

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

August 15, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS, Ms. Kathie Dickerson, The Tribune, Ms. Sara Jane Jenkins and Mary Beck, Clerk

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the minutes as presented for Monday, August 13, 2007.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Transfer Requests

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the following Transfer Requests that have been approved by the County Auditor.

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Table with 4 columns: FROM, TO, Description, AMOUNT. Rows include Contract Services, Equipment, and Other with various amounts totaling \$11,100.00.

Sheriff

Table with 4 columns: FROM, TO, Description, AMOUNT. Rows include Contract Services and Equip. Range totaling \$6,500.00.

Transportation

Table with 4 columns: FROM, TO, Description, AMOUNT. Row includes Cont. Serv. Z-bus and Oth. Exp. Lift for \$11,895.00.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

Airport Loan Extension – Chase Bank

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Promissory Note between the Coshocton County Commissioners and JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA in the amount of \$17,278.29 for an extension to a loan for the Coshocton County Regional Airport Authority which will be paid by the Airport Authority.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Stahl yea

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Additional Appropriations

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Unappropriated Fund Balance	087-0100-260.00	\$30,000.00

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Workers Compensation Departmental Charge-back Decision

Ms. Pat Harsh attended the meeting. Mr. Shryock stated that we have all been educated on this decision by BWC and CompMangement over the past months. Mr. Stahl stated that he will concede the 5 percentage points and go with the 90% claims and 10% payroll and then authorize a \$50,000 rainy day fund for general fund offices that might have a large claim. However, if a non-general fund had a major catastrophe, he is not opposed to letting them petition the Commissioners for some of these funds. Mr. Fischer stated that he will go with the 90% claims and 10% payroll with the rainy day fund available for the general fund. He is still deciding on whether or not to allow non-general fund departments to utilize these monies. Mr. Shryock is for 100% claims. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to charge back all departments for their workers compensation in the following manner; 90% based on claims and 10% based on payroll and then authorizing \$50,000 to be set aside in a rainy day fund to be utilized by general fund departments as needed.

Vote:	Shryock	no
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Mr. Shryock commented on his no vote. He stated that he feels the charge should be based on claims alone. Mr. Fischer stated that it is worth noting that no matter what the Commissioners put in place, there is always going to be an unhappy department.

Discussion – Metropolitan Housing – PILOT Program

Mr. Paul Scherbel and Mr. Greg Darr, Metropolitan Housing attended the meeting. To discuss the Metropolitan Housing PILOT Program. Mr. Scherbel stated that he is legal council to the housing authority. They have a budget item that is called PILOT because they utilize the local county services and are required by the federal government to pay this payment in lieu of taxes. Mr. Darr stated that he is the Executive Director of the housing authority in Coshocton and the Federal government has cut his budget by almost 2 million since he began hear. They owe the county about \$62 per household to the county and they have approximately 131 households. They are asking for a grant from the county for the PILOT Program to waive the payment to the county. They can get grant funding from the county in the form of CDBG monies. They have never done this however. Mr. Scherbel stated that in other counties, the County Commissioners contribute toward the housing authority, however, they do not contribute in Coshocton County. They are behind in these payments and are requesting the Commissioners pass a resolution granting them permission not to pay the PILOT or give them CDBG monies to pay these payments. Mr. Scherbel then stated that it is an issue with the housing authority board. Mr. Shryock stated that building 131 housing units in Coshocton does cause an increase in services provided by the county. This is a payment of approximately \$8,000 per year. Mr. Darr stated that payment will be less much less in 2007. Mr. Shryock asked if historically are the units always full. Mr. Darr stated that there is a three year waiting list on housing. Mr. Shryock then asked is there some other county we can compare this situation to. Mr. Darr stated that no, all counties do things differently. Mr. Shryock stated that we

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Discussion – Metropolitan Housing Continued

will turn this over to the Prosecutor and Mr. Scherbel stated that he will work with him. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

Discussion – EMS Levy

Mr. Mike Perkins attended the meeting at the request of the Commissioners. Also present was Ms. Sara Jane Jenkins and on conference call was Mr. Chuck Ansley and Mr. Jim Crone. Mr. Shryock stated that they had come in and ask for a 2.8 mill replacement levy for the EMS. If this does not get on this fall's general ballot, the funds will not run out through 2008. So there would be no break in service the last opportunity to pass the levy would be fall of 2008. So there are three opportunities to pass the levy. He understands that the reason to replace at this time is to include language to utilize funds for the buildings. Mr. Perkins stated that they would like to build or enhance the buildings they have and that would be added with this levy. Mr. Shryock asked in what shape are their vehicles. Mr. Perkins stated that they have 2 trucks that are year 2000 and they are planning to cycle those out. Mr. Shryock stated that historically boards put the levy on and let the public decide. However, we are also responsible for other government entities. In the original levy, they asked for 3.5 mills and are now only using 1.5 and the new levy will ask for 2.8 to renovate buildings. There is only so much voting millage that will be allowable and we do have a real jail problem and he is asking where the EMS feels they fall in that category. Mr. Ansley stated that originally the levy was put on at 3.5 because they did not know how much they would actually utilize. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners are not against putting on this levy, however, they are responsible for determining what is in the best interest of the voting public and there are a number of levies on the ballot. Mr. Ansley stated that the reason they chose to put the levy on at this time is that if it did not pass, then they would have more opportunities to put it on in the following elections. Mr. Shryock stated that we are up to nine levies that will be placed on the November 2007 ballot and the Commissioners are not certain it would be in the best interest of the EMS to put the levy on in November. Financially, the county is better off than we were a couple years ago, however, the residents in the county do not appear to be as financially stable. Mr. Ansley stated that maybe there will be more likelihood that the EMS levy will pass before the other levies. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners need to be very careful what we need to ask the public for monies for. We need to be very guarded on what we choose to put on the ballot. He does understand the importance of EMS. It is a very vital service to this community. They just want them to understand that there are many issues that will go into making the decision of whether or not to put this on the ballot. Mr. Perkins stated that it has taken a couple years to get their game plan in place once the first levy was passed. They have done everything they said that they would do four years ago when the original levy was passed. It does cost a lot of money to run the EMS Service. They will do anything the Commissioners ask them to do. Mr. Fischer stated that what we are concerned about is over-saturating the millage that is out there and not be able to pass some of these other levies that will be on the ballot. They would like to take a little longer look at the request for the levy. Mr. Ansley stated that they have approached the levy with a partnership attitude with the county. Mr. Stahl asked if the 2.8 is what the EMS feels is the best request for the EMS to operate. Mr. Ansley stated that it is what they will need. Mr. Fischer stated that the EMS was planning make all upgrades and building enhancements during the length of the levy and most people term the building out over several years. Mr. Shryock asked if there has been any thought process on extending the length of the levy based on Mr. Fischer's statement. Mr. Ansley stated that it would depend on what the Commissioners would like them to do. Mr. Perkins stated that they will take whatever advice is given to them and do whatever the Commissioners ask of them. The Commissioners thanked him for attending. Mr. Shryock then asked for public input and Ms. Sara Ann Jenkins stated that in December she was transported to Columbus by the EMS and she would like to see the wording on the levy changed to include special needs people. She would like the Commissioners to include critical care transport in the levy. Mr. Perkins stated that they looked at this four years ago and the cost of the critical care is huge and if it is placed under a levy, the millage will go up substantially. Critical care bills are approximately 12-13 thousand dollars per person. Ms. Jenkins stated that she feels if they had a nurse on staff at the EMS, this could be one

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Discussion – EMS Levy Continued

understands that it will raise the citizen's taxes, and she is willing to pay the extra tax dollars. She will go and educate the public if the Commissioners will change the wording on the levy. Mr. Shryock then stated that he would like to be appointed to talk with Mr. Perkins and report back to the board so they can determine if and when they will put the levy on the ballot and what the wording will be. Mr. Fischer stated that he has a lot of experience in this matter and would like to volunteer to talk with Mr. Perkins. The other two Commissioners did not have a problem with this. Mr. Fischer will report back to the board before he leaves for vacation.

Aultcare Presentation

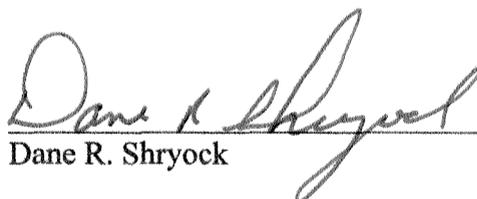
Mr. Dave Weston, Mr. Michael Zaluski, Ms. Marti Humphry and Ms. Pam Davis attended the meeting to discuss the 2007-2008 renewal for health, dental and life insurance. Mr. Weston presented the Commissioners with a cost analysis for the county. They are proposing a 3% increase in the fixed costs. There is a 5.6% decrease in the Stop Loss Premiums. The Aggregate Stop Loss has also decreased. He then went over the claims and Rx monthly and annualized payments. Ms. Pam Davis then distributed Quality Care Partners Renewal. They will extend their current rate to Coshocton County for the utilization management services for Coshocton County Commissioners and their network services as well. She went over the county network utilization and hospitalization. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

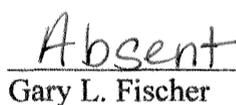
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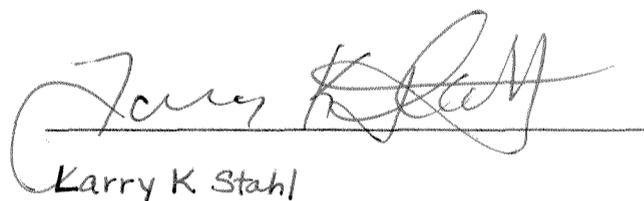
At 12:00 p.m. Mr. Shryock moved the meeting to recess.

Adjourn

At 1:30 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.


Dane R. Shryock


Gary L. Fischer


Karry K. Stahl