

## COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

May 21, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer, and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS, Mr. Tim Jackson, Mr. John Thomas and Mary Beck, Clerk

## Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the minutes as presented for Friday, day, May11, 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	abstain

## Rent Wear Service Agreement

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Rental service agreement with RentWear for a term of three years at a weekly rate of \$6.10 per uniform.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Contract Amendment – JFS/Eugene Bell

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a contract amendment between Coshocton JFS and Eugene Bell, to change the total contract value from \$40000.00 to \$41815.84 at the request of Terry Miller Director.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Contract Amendment – JFS/River View School District

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a contract amendment between Coshocton JFS and River View School District to transfer \$3600 from salary line item to a new line item for freshman class achievement event which will include team and self esteem building and transportation at the request of Terry Miller, Director.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Contract Amendment – JFS/David Grove

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a contract amendment between Coshocton JFS and David Grove, to change the total contract value from \$12000.00 to \$17000.00 at the request of Terry Miller Director.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Monthly Transport Expense Report

Received monthly transportation expense account for month ending April 30, 2007 from Sheriff Tim Rogers.

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Resolution 2007-100

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2007-100 to authorize a retirement incentive plan for The Coshocton County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Vote: Shryock     yea  
           Fischer     yea  
           Stahl        yea

Transfer Request

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve Transfer Request for the Commissioners which has been certified by the County Auditor.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
090-0100-820.00 Grants	090-0100-300.00 Foster parent travel	\$5,000.00
153-0100-5102.00 DUI Salaries	153-0100-5260.00 DUI Contract Services	\$3,000.00

Vote: Shryock     yea  
           Fischer     yea  
           Stahl        yea

Additional Appropriations – Auditor

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve an Additional Appropriation Request for Auditor.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Un-appropriated Funds	040-0100-5260.00 Contract Services	\$40,000.00

Vote: Shryock     yea  
           Fischer     yea  
           Stahl        yea

Additional Appropriations – Safety

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve an Additional Appropriation Request for Safety which has been certified by the County Auditor.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Revenue not Anticipated	001-1400-300.00 Travel	\$163.56

Vote: Shryock     yea  
           Fischer     yea  
           Stahl        yea

Amendment No.1 Centrex/Caller ID

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Centrex for Caller I.D. addition as requested by AT&T.

Vote: Shryock     yea  
           Fischer     yea  
           Stahl        yea

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## Service Agreement – AT&amp;T

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Service Agreement with AT&T for one year of AT&T TeleConference service at an annual rate of \$600.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## AT&amp;T Change Order – Sheriff

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a job change order with AT&T for the Sheriff's department.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## AT&amp;T Change Order – Return and Replacement of Equipment

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a job change order with AT&T for the return and replacement of equipment.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Airport Loan Extension – Chase Bank

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Business Loan Agreement with Chase Bank for a 90 day extension on a promissory note for airport loan for fuel farm upgrade.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Discussion – Water &amp; Sewer Update

Mr. Shryock discussed some of the items addressed last week. The determination of the ability to use gravity flow for the sewer at the Three Rivers Fire Station. The cost will be approximately \$80,000 to the county. The Commissioners will make a decision about this issue next Wednesday.

## Water &amp; Sewer Update

Mr. Matt Robinette attended the meeting to update the Commissioners on the Water and Sewer. He contacted Mr. Melvin Pew on Friday and he will get back with him very soon. He takes his Waste Water Exam tomorrow. He presented the plans for the Lake Park Water Line. Mr. Fischer stated that we are utilizing OPWC monies to do this project. Mr. Shryock then asked about the waste water project extension for Carter Lumber. Mr. Robinette stated that we have not heard from Carter Lumber at this time. The fire department is planning to give the county \$20,000 toward this project. Mr. Stahl stated that if Carter would provide some monies for the project, then everyone will profit from this. Mr. Shryock stated that if they use a 12" line, then they will be able to have residents hook into the line. Mr. Shryock stated that if the law has not changed then anyone within 200 feet of the line must hook into the line. Mr. Fischer stated that the county has done some water tests in the Canal Lewisville area and determined that the septic systems are leaking into the water tables. Mr. Robinette stated that he received an estimate from William Albert for the water line extension for the Three Rivers Fire District and it is under the \$25,000 bid requirements. Therefore, this project will not need to be bid.

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## Lake Park Water Project

Mr. Don Quicksall Mr. Fred Wachtel, and Mr. Matt Robinette attended the meeting to discuss the Lake Park Water Project. Mr. Quicksall presented the Commissioners with a proposal for the engineering services for the Lake Park Water Project. Mr. Quicksall stated that if the proposal is agreeable, the Commissioners can sign the agreement and return one copy to their office. He then went over the agreement. The total cost for the project is \$34,000.00. They are assuming that they will not be doing a detailed right-of-way search. They intend to utilize the tax map and State mapping . This is very typical for a water line job. They only usually do a major search if it is a state project. They will not do a profile of the water line. It is not required by EPA. The plans will be submitted to the EPA. They will discuss the preliminary alignment with the Commissioners and Mr. Wachtel. Once that is approved they will develop the final plans. Mr. Shryock asked if the project can be completed this year. Mr. Quicksall stated that he feels they should be able to get the water line in the ground by late fall. They may not be able to get the project completely done but water lines go in the ground fast. Mr. Wachtel stated that he does not have a problem with the project being completed by this time next year. Mr. Fischer asked if since this project is an EPA priority, it would be processed quickly. Mr. Robinette stated that he feels it might be pushed through quickly. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners feel they should put the line on the east side of SR 83 for the possible advancement of the line for business use in that area. Mr. Shryock stated that we will forward the contract to the prosecutor and once we get it back we will put it on the agenda. Mr. Shryock then thanked Mr. Quicksall for attending. After Mr. Quicksall left, Mr. Shryock stated that the county will need to determine how the county would like to fund these projects. He stated in the past, that the county utilized Seasongood and Mayer to bond these types of projects or we could pay for these projects out of general fund. Mr. Fischer stated that he would like to give the local banks an opportunity as well. Mr. Stahl is in agreement. Mr. Fischer would also like to include the sewer line to the fire station in this funding. Mr. Shryock would like to have a decision on this issue by next Wednesday.

## Litter Report

Receive the Coshocton County Litter Report for the Month of April/May 2007 from Mr. Jeff Wherley, Coshocton County Litter and Recycling Prevention. Mr. Wherley requested that Mr. John Fielden could add four hours to his time on Thursday afternoons. He stated that he has adequate funds to cover this request. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to increase John Fielden's hours to 28 per week.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Mr. Wherley then stated that the county will put the old truck that Mr. Fielden is driving into the county auction in August. This will be approved at the next Solid Waste Meeting. He then requested permission to purchase a new copier in his office. It would require a budget change and he is asking permission from the Commissioners to do this. Mr. Shryock stated the he should get some prices for copiers and then come back to the Commissioners then they will make a determination. Mr. Shryock stated that he would like to increase the recycling effort in the county. Maybe add more trailers or something. He would like to get the schools involved more because all the paper coming out of the schools are going to land feels.

## Discussion

Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners have received a resolution from the Coshocton City/County Port Authority requesting that the Commissioners pass a resolution to amend the name change to Coshocton Port Authority. Mr. Stahl and Mr. Fischer have no problem with the change. Ms. Beck will do a resolution for Wednesday.

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## Workers Compensation Charges

Mr. Fred Wachtel, Ms. Pat Harsh, Mr. Mike Stadtmiller, Ms. Sandy Corder, Mr. Bill Reed, Mr. Robert Batchelor, Ms. Chris Sycks, Ms. Irene Miller and Mr. Sean McKelly attended the meeting to discuss the how the county charges departments for Workers Compensation. Mr. Shryock gave a brief history of how the county charges for workers compensation. In the last four years the county has gone to a charge back system thereby putting the responsibility back on the departments to instill good safety habits. He stated that Mr. Wachtel feels these charges are not fair and should go back to the way they were previously. How the county charges back the departments is not unique. Mr. Wachtel does not agree with the way the county charged his departments. Ms. Harsh stated that on June 26, 2003 the Governor made it possible for counties to charge back departments. Mr. McKelly stated that the county has been non-penalty rated since 1999. He explained how the rates are determined by the BWC. Ms. Harsh stated that she determines the amount she will charge back to the departments by grouping the total payrolls and sends it to CompMangement for them to determine the charges. Mr. McKelly explained that the departments are charged based on the claim loss as if each department was on their own and what they would be charged by the BWC. They take the limited loss ratio against the modified loss ratio to determine the total rate. Then they take the total rate to get a Merit-Rated Premium adding in the off balance to get the total premium that will be charged. Ms. Harsh then stated that she then divided those charges among each of the line items in a department evenly. She sent the notice out to the department giving them the option to take the charges in whatever way they chose. If she did not hear back from the department with input, they charged it that way. Mr. Shryock asked how other counties charge departments for their workers compensation. Mr. McKelly stated that there is roughly 11 counties that charge back the departments and the other counties probably use just payroll. He also stated that they are starting to see the BWC getting more involved in the charge back system. Mr. Shryock stated that by having the charge back system, it causes the departments to be more willing to utilize wage continuation. That then makes a larger savings to the county. He then stated that in a nut shell, if we charge the departments, only the departments with claims will pay a higher amount. If we charge by payroll, then each department pays for the claims. Ms. Corder stated that she recalls that the elected officials were aware of this change and felt this would be a fair method to pay our claims. Ms. Miller was in agreement. She also stated that she has had a large claim and it has hit her budget as well. She would like to see the Commissioners revisit how these charges are done. Possibly a percentage of the premium be paid by the departments that utilize it more and the other percentage charged based on payroll. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners will look at how we are charging the departments to determine if there are any other options. Mr. Wachtel stated that he feels this is like an insurance program and he really takes offense to the accountability issue because he is very committed to safety issues. Another issue is that the charges were not taken from the correct account. If they are going to charge it should be done correctly. Also, there is really no way to plan for these charges. You know it is coming, but you really don't know the cost. He has not problem with paying a workers compensation premium, but the way they are doing it is not any way to run an operation. Mr. Shryock commended Mr. Wachtel for all the safety steps he has taken. He also stated that the Commissioners will take these concerns under advisement and make a decision about this issue. Mr. Batchelor stated that possibly we should put some of our savings back for some of our large claims. He would be willing to help with this if the Commissioners would like. Mr. Shryock stated that in the future Mr. Wachtel's department will be charged back according to where the claims occurred. Mr. Fischer asked Mr. Wachtel how he feels his department should be charged. He stated that his choice would be by payroll, but he understands that it may not be very fair to other departments. Maybe it could be payroll plus a percentage or something. He then explained that he had a claim in the past and did wage continuation for that claim. However, they were penalized because the bureau did not go after the other insurance company to recover those funds and it hit his department. Mr. Reed stated that possibly the county could put a cap on the amount of the charge back. Mr. Shryock stated that he would like to have Ms. Harsh set up a meeting with all the department heads and elected officials to discuss this issue and possibly make a change.

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## County Website

Mr. Chad Lawrence and Mr. Mike LaVigne attended the meeting to inform the Commissioners that the County Website is up and running. He is counting the number of hits to the site and since they went live last Wednesday they have had over 700 hits. The Commissioners Office seems to be the highest hit at this time. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels the minutes of the meetings are crucial to the site. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners appreciate all the effort that was put into this site. Mr. Shryock would also like to have more access to projects that the Commissioners are in the process of doing. Mr. LaVigne stated that it will be very easy for offices to do this. Mr. Fischer stated that every department has expressed how user friendly the site is. Mr. LaVigne stated that the GIS Mapping will be available on the site in the next two weeks. Mr. Stahl stated that he would really like to see the Township Trustee listing updated on the site as well. The Commissioners thanked them for the update.

## AT&amp;T Amendments/Change Orders

Mr. Mike LaVigne, Mr. Jim Crawford Ms. Robin Schonauer, Mr. Dave Ginn, Ms. BJ Smith and Mr. Rob Stoltz attended the meeting. Mr. Shryock stated that he understands that AT&T has addressed all the issues since the last meeting. Mr. LaVigne stated that he understands that all the issue either have a solution or have been looked at with a different solution. The Sheriff's Office centrex system will not work and they have determined that a box will need to be placed in the Sheriff's Office to correct the problem. They have observed the system in use in another business and they feel it will work well for them. Mr. Shryock thanked everyone for their dedication to getting these issues taken care of. Mr. LaVigne stated that they are going to add some additional features to the system so that inside the county we can see who is calling us. Also, they have added conference calling. This will meet the needs of the court system where we will have the ability to call from anywhere and have a conference. They then discussed the change orders and service agreement for teleconferencing in the amount of \$600 the county. According to Mr. Ginn, the county will receive a \$25,000 credit for the long distance calls within the next 30 days. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

## TR 240 Adams Township Vacation/Voided

Mr. Mark Westhaver, Mr. Tom Wayccaster attended the meeting to discuss the vacation of TR 240 in Adams Township. Mr. Shryock stated that this vacation took place in 2005 and the prosecutor recommended that the vacation be voided and that was done in May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Stahl stated that the Commissioners should have contacted the trustees about this issue. Mr. Shryock stated that we turned this information over to the prosecutor and we assumed that the township was notified and he apologized for this not happening. Mr. Stahl stated that the same issue happened in the vacation of the first half of this property. The landowner was not notified and therefore the landowners that were not notified will have to contact the Commissioners and request that the vacation be voided. The second vacation requested was voided at the request of Mr. Bruce Lane because he was not notified. The trustees came today to let the Commissioners know that they will possibly get a letter from Mr. Sam Mullet requesting that the lower half of the vacation be voided. They wanted the Commissioners to be aware that this may happen. Mr. Shryock stated that as soon as we get the letter from Mr. Mullet, we will forward it on and get this taken care of. He thanked them for attending.

## Discussion – Wireless

Mr. Mike LaVigne attended the meeting to update the Commissioners on the progress of adding Lake Park to the Wireless Area. Mr. LaVigne stated that we will need to utilize the sheriff's tower on Roscoe Hill and the shoot from there to Lake Park. To cover the whole park it will take three antennas. It will cost between \$3,000 - \$4,000 to complete the project. He stated that we will need a secure power point as well. He would like to know how the Commissioners would like him to proceed. The Commissioners stated that they would like to put it on hold for now and will discuss this and get back to him.

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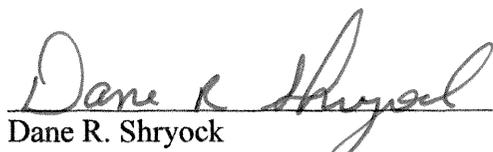
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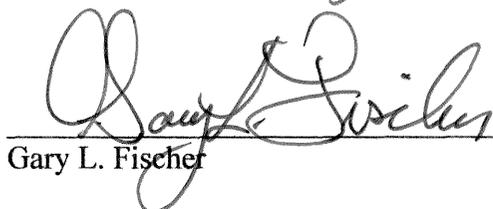
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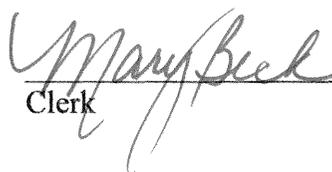
Adjourn

At 12:05 Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Gary L. Fischer

  
Larry Stahl

  
Clerk