

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

January 29, 2018

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Monday, January 29, 2018 with, Dane R. Shryock, Mr. D. Curtis Lee and Mr. Gary L. Fischer. Also in attendance was Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, The Tribune, Ms. Kennedy Webb, WTNS and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 as presented.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea
	Fischer	yea

Treasurer's Investment Portfolio/December Bank Statements

Mrs. Christy Everhart attended the meeting to present the Commissioners with the Treasurer's Investment Portfolio as well as the December 2017 Bank Statement. Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to receive and review the Coshocton County Treasurer's Investment Portfolio as well as the December 2018 Bank Statements as presented by Mrs. Christy Everhart, Coshocton County Treasurer's Office.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea
	Fischer	yea

Employee Hired – DJFS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to hire Ms. Tanya Theisen as a Social Services Worker 2 at the Department of Job and Family Services effective February 19, 2018 as requested by Mr. Daniel Brenneman, DJFS Director.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea
	Fischer	yea

Resolution 2018-06

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2018-06 requesting Auditor Certification for a 1 mill additional levy for the Operation and Maintenance of the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services for the citizens of Coshocton County.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea
	Fischer	yea

Resolution 2018-07

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign Resolution 2018-07 transferring \$1,095,382.00 from the County & Transit Authority Medicaid Sales Tax Transition (CTAMSTT) Fund into the general fund for general operation of the county.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea
	Fischer	yea

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Resolution 2018-08

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2018-08 to provide for the current expenditures of Coshocton County during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea
	Fischer	yea

Amended Certificate

Received the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated January 25, 2018 from the Coshocton County Budget Commission.

Resolution 2018-09

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign Resolution 2018-09 permitting payment of finance charges for Litter and Recycling and Prevention Office.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea
	Fischer	yea

Mr. Patrick Quinn

Mr. Patrick Quinn, Candidate for 7th U.S. District Representative of Ohio and Mr. Warren Edgetrum, Policies for the candidate attended the meeting to introduce himself and his platform. Also in attendance was Mr. Frederick T. Wachtel, County Engineer. Mr. Quinn asked the Commissioners once he is elected, how he can help the county. The Commissioners explained the need for the funding to be given back that the State of Ohio has taken over the last seven years. They have also explained the need for a new County Justice Center and also how we were affected by the MCO Sales Tax issue. They also discussed the Opiate Crisis and how this is not only affecting our DJFS, but the Courts, the Sheriff’s Office, the Prosecutor and Public Defender. Mr. Quinn asked how the Commissioners would like to see these funds come back to the county. He then explained that he has always been self-employed except for when he served in the Navy. Mr. Shryock stated that jobs are important, but people need to be able to have a job that will sustain them. Mr. Wachtel explained his needs as his revenue for 2018 is less than his revenue was in 2007. He explained what his responsibilities are for the County and asked that if elected he would like them to look at the more funding options for the local governments.

Safety Services Discussion

Mr. Todd Shroyer, Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Sheriff Timothy Rogers, Lt. Dean Hettinger, Lt. Chip Udischas, Lt. James Crawford, Mr. Jason Given, County Prosecutor attended the meeting to talk with the Commissioners about the safety service issues in the county. Mr. Shryock stated that over the past seven years the State has taken away many options for the county to fund our services. However, they continue to place more and more mandates on the county. He reviewed how this has affected the county. He stated that with all these mandates and funds being taken away, the EMS is struggling at this time to meet the demands of providing services that by the end of this year, we will not have the funds to provide the services as we are today. He also stated that although 2018 has been funded fully, we received our first month’s sales tax and it was down 14.64% over last year. This means that next year our funding will be in dire straits. This will affect the Sheriff’s Office as well as the Prosecutor’s Office and the Courts. With that being said, Mr. Shroyer explained his reasoning for the need to ask for additional funds from the county residents. Mr. Shryock stated that if we are unable to increase the tax dollars, we will then have to decrease the services to county residents. Mr. Shryock stated that we have a second issue that needs to be discussed. General operating funds for safety services which includes the Sheriff’s Office, Prosecutor and Courts will see a significant loss in 2019 unless we see a significant increase in the sales tax this next year. Mr. Given then discussed the court cases that are affecting his office and he sees no decrease in the amount of work that will be required of his office. He

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stated that this will also affect the Sheriff's Office, and the Courts as well. Mr. Shryock stated that prior to 1998 the State of Ohio acknowledged their part in providing a justice center at the local levels. They would offer a match to help counties build these facilities. That no longer exists. He then stated that we have tried to put a levy to the citizens for this purpose. It was voted down both times. He stated that we are considering doing a dual levy for safety services to provide maintenance and operation of the EMS, Sheriff, Prosecutor and Courts. The Commissioners are trying to decide what will be in the best interest of all concerned as to how to achieve this process. Should they ask for a combined levy, two separate levies, 1 mill for EMS and 1 Mill for the Sheriff, Prosecutor and Courts or, ask just for the EMS now and hope for the best and come back later for the Sheriff, Prosecutor and Courts if things do not improve. With all that being said, and very much more discussion, the Commissioners are asking for Auditor Certification for a 1 mill additional levy for the EMS at this time. They have made no formal decision as to how they will proceed at this time. In conclusion, they will continue to think about this and proceed one way or another once they receive the Auditor's Certification.

Meetings Attended

Thursday, January 25th all three Commissioners attended the Chamber luncheon and Friday, January 26th, Mr. Shryock and Mr. Lee attended the final inspection for the Body Scanner Addition at the Justice Center.

Adjourn

At 1:00 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.


Dane R. Shryock

D. Curtis Lee


Gary L. Fischer


Administrator/Clerk