-payment plan for the Jail Levy to the other two commissioners. He stated that the re-payment on the bond will not be covered by a one mill levy. He stated that the Commissioners need to determine where the additional monies will come from or will the Commissioners try to come up with additional funds up front to bring the initial debt down, thereby making the bond re-payment lower. He stated that they could utilize monies if they sell 400 acres to the Hydrologic Station to use to bring down the debt re-payment. He feels this might be a way to solidify the Hydrologic Station staying in Coshocton County permanently. The other two Commissioners agree that this would be a good thing for the county but only if the property is sold to the Federal Government for the Hydrologic Station. He is meeting with Congressman Space to see if this plan could come to fruition. Mr. Shryock stated that there are two different funding systems on the state level. One is through the department of corrections and one being capital

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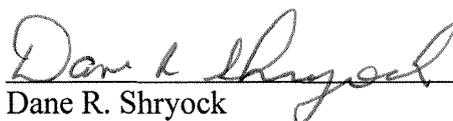
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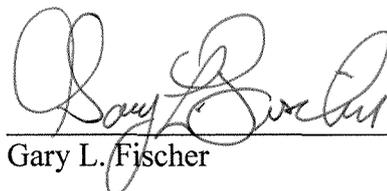
EMA/Jail Levy Continued

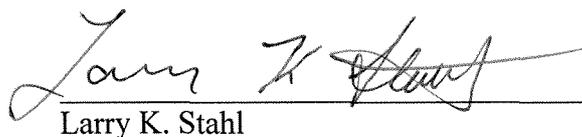
appropriations. Another possibility would be if the levy does pass, then collect the monies for one year and use that to decrease the bond re-payment. Mr. Shryock stated that we need to get the bond amount down to ten million so the bond re-payment will be able to be managed by the amount collected from the levy. Mr. Shryock asked Ms. Beck to make certain the language on the levies is correct and contact the Board of Elections to make sure when the filing deadline is. Then they discussed the ballot language. Mr. Shryock then read the following press release. The Coshocton County Commissioners this week requested certification from the Coshocton County Auditor for the purpose of seeking a 2 mill and a 1 mill additional property tax levy. However, in doing so, the Commissioners expect to non-renew a 3 mill, operating levy for the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Service (CEEMS). A decision is expected to be made next week by the commissioners whether or not to move forward on a plan that would ask voters to keep property tax millage at the same level but allow for different uses of the revenue. "This would allow the citizens of Coshocton County to get the maximum value from existing levels of tax millage already carried on the books to address present day challenges," said commission chairman Dane Shryock. If approved by voters, the restructuring of the uses of revenue would allow for the CEEMS to continue receiving funds it needs to operate while also building a new Coshocton County Criminal Justice Center. Shryock explained that an existing three mills new being used for the CEEMS would expire and no longer be collected after December 31, 2008 with the new three mills being collected starting on January 1, 2009. The Commissioners have decided to pursue the plan, and voters will consider the matter on March 4, 2008.

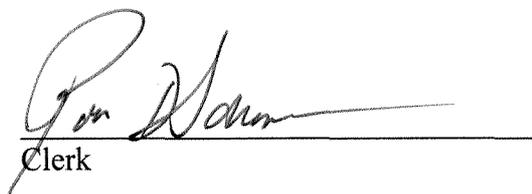
Adjourn

At 11:45 a.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.


Dane R. Shryock


Gary L. Fischer


Larry K. Stahl


Clerk