

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

July 18, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS, Kathie Dickerson, The Coshocton Tribune and Mary Beck, Clerk

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the minutes as presented for Wednesday, July 16, 2007.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

Public Hearing – Vacation TR 1502, Jefferson Township

At 9:00 a.m. a public hearing was held for the vacation of TR 1502 in Jefferson Township with the following persons present: Mr. Jim Gray, Mr. Dave Johnson. Mr. Shryock asked for public comment. Mr. Gray stated that initially he purchased a 40 acre parcel of property then and added to that by purchasing an additional 30 acres to insure his privacy. He would like to be able to maintain his privacy by vacating this road. Mr. Johnson stated that roads throughout the state can run from 30 feet to 100 feet. How wide is the road that they are requesting to vacate? Mr. Shryock stated that most of the county and township roads are the same, however, it can vary. Mr. Stahl stated that the road when created was approved by the Township Trustees and the County Engineer. The property owner does own the land under the road, the government only has the right to go across it. If a description cannot be found then by law, it automatically becomes 30 feet from the center line. Mr. Johnson he has no other comments or questions. There being no in opposition for the vacation, Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the vacation of a portion of TR 1502, Jefferson Township beginning at a point at the Jefferson Monroe Township Line and thence in a southeasterly direction with the center line of said township road 1502, approximately 5200 feet to the south property line of James Gray, parcel 014-0000043600. This section of road runs through the properties of Dennis Polen, David Johnson, and James Gray. It is the intent of this action to vacate all of the abandoned portion of TR 1502 in Jefferson Township.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

Additional Appropriations

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Revenue not anticipated	211-0400-260.00 Placement	\$36,221.49
	211-0400-260.00 Placement	<u>\$19,393.23</u>
	Total	\$55,614.72

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

No Build Easement

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a No Build Easement Agreement with Ruth I. Miller to place an awning over the entrance to the Department of Job and Family Services Building.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

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## Award Bid – Seal Coat

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to award the bid for Seal Coat Unit Price Contract 2007 to Small's Asphalt Paving with a low bid of \$120,995.65 as requested by Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

## Transfer Request

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

FROM		TO		AMOUNT
001-1510-5410.00	Audit Costs	001-1400-5400.01	Oth. Exp. CORSA	\$4,000.00
001-0110-5200.00	CCC Other Exp	001-1400-5400.01	Oth. Exp. CORSA	\$ 500.00
001-0420-5260.01	Electric	001-1400-5400.01	Oth. Exp. CORSA	\$2,000.00
001-04205260.03	Copy Leases	001-1400-5400.01	Oth. Exp. CORSA	<u>\$ 514.56</u>
			Total	\$7,014.56

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

## Coshocton County Capital Asset Policy

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to adopt the Coshocton County Capital Asset Policy as presented to the Commissioners by Ms. Sandra Corder, Coshocton County Auditor. This policy is effective January 1, 2006.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer            yea  
Stahl                yea

## Discussion – County Song

Mr. Ron Geese attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of having a song he wrote become the a county song. He would like to invite the Commissioners to attend a concert to here the song he titled "Where the Rivers Meet". He also wrote a song called "The Coshocton Polka". Mr. Shryock thanked him for the invitation and stated that the Commissioners just want to make certain that they are able to adopt a county song legally. The Commissioners appreciate the fact that he did write this song and will get back with him as soon as they can. Mr. Stahl stated that the Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to utilize this song as well. They thanked him for attending.

## Discussion – Chase At Work Program

Ms. Sandra Corder attended the meeting to explain the possibility of utilizing this program. Chase band approached her with this option and she has no preference one way or the other whether or not the Commissioners decide to utilize this program. She stated that if any other bank would like to offer the same or similar program, she will have to allow them as well. She discussed some of the things Chase would like to offer employees. If employees are interested, they will speak with Chase one on one. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners wanted to make certain that she was ok with opening this door for other banks as well. Ms. Corder stated that Chase understands that if there is any additional work, she will be compensated for it. If the Commissioners approve this, she does not have a problem with it. Mr. Stahl asked where she will draw the line on who can put stuff in the payroll checks. Ms. Corder stated that it will be up to the Commissioners to determine that, but it will have to be payroll related. She noted that there will be a fee for this service. The Commissioners thanked her for attending.

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## Public Hearing – 2008 Estimated Budgets

At 10:00 a.m. Ms. Robin Schonauer, Fiscal Officer and Mr. Orville Starkey attended the public hearing. She stated that the estimated resources for the general fund are \$10,004,175. The estimated expenses for the general fund are \$10,125,522. If everything stays the same, we will be short approximately \$100,000 in 2008. Typically, departments keep revenue the same but inflate expenses. She feels we are in good shape for 2008. Mr. Shryock asked what the estimated revenue for 2007 was and after looking at the amended certificate, it was determined to be closer to \$70,000 short. Mr. Shryock stated that he would like it noted that Ms. Schonauer spent many hours on her own time on this budget and the board would like to thank her for her effort. Mr. Shryock asked for public input. Mr. Orville Starkey stated that he just wanted to say that there have been many changes in the Public Defenders Office and things are running very smoothly. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners appreciate the Public Defender Commissions should be commended for hiring Mr. Mullen and he is doing a terrific job. Mr. Fischer asked if it would be possible for the IT Department would be able to create something to make this process easier. Ms. Schonauer stated that she plans to discuss the possibility with them. That being all, the public hearing was closed.

## Discussion – Driveway CR 16

The Prosecutor informed Mr. Fischer that the driveway owned by Tiffany Morrow off of CR 16 cannot be obtained by adverse possession. Therefore, the Prosecutor recommends that the Commissioners ask the County Engineer to move the driveway. Mr. Fischer will contact the Engineer.

## Discussion – Fresno Property Title Search

Mr. Shryock would like it noted in the record of where the purchase of the property is at in regards to the Fresno Sewer Project. Mr. Fischer stated that the County Prosecutor has that agreement and has turned over the title search to Mr. Skelton for him to process. Also, for the record this is an EPA mandated project and is past the deadline. Mr. Shryock wants to make certain that the EPA knows the county is working diligently to bring this project forward. Mr. Fischer would like to contact the Prosecutor to make certain he is getting this project and the purchase agreement for the water tower location at the airport completed. The other two Commissioners agreed.

## Discussion – Workers Compensation

Mr. Shryock stated that he would like to have Ms. Harsh send a cover letter and the spreadsheet about the different options for the Workers Compensation Charge Backs electronically to all department heads. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels the Commissioners should schedule a meeting after they receive this and let them discuss it with the Commissioners.

## Discussion – Chase At Work Program

Mr. Shryock opened for discussion the possibility of adding the Chase At Work Program. Mr. Fischer stated that he doesn't want to penalize someone for being aggressive and pursuing business, but he is concerned that the county payroll envelope will become full of flyers. Mr. Stahl stated that possibly the flyers could be handed out separately from the paycheck. Mr. Shryock stated that he would like to respond to the Auditor by stating that we appreciate her asking for the Commissioners input, however, it is her office doing the work and it should be at her discretion to determine if she willing to take on this additional work load. The other two Commissioners agreed.

## Discussion – Bulk Water Rate

Mr. Fischer stated that he feels we should formalize an official response and send it back to them. Mr. Stahl stated that he spoke with the city and they would like the county to give a little. He also stated that the city did not realize the county had given them their best deal, they thought the county was just negotiating. Mr. Fischer stated that we got our numbers from Ohio Rural Water and EPA and he understands that the city feels that affordable is relative. However, the county did request

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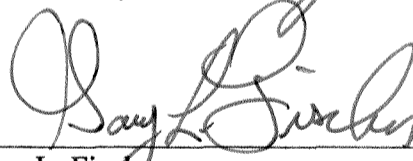
Bulk Water Rate Continued

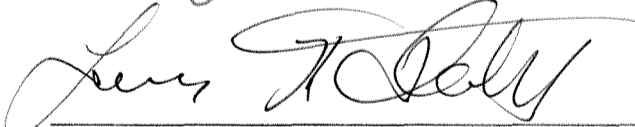
\$2.00 per thousand to begin with and then has since moved to \$2.50. So, we have given in the negotiations. Mr. Shryock stated that after about 2 ½ years of discussion what the county has given to the city should be the end of the negotiations. He is not trying to be cold or self-serving, but whatever we give them in this last letter should be our last proposal and if they do not take the proposal, we will move on. Mr. Stahl stated that he has only been here a short time, but he realizes that this can go on for a very long time and we need to move on. Mr. Shryock stated that after hiring our Utilities Director, we sent him to different counties to determine how they work their utilities. With what is being proposed to the city now, we will still have to pay for line loss and other issues. So, when they want us to move from where we are at in our \$2.50 per thousand, it could mean a lot of money. Mr. Shryock then stated that he will never agree to the language that the county cannot sell water for less than the city. The other two Commissioners are in agreement with this. They will absolutely not allow that in the agreement. Mr. Shryock is also not comfortable paying the \$4,000 per month to the city. He feels this will put a burden on the county system from the beginning. He stated that we are supplementing them for the first million gallons by paying \$4.00 per thousand. He feels the county has been very generous to the city. Mr. Fischer agreed. Mr. Stahl stated that the city has agreed to the \$4,000. The big issue is how much per thousand beyond that and the percentage increases. Mr. Shryock stated no more than \$4,000, No language about the price the county can sell water for, \$1.00 per meter, five year purchase agreement with twenty year availability, Mr. Stahl stated that he feels it should be \$2.60 per thousand and 2% in years three, four and five, Mr. Fischer stated that he feels it should be \$2.50 per thousand and 2% in years three, four and five. He has done a lot of research on this and feels the county cannot have a effective water system if we don't have \$2.50 per thousand. However, if the \$2.50 is the only issue to break this deal, then he will concede and go to \$2.60. He has a real problem going away from the \$2.50 since the professionals have told us we need \$2.50 to make this work. Mr. Shryock stated that he is not in favor of moving off the \$2.50 per thousand. Before we move forward on a proposal with the city he would like to get some professional advice on our answer. The other two Commissioners agree.

Adjourn

At 2:07 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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 Larry K. Stahl

  
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