

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

August 13, 2008

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 with Mr. Gary Fischer, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, Ms. Kathie Dickerson, The Tribune and Ms. Mary Beck, Clerk.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the minutes as presented for Monday August 11, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Contract – First Step Domestic Violence Shelter

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Notice of Award, the Notice to Proceed and the Contract for the First Step, Inc. Domestic Violence Renovation with W. M. Brode Company in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 for the 2007 CDBG Grant.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending August 8, 2008 with a total number of calls handled at 18, Dogs picked-up – 7, Dogs per owner surrendered – 7, dogs brought in as strays – 5, Dogs destroyed – 12, warnings issued – 23, citations issued – 2, tags sold – 23, late fees – 4, dogs sold – 8, puppies sold under 90 days – 4, boarding fees collected - \$15.00, dogs redeemed – 4, for a total in fees collected of \$445.00.

Approve Bills

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the bills per computer printout dated August 13, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Vacation – Pike Township, Unincorporated Village of West Carlisle

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to accept the petition of the Pike Township Trustees for the vacation of various streets and alleys in Pike Township unincorporated Village of West Carlisle. They were originally platted in Deed Record 2, Page 7, Deed Record 2, Page 28, and Deed Record 5, page 623 of the Coshocton County Recorders Office.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

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Transfers/Additional

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the following Transfers/Additional which have been certified by the County Auditor.

Commissioners Transfer

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
001-0420-5260.08 Gas	001-0110-5103.00 Insurance Bonus	\$400.00

Gen. Fund to Regional Planning – Transfer

001-1510-5900.02 Trans. Out Reg	070-0100-4900.02 Trans. In Regional Plan	\$45,000.00
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Sheriff – Additional

Revenue not anticipated Pay-In – 84341, 84913, 85521	001-0610-5400.01	\$2,400.00
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Commissioners – Additional

Revenue not anticipated	001-0110-5400.00 CCC Other Expense	\$2,636.96
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JFS – Additional

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Unappropriated Fund Balance	030-0100-260.00 Contract Services	\$10,000.00
	030-0100-400.01 PRC	\$20,000.00
	030-0100-400.02 TANF Contracts	\$150,000.00
	030-0100-400.02 Co. Transportation	\$60,000.00
	030-0101-300.00 CSB Travel	\$ 9,000.00
	030-0101-640.00 Soc. Service Contract	\$54,000.00

Auditor – Transfer

001-0120-5111.00 W. Comp	001-0120-5103.00 Insurance Bonus	\$300.00
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Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Stahl	yea

Senior Center Levy

Ms. Rhonda Hobbs, Ms. Mary Beckholt and Mr. Mike Stevens attended the meeting to discuss the request from the Senior Center requesting the Senior Center Levy be placed on the ballot in the November election. Mr. Stevens stated that the levy expires at the end of 2009, but they would like to have it on the ballot in November because they feel the turnout in the fall election will get the attention of the residents. They feel that if they wait until November of 2009 it doesn't give them any options if the levy is turned down. Ms. Hobbs stated that she feels the seniors are very proud of what they are doing at the senior center.. The levy provides approximately 50% of what is provided by the Senior Center. She stated that they are concerned with the way the economy is at this time, putting it on the ballot in November of 2009 could be detrimental to the levy. Also, they cannot

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The Commissioners have been planning for the past 2 years for the Safety Facility bond issue and when the best time to put that on the ballot would be. He stated that the Commissioners will need to make a decision about putting this on the ballot in November. He also stated that with the renewal, there will be no increase in taxes for the senior levy as well as the Hopewell levy. Mr. Shryock stated that we will need to make a decision on what we will do. We have a call into the election board to get some information from them and we do have a meeting on Friday. Mr. Stahl stated that it is not fair to the tax payers or the entities to run a special election in the spring. That is weighing very heavily on his decision. He is behind the senior center 100%. The safety facility is a very crucial issue and if the State would come in it would be very detrimental to the county and would cost the county considerably. There would be a huge cut in services. He asked if he says yes to put the issue on the ballot, can we work together to help pass all the issues? Mr. Stevens stated that they would clearly let the community know what they are doing with the levy and what they plan to do in the future. He would never run a negative campaign against another issue. Ms. Hobbs stated that one thing they do at election time is to invite persons or issues to the senior center to discuss the topics. The seniors very much enjoy those discussions. Mr. Stahl stated that he feels we should send a letter to the Auditor requesting certification for this levy. Mr. Fischer stated that he is sure they can see our dilemma and the Commissioners will ask for Auditor certification for their levy and make a final decision on Friday. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

LightSpeed – Broadband Contract

Mr. Greg Dunn, Mr. Jeff Gamrath, SZD Whiteboard, Mr. Jon Mosier and Mr. Kyle Quillen, LightSpeed attended the meeting to discuss the preliminary LightSpeed contract for the broadband to Coshocton County rural residents. Also, Mr. Quillen will also discuss his references and mapping for the project. Mr. Quillen stated that he doesn't really have anything that will fit this project. He feels that it may be a two part contract. The first being a mirror of the Marcs Towers contract and then secondly being how the plans for him to get through the required phases will work. Mr. Fischer stated that he also feels there will need to be some type of lease for the 911 towers in the county as well. According to the prosecutor, we will need to charge a monetary charge such as a dollar. Mr. Dunn stated that we need to put a master agreement with general terms and conditions and then under that have two structures of the county 911 towers and the Marcs Towers as well as terms to provide the service. Mr. Gamrath asked will he articulate how he plans to get broadband to the county rural residents. Mr. Fischer stated that SZD Whiteboard will draft the contract and then have the Prosecuting Attorney sign-off on the contract. Mr. Quillen stated that they are looking at the eastern half of the county, western half and then the rest of the county for coverage. Phase I will encompass the Stone Creek site, Newcomerstown site and WOSU site. Mr. Gamrath asked what we will use as a gage to determine how many households will be covered under each phase. Mr. Quillen stated that he is not certain the number by each phase, but the overall coverage should hit approximately 4500 households. Now, he is not certain if this includes businesses. Mr. Gamrath asked Mr. Quillen to give us some areas at least of what the phases will cover and when residents can expect to have coverage available. Mr. Fischer asked how many Marcs Towers he plans to use. Mr. Quillen stated that he would like to utilize all the towers available, including the AEP owned towers. Mr. Fischer stated that we will need to have Marcs initiate those tower leases that he is interested in and send a lease to the county and we will then in turn sub-lease those towers to LightSpeed. Mr. Fischer stated that sometimes AEP can be difficult to work with. Mr. Dunn stated that he would start to work with those contacts now so that we can get things going as soon as possible. Mr. Shryock stated that he feels that 180 days is a realistic expectation of getting to the rural county residents as a whole. Mr. Gamrath stated that 180 days could be an issue since we are starting so close to winter. Mr. Shryock stated that he is more concerned with a total build-out as opposed to a phase build-out. Mr. Fischer stated that we designed it in phases because there were areas that we would like to hit first and then move forward from there. Mr. Quillen stated that there may be some residents that should be covered in phase I, but aren't, but when the total project is done, they will have coverage. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners were concerned with a company coming in and lighting-up the residential areas and leaving the rural areas. Mr. Quillen stated that they plan to light the areas and then let the public

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Broadband Continued

know it ready and start implementing broadband. Mr. Quillen stated that his business has worked in the past to bring broadband to areas that want it and are unable to get it. Mr. Fischer stated that is exactly the Commissioners hope is for Coshocton County. Mr. Gamrath asked if there is anyway to be able to let the residents know our plan and when the calls come in can we tell them in what general community area we are working. Mr. Quillen asked if the Commissioners Office wants to give that information out or do we want them to call LightSpeed. Mr. Quillen stated that people are concerned that there will not be enough bandwidth, he assured the Commissioners that will not be an issue. Mr. Quillen went over his peak times for bandwidth and Mr. Stahl asked if he would get on at a peak time, would the system be slower. Mr. Quillen assured him that it would not be slower. Mr. Shryock stated that Mr. Quillen listed 12 sites in the proposal and asked if he intends to use all those sites to light-up our county. Mr. Quillen stated that yes he intends to utilize those sites. The Commissioners will need to get the leases with AEP to make all the Marcs towers available. Mr. Shryock reviewed the different sites. Mr. Mosier asked him what changed within the last week to make the project go from 90 days to within a year. He stated that his company is acquiring another company and he does not foresee any problems doing this in 90 days, but just incase there are some issues he would like to make certain that they don't over-commit. Mr. Shryock stated that being a small operation and moving to a large operation it can be overwhelming. The Commissioners want to make certain that they are able to handle the increase in business and work. Mr. Quillen stated that they can handle the additional work and the Commissioners should not worry. Mr. Shryock then asked for a date to when he feels this will be completed then. Mr. Quillen stated that worse case scenario, it will take 1 year. If everything happens quickly, the total project could be done within 90 days, but that would bar anything else going wrong, such as tower leases ect. Mr. Quillen stated that we proceed with the Marcs towers that are owned by the state and move to the county towers that will work while we are waiting for the contract with AEP. So, the phases that were requested may not be suitable for the required tower leases. Mr. Fischer stated that he phases were designed to give the provider some flexibility. Also, we wanted to make certain the eastern end of the county is supplied first. He would agree with Mr. Shryock that the total overall coverage be done within one year. Mr. Dunn stated that we will give the county some language and let the prosecutor put it together. They will send the Commissioners a proposal for the language and also doing some grant writing as well. The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending.

Employee/Employer Relations

Mr. Steve Champagne, Mr. Ed Zinkon, and Ms. Cheryl Smailes attended the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Fischer asked Ms. Smailes how things are in the Annex Building. Ms. Smailes stated that it still depends on the weather outside. Since it has been pleasant out, it really hasn't been bad over there. She tried to get in contact with Mr. Wood because they did not have hand towels and toilet paper. She was unable to leave a message or get in touch with him, but the towels and toilet paper were replenished over the weekend. Mr. Champagne stated that CSEA is now offering mediation for resident utilizing their court. Also, through the use of the 3-D Contract, they are going to hire Mr. Dave Wilson to work in the Magistrates office. Ms. Smailes presented the Commissioners with yearly insurance cost savings to the county by employees waiving their coverage. She stated that Licking County pays ~~their employees~~ \$1,000 to their employees for waiving coverage and Auglaize County pays their employees \$3000 for family and \$1500 for individual. Ms. Beck stated that our consultants feel that the Commissioners should not have a bonus at all. They look at the cost to the employee for the coverage and that is a savings of approximately \$2,000 for family and \$800 for single. Ms. Beck explained that a large majority of the county employees that do waive coverage have double coverage with the county and thereby the county is really not saving any monies when they waive coverage because they have to give the bonus.

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Resolution 2008-45

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Resolution 2008-456 requesting Auditor certification for a ¾ mill renewal levy for the Senior Citizens of Coshocton County.

Mr. Shryock stated that this is only asking for the valuations and we have not determined if it will be put on the ballot yet.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Loan Request – Engineer

Ms. Schonauer presented the Commissioners with all banks. Ms. Schonauer stated that she received proposals from Ohio Heritage, 3.95%, Home Loan, 3.75%, Century National 3.88% and Chase 2.99%/ 30/360 basis. All loans are fixed and Chase has stated that they will pay for the bond council. The Commissioners asked Ms. Schonauer to contact the Engineer with the numbers and also Chase Bank to make certain of their numbers and get back with the Commissioners.

Viewing Clark Township Rd. 222

Ms. Becky Myers, Mr. Melvin Blizzard, Mr. Raymond Patterson, Mr. Ty Myers, Ms. Beverly A. Patterson, Ms. Karen Cox, Ms. Diane Mohler and Mr. Luke Yoder attended the viewing along with Commissioners Fischer, Stahl, Shryock and Clerk Mary Beck. All residents are opposed to the vacation except Mr. Yoder who really doesn't have an opinion one way or the other as he maintains his section of the road. The Commissioners informed the residents that a public hearing will be held in our office on August 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Executive session – New Hire

AT 12:07 p.m. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to go into executive session to discuss personnel hiring. All vote aye. At 12:18 p.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to hire Mr. Warren Courtney pending the final application process as a part-time driver at the Coordinated Transportation Office.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Discussion – MRDD Levy

Mr. Stahl stated that he has considered this issue and feels that since the levy is a renewal only we should place this levy on the ballot in November. If we would say no to putting the levy on

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Discussion – MRDD Levy Cont.

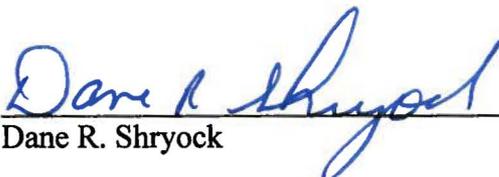
ballot, we will alienate many residents. He would like to just run the safety services levy, but feels we need to put this levy on the ballot as well. Mr. Shryock stated that he is disappointed because we positioned ourselves for this safety services levy. However, he understands the needs for the MRDD levy and he feels we need to place this levy on the ballot and let the public decide. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels it is unfortunate since we have positioned ourselves for the last two years on the safety services levy. He feels it is unfortunate that the entities have chosen to go early on their levy. He understands their reasons, and he will say yes and hope that the public will understand that it is a renewal and vote accordingly. He also hopes that the public will take the time to become educated and understand that there were 2 mills out there and we are only asking for 1.64 mills for the safety services facility. We will sign the resolution on Friday during our special meeting.

Adjourn

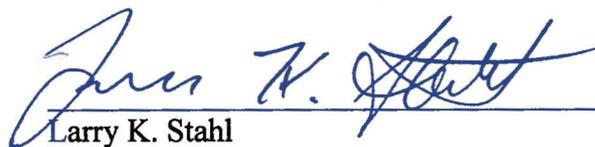
At 2:19 p.m. Mr. Fischer adjourned the meeting.



Gary L. Fischer



Dane R. Shryock



Larry K. Stahl



Clerk

