

## COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

**Wednesday**

**Regular**

**February 4, 2009**

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in Regular session on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. D. Curtis Lee in attendance. Also present was Ms. Jennifer Flowers, Mr. Glenn Mishler, Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, Ms. Kathie Dickerson, The Tribune, and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

### Minutes

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 2, 2009 meeting.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### Dog Warden's Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending January 31, 2009 with 4 dogs left in the box, 6 dogs picked-up by warden, 7 dogs per owner surrender, 8 dogs destroyed, 10 warnings issued, 2 citations issued, 195 tags sold, 2 puppies or dogs sold to rescue, \$5.00 boarding fees collected, 3 dogs redeemed for a total of \$2,020.00 in fees collected.

### MAXIMUS Agreement

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign an agreement for professional consulting services with MAXIMUS for the preparation of the indirect cost allocation plans for the 2008 calendar year.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### Monthly Mortgage Report

Received the Monthly Mortgage Report for the month of January 2009 from the Coshocton County Recorder, David Dilly.

### Then and Now Certificates

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the following Then and Now Certificates which have been certified by the County Auditor.

PAYEE	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT NUMBER
Coshocton County Commissioners	\$120.00	Recorder	001-0620-5260.00
Julian & Grube, Inc.	\$5,200.00	Auditor	001-0120-260.00
County Auditors' Assoc. of Ohio	\$2,244.00	Auditor	001-0120-400.00 & 040-0100-400.00
ACT #002-2-9	\$240.00	DJFS	035-0100-260.00
Mid-East Career Center #003-2-9	\$5,650.00	DJFS	035-0100-260.00
Coshocton County Commissioners	\$113.96	DJFS	030-0100-260.01

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

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### 2009-2010 EMS Grant

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the 2009-2010 Emergency Medical Service Grant for the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services equipment for 2009-2010 as requested by Mr. Bernie Minet, Director.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### EMS Primary Provider

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a letter to verify the Coshocton County EMS is the primary provider of emergency medical service for Coshocton County.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### Transfers/Additional

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

#### Litter – Additional

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Unappropriated Fund Balance	200-0300-400.03 Reimbursement	\$2,793.60

#### Litter – Transfer

200-0100-400.07 Reimbursement	200-0300-400.03 Reimbursement	\$1,006.76
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#### Sheriff – Transfer

154-0100-5400.00 Others	154-0100-5102.00 LETF Salaries	\$3,192.00
154-0100-5400.00 Others	154-0100-5110.00 LETF PERS	\$ 547.06
154-0100-5400.00 Others	154-0100-5115.00 LETF Medicare	<u>\$ 44.36</u>
	Total	\$3,783.42

#### Juvenile Court – Additional

Unappropriated Fund Balance	211-0300-5102.00 Salary	\$409.40
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Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### Monthly Food Cost – Justice Center

Received the Monthly Food Costs for the month of January for the Justice Center from the Coshocton County Sheriff, Timothy Rogers.

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### Award Bid -2009 Culvert

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to award the bid for 2009 Culvert Pipe to ADS/HANCOL, London, Ohio with a low bid of \$48,147.60 as recommended by Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### Contractor Agreement – JFS/J. Michael Bryant

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign an Independent Contractor Agreement between DJFS and J. Michael Bryant in an amount not to exceed \$11,900.00 beginning February 14, 2009 through June 30, 2009 as requested by Mr. Terry Miller, Director, DJFS.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### Discussion – Robert Batchelor

Mr. Robert Batchelor, Prosecuting Attorney attended the meeting to go over some contracts with the Commissioners. He discussed the EMS/Coshocton Foundation Agreement. He stated that he does not believe that the law allows for the EMS to have a fund at the Coshocton Foundation. He feels we need to look at this further and discuss this with the foundation. He stated that he will contact Mrs. Thompson at the Foundation about this. He then discussed the Transportation Agency Contract for Marianne Bragg. He stated that he feels it advisable to make certain that the persons we call a contract driver are setting their schedules ect. The Commissioners stated that they will contact Mrs. Haines and schedule something with her to discuss this issue. He then had some questions on the Tower Site Agreement. He has some issues with the indemnification of the county for this site lease. He stated that we should not have indemnification in our agreements. He also does not want us to sign a waiver of immunity as well. He would like him to contact CORSA to address this issue. He also questioned the paragraph that addresses assigning or sub-licensing. Mr. Fischer stated that the only sub-licensing we are permitted on these towers is for the broadband. Mr. Batchelor just wants to make certain that this paragraph does not affect us utilizing the tower for the purpose we need it for. Mr. Jon Mosier attended the meeting and stated that he will look into these issues and get back with Mr. Batchelor.

### Executive Session – Litigation

At 9:57 a.m. Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session with Mr. Batchelor to discuss personnel litigation. All vote aye. At 10:06 a.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. No action taken.

### District Advisory Committee

Mr. Bob Brems attended the meeting to discuss the District Advisory Committee. Mr. Brems stated that the Commissioners are typically the chair for the meeting. It will be held March 26, 2009 in the evening sometime. The business at this time is to appoint a physician. He stated that he is in the process of trying to find a physician that is interested. Another item that has been requested in the past is the issue of the merger of the City and County Health Districts. He stated that he is convening a panel to foster discussion on this issue. He will be inviting the city health department, the mayor and any council to attend. He will also have some other persons attend from other health districts that have been combined to help foster the discussion. Mr. Shryock stated that typically the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is the chairman of the meeting. Mr. Brems stated that typically that is the process. He would like to have the meeting at 7:30 pm. Mr. Shryock stated that

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### Committee Continued

we will send letters out to every Trustee, Mayor and Fiscal officer. Mr. Brems would like it added to the letter that there is business to vote on and it requires a quorum of the board. Mrs. Beck stated that we will see that it is added to the letter.

#### Mr. Don Quicksall – Engineer's Update

Mr. Don Quicksall, Quicksall and Associates attended the meeting to give an update on the County Engineering projects. Mr. Quicksall stated that he is here just to update the Commissioners on some available monies that are coming out of the Stimulus package from the Federal Government. Applications for water funds are through March 15, 2009. He stated that they know they are getting monies, they are not sure how much, but they would like to have projects ready to go. He just wants to make the Commissioners aware of the available funds. He also stated that Congressman Zach Space has his congressional appropriations applications ready. Mr. Shryock stated that we have submitted a request to his office for our Fresno Sanitary Sewer Project. This project is pretty much shovel ready. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

#### OSU Extension – Budget

Mrs. Sara Jane Lindsay, Mrs. Marissa Mullett, Mrs. Debbie Bowman, Mr. Nate McNeal, Mr. Larry Endsley, and Ms. Bev Kelbaugh attended. Mr. Shryock thanked everyone for attending. Mrs. Lindsay stated that they have received a 4.75% and then a 5.75% cut in their budget. In the FY 10 and FY 11 combined they will receive an approximate 21 % cut. In her office the staff would like to work fewer hours to meet the budget. The paper work has been submitted to reduce 3 employees from 40 hours to 28 hours and one employee from 32 hours to 22. She said they are still trying to determine if they will stay open 5 days per week. They will let the Commissioners know of their decision at a later date. She then went over the highlights of what OSU Extension does for our community. She went over the 4-H activities in the county. Mrs. Mullett then went over the agricultural perspective of what they do in the county. They try to reach as many residents as they can. She is working on a new project called Annie's Project which addresses women in agriculture. She is trying to diversify programs that they have to bring in more interest. She is working with Trish Wilson at Wilson Furniture and there is a group of local business' that have an interest in the community. Mr. Nate McNeal stated that he has been associated with OSU Extension for over 30 years. Approximately 3900 adults are working with OSU Extension in our county. He honestly believes that his children would not be as good at what they are doing today without 4-H. Everyone in this community is doing the best they can with what they have at this point. We are really blessed with the people we have in that office. Mr. Endsley stated that his family has been involved with the Extension for 4 generations. Agriculture has been his family's life. He feels we need the leadership through the agency and the staff at the OSU Extension Office. His children have been very successful in life and he attributes that to the OSU Extension and 4-H. Ms. Kelbaugh stated that there are now 5 counties funded by a levy for the OSU Extension. They have questions as to whether this would work in a more populated area. The type of levy would be on the ballot and it would be a 5 year levy. She went through the process of putting the levy on the ballot. She stated that approximately 25% of the residents of the county have had some contact with Extension and will vote for the levy, 25% will vote not no matter what and the other 50% would be the determining factor as to whether the levy will pass or not. Knowing the situation financially across the state, asking tax payers to add a levy, this is probably not a real opportune time to do that. One important thing that they found out in trying to pass a levy is that if the levy does not pass, then the Commissioners must not fund OSU. If a levy would not pass, then they would have to have in place a process of letting employees go. Mr. Lee asked if the other 5 counties that are levy supported, were they supported on the first attempt. Mrs. Kelbaugh stated that not all passed on the first try. She stated that they understand that counties as well as state funds are very strained at this time. OSU is looking at ways to address these issues by restructuring. This is all still in the planning phase. Mr. Lee asked what they would do if a levy was put on the ballot until they received the monies if the levy passed. Mrs. Kelbaugh stated that they try to work it so the funding

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would get them through until the levy went into effect. Mr. Lee also asked if they knew what millage it would take to make the funding work. Mrs. Kelbaugh stated that they have not gone that far yet. Mr. Fischer thanked everyone for attending today. He stated that we do not underestimate the importance of OSU Extension. This has been one of the most difficult decisions he has made. We appreciate the value of OSU Extension as well. Mr. Lee agreed with Mr. Fischer and stated that his family has been affected by OSU as well. If there is any way to continue to fund OSU Extension he is willing to try to work with them. Mrs. Kelbaugh stated that if the county can look at other mandated funds to see if they can contract with OSU Extension for services, this would help. Mr. Shryock stated that he realizes the value of OSU Extension and it is not an easy decision to make these cuts. He stated that the State charges us with funding mandated departments first. If we were to affect those mandated departments anymore, we would have affected the essential running of those county offices. The decisions that were made were not because we like another department better, but based on basic governmental function. Mr. McNeal stated that he is really thankful that we have the three Commissioners that we have. These decisions that they have to make are not easy. He thanked everyone for attending.

**Dog & Kennel Discussion**

Ms. Christine Sycks, Mr. Rusty Dreher, Mr. Steve Cox attended the meeting. Mr. Shryock stated that from an e-mail generated from Ms. Sycks he asked what she would like to see done. Ms. Sycks stated that she would like to see some consistency. She went over some issues that have arisen. First the animal shelter is not requiring proof of rabies, they are charging an additional \$1 for each dog on a kennel tag and also, they are letting minors purchase the tags and that is not permitted. Mr. Shryock stated that as he understands the revised code, the Commissioners set the fees for the licenses and the Auditor is responsible for collecting those fees. As far as the requirement for proof of rabies that was lifted by the county in 2003. Mr. Cox stated that in the city, they can not find in any minutes of their Board of Health meetings that this was ever enacted. Mr. Shryock stated that if he understands the law, the only way that they can require the Auditor to request that before they sell dog tags is if a quarantine is in effect. Ms. Sycks stated that if there is a quarantine in the city then everyone should be requiring it. Mr. Dreher stated that the city cannot produce anything that would show that they have quarantine in the city. Ms. Sycks stated that she has no problem with requiring it or not, she just wants consistency. She then asked if it is alright with the Commissioners if they pull the tags from the shelter if they will not sell the tags as the Auditor requires. The Commissioners stated that they have no problem with whatever the Auditor would like as they are responsible for the sale of the tags. Mr. Dreher stated that on the subject of the additional tags on the kennel tags, the Dog Warden's strongly suggest that all dogs be registered. For an additional dollar, it would seem prudent to make certain if a dog would happen to get loose; they would then be able to locate the owner. Ms. Sycks stated that they are now required to send a listing of the purchasers of Kennel Tags to the Ohio Department of Taxation for them to cross reference and determine if these people are getting a vendors license. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

**Recess**

At 12:38 p.m. Mr. Shryock moved the meeting to recess. At 1:30 p.m. the meeting was returned to regular session.

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Adjourn

At 4:14 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.



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Dane R. Shryock



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Gary L. Fischer



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D. Curtis Lee



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Administrator/Clerk