

# COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

May 7, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS, and Mary Beck, Clerk

## Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes as presented for Wednesday, May, 2, 2007.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Maintenance Truck – Auditor

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to the County Auditor's Office the use of a maintenance truck on an as needed basis to haul heavy weights for the Weights and Measures Department. Mr. Shryock asked Ms. Corder how often they need the weights, and she stated that she is not sure. At this time, the Commissioners do not have a problem with them using county maintenance, but those vehicles are used pretty much on a daily basis. This will be coordinated with the maintenance department.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Contract – JFS/Behavioral Health Choices

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a Purchase of Service Contract between JFS and Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices in the amount of \$16,286.41 for the period April 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## Contract Amendment – JFS /East Central Career Program

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign an amendment to the Purchase of Service Contract between JFS and East Central Career Program. This will change the budget with no changes to the total contract value or unit cost.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

## By-Laws – Airport – Tabled

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to accept the By-Laws dated April 26, 2007 as presented by the Coshocton County Regional Airport Authority. Discussion then took place and Mr. Shryock stated that he has some concerns about the paragraph in the by-laws that appoints or re-appoints board members. Mr. Fischer agreed that there needs to be some clarification on the by-laws. The motion was then tabled.

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## Transfer Request

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the following transfers that have been certified by the County Auditor:

FROM	Commissioners TO	AMOUNT
001-0420-5260.00 Contract Services	001-0820-5400.00 Vital Statistics	\$726.00
	Sheriff	
001-0610-5210.01 Equip. Cruisers	001-0610-5400.01 Training	\$5,000.00
001-0610-5210.01 Equip. Cruisers	001-0610-5210.02 Equip. Ins.	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
	Total	\$10,000.00

Vote: Shryock    yea  
Fischer        yea

## Prisoner Maintenance

Received the Prisoner Meal Cost for the month of April 2007 from Sheriff Tim Rogers.

## Litter Collection Report

Received the Litter Collection Report for the month of April 2007 from Mr. John Fielden, Coshocton Recycling and Litter Prevention.

## Discussion – Mike LaVigne – AT&T

Mr. LaVigne attended the meeting and stated that he contacted AT&T Friday and told them about his concern for the quote to install a Centrex System at the Sheriff's Office. He was told by Mr. Rob Stoltz at AT&T that they would see what they can do about lowering the quote. He is to get this information back from AT&T today sometime. Mr. Shryock asked what our options are if the system that AT&T is proposing would go down. Mr. LaVigne stated that it will have a warranty for one year and then we will have to purchase a maintenance agreement. Mr. Shryock asked if the system goes down what will the county do for phones at the Sheriff's Office. Mr. LaVigne stated that he will look into the terms of the agreement, but he thinks they will be responsible for getting it ready quickly. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

## Discussion – Pat Harsh – Prosecutor Electrical

Ms. Pat Harsh attended the meeting to update the Commissioners on the quotes for the electrical updates at the Prosecutor's Office. Ms. Harsh stated that she got three estimates and the lowest bidder is Hilscher Clarke at \$16,000.00. This will make a repairs and upgrades to the electrical at the Prosecutors Office. This would need to be done during regular working hours. She spoke with several people in the Prosecutor's Office to see if this would be alright, and they didn't seem to have a problem with it, but they would need to talk with Bob Batchelor to make certain. Mr. Shryock asked if we don't make these repairs, what will happen. Ms. Harsh stated that these are findings from PERP, and the repairs need to be made. Mr. Shryock asked Mr. Greer, Maintenance, if this repair will bring this building up to code. Mr. Greer stated that there are a few small issues in the building, but it is pretty sound. Mr. Greer feels that this repair is very much in order. Mr. Fischer stated that Ms. Harsh should request from Hilscher Clarke a cost overrun estimate to make certain they will not increase their quote. Mr. Greer wants to make certain that Hilscher Clarke will use all the electrical boxes and equipment that the County is requesting. Mr. Greer asked to have Chris Guthrie go over the estimate to make certain they are using the correct equipment. Mr. Shryock stated that would be fine, and get back with the Commissioners after Chris looks at the estimates.

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## Discussion – Maintenance

Mr. Tim Greer attended the meeting to discuss some upgrades to the cooling units out at the County Services Building. He would also like to do some roof repair at the Prosecutor's Office and the EMS Building. Mr. Greer feels that if he can get some community services workers, he should be able to get the roof at the EMS taken care of. But, he will have to hire the Prosecutor's job. Mr. Shryock asked Tim to get estimates for the roof and cooling systems and get back with them. They thanked Mr. Greer for attending.

## Ms. Sandra Corder – Workers Compensation – Engineer

Ms. Sandra Corder, Ms. Pat Harsh and Mr. Fred Wachtel attended the meeting to discuss the Workers Compensation payment. Ms. Sandy Corder stated that the county received the workers compensation premium and is due May 15<sup>th</sup>. She has received all departmental purchase orders except the County Engineer. He is protesting the county's methodology of how the county arrives at the departmental charges. If the payment is not received by the BSC on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, the county will receive a penalty. She is asking how the Commissioners would like to proceed. Mr. Shryock stated that we did not realize the bill was due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We have a meeting scheduled with the Engineer and CompManagement on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Wachtel stated that he has not agreed with how this is being funded from the beginning. He has never been shown how the county arrived at the numbers. Mr. Shryock stated that the bill is based on claims. Mr. Shryock asked what our options are if Mr. Wachtel does not pay his portion. Ms. Corder stated that according to ORC Section 4123.41-B2 the Commissioners can take the monies from his fund or they can pay from the general fund and then take the monies from the MVG fund. Mr. Shryock stated that his opinion was that we should possibly pay this from the general fund and wait until we have the third Commissioner appointed so this issue does not come up again. Mr. Shryock stated that one reason this program was put in place is to try to get each office to take responsibility for the education and help keep their claims down. Mr. Wachtel stated that he has taken that position and has gone above and beyond what other departments have done to curb these problems. But he feels the county is penalizing him for his claims, he would ask the Commissioners to provide the safety services to these departments to cut his costs. He is paying for a safety person and these high rates. He feels he is paying for an insurance policy and it should be charged back to him as such. How can each elected official be responsible if they get a large spike in their workers compensation. Mr. Fischer stated that the pressing need is to decide if we will pay the bill by Friday. Mr. Shryock stated that we will contact Mr. Batchelor to see if we are permitted to take the monies from the MVG fund. Mr. Shryock stated that we will contact Ms. Corder once we get an answer from Mr. Batchelor.

## Purchase of Property – Airport

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners to enter into an Agreement for the purchase of 9.6 acres and 50' access road with the Coshocton County Regional Airport Authority.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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Health Department – Budget – Mr. Bob Brems

Mr. Bob Brems and Mr. Mel Cantrell attended the meeting to discuss the Health Department budget. Mr. Brems stated that his biggest issue for the budget in '08 was that the Budget Commission approves their request for \$120,000.00 that restores them to the 05 budget levels. They have done that. In order to get his staff through this year, he will have to move his clerical staff to WIC. He would like to ask the Commissioners to fund the Health Department for the remainder of this year so his staff does not have to learn a new job just to the end of the year. He would also like to ask for enough funding to put his staffing level at the rate it will be in 2008. He will not give a raise, instead it will be to restore the hours to his staff. He is requesting \$40,000. to make these changes. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners appreciate this request, and one of the requests that they made of the health Department after they first came to the Commissioners for monies in January was to ask the Budget Commission to look at this issue and the Health Department did do that. Ms. Fischer stated that the Commissioners requested that the Health Department look at a solution and not a band aide for their problems. So, he does not have a problem giving them the one time funding they are requesting to keep services in place for 07. Mr. Shryock stated that an additional appropriations will be put on the agenda for Wednesday and Ms. Beck will contact them for any additional information we might need.

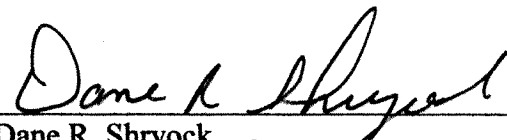
Mr. T.J. Justice – Coshocton Port Authority

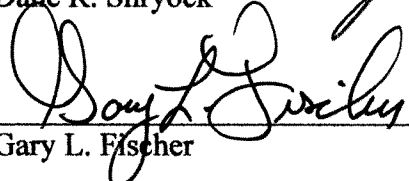
Mr. T.J. Justice attended the meeting to discuss some economic development strategies. Mr. Justice stated that has been around for a few months and feels that he understands what the county has to offer. Once of the challenges that he has realized is that there is a lack of public property readily available for marketing. In looking around the county, the area east and North along SR 36 would be optimum land. He would like to develop a task force to look into this issue. He feels that the county needs to have around 200 acres available. He does not think this will be an easy exercise, but if the county is going to be serious about economic development, the acquisition of property is a necessity. Mr. Shryock stated that the county is competing in an arena where other counties already have all the requirements in place and it is difficult for Coshocton County to compete if we don't get these things in place. He feels that this task force would be a viable way for the county to get one part of the puzzle. Mr. Justice stated that he feels that for the county to be competitive in the job market, they need to have these things in place. Mr. Fischer asked if the Economic Development Task Force would work for this task force. Mr. Shryock stated that he will contact Mr. Tom Thompson to determine if the group would be interested in this assignment. Mr. Shryock asked what else can this office do or continue to help bring economic development to Coshocton County. Mr. Justice stated that the Port Authority needs a marketing budget. They are exploring the possibility to join with Licking, and Knox counties to do regional marketing. Funding is always helpful. Coshocton County has a low college enrollment rate. He is looking into a program to encourage this for students in the county. He would like to start small with the purchase of 50-60 acres and after a few years have 200 acres. By not owning the property makes it very difficult to get interested companies. If we don't know the cost of the land, it is hard to sell it to a company. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels this would be a good idea to have this type of task force in place. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

Adjourn

At 11:42 a.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

  
Clerk

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Gary L. Fischer