

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

September 5, 2007

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Jessie Marcincavage, WTNS, and Mary Beck, Clerk

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to approve the minutes as presented for Wednesday, August 29, 2007.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Contractor Agreement – JFS/Megan Daugherty

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign an Independent Contractors Agreement between JFS and Megan Daugherty in the amount of \$25,800.00 for the period September 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Contract – The Shelly Company

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a contract with the Shelly Company, Thornville, Ohio for the County Motor Paving in the amount of \$152,000.00 as requested by Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Monthly Mortgage Report

Received Monthly Mortgagee report for the month of August from County Recorder David Dilly.

Service Agreement Renewal – CompManagement, Inc.

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign an amendment to the Workers Compensation Service Agency Agreement increasing the retainer from \$2,500.00 to \$2,650.00.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

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Transfer Requests

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

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FROM	TO	AMOUNT
001-1510-5900.02 Regional Plan	070-0100-4900.02 Trans In Reg. Plan	\$45,000.00
260-0100-5410.00 Bond oth exp	260-0100-5400.03 Probate/Phone Bond	\$ 3,280.00
001-1510-5900.03 Transfer out EMA	140-0100-4007.00 Transfer in EMA	\$ 3,710.00

Water & Sewer

356-0100-5260.00 Water Maint.	356-0100-5400.02 Oth. Exp. Misc.	\$1,009.68
356-0100-5200.00 Supplies	356-0100-5400.02 Oth. Exp. Misc.	\$ 450.88
356-0100-5210.00 equipment	356-0100-5400.02 Oth. Exp. Misc.	<u>\$ 614.01</u>
Total		\$2,074.57

JFS

030-0100-5102.00 salaries	030-0100-5103.00 insurance bonus	\$200.00
030-0100-0103.00 Insurance Bonus	030-0100-5103.00 Insurance bonus	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total		\$400.00

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Litter Collection Report

Received the Litter Collection Report for the month of August 2007 from Mr. John Fielden, Collection Supervisor.

Discussion – Tim Greer, Maintenance

Mr. Greer stated that he would like to continue having Tyler McKee working part-time for the maintenance department while he attends college. He would also like to hire a full-time person as well. Mr. Shryock asked if we hire a full-time person, what he will be looking for. Mr. Greer stated that he would like to have someone who can do just about anything, specifically carpentry work. Mr. Shryock asked if he has anyone in mind and Mr. Greer stated that no, he does not have anyone in mind. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners will discuss the issue and get back with him in a couple weeks. Mr. Shryock then asked if he has considered utilizing the jail trustees more for maintenance purposes. Mr. Greer stated that at this time they try to utilize them as much as possible. Also, Mr. Greer needs to order a drinking fountain for the first floor at the Courthouse. It should be paid for out of the capital improvements account. Mr. Stahl stated that Ms. Miller also asked to have the stairs cleaned and painted in the Courthouse. Mr. Shryock asked that Mr. Greer get a couple estimates for this as well. He asked him to contact Holmes County Commissioner Dave Hall and see who they used to do some work at their Courthouse. Mr. Stahl stated that Ms. Miller has some problems with the heating and cooling as well. Mr. Greer stated that they have one unit down and Randy is working on it at this time. She requested the third floor be cleaned and boxes removed to the storage barn. Mr. Greer stated that he will assess the situation and see if we can move some things around. The Commissioners thanked him for attending.

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Metropolitan Housing

Discussion – Mr. Jim Vanaman, Chairman Mr. Paul Scherbel Attorney for the Metropolitan Housing Board and Mr. Greg Darr, Metropolitan Housing Director attended the meeting to discuss their PILOT Program. Mr. Shryock stated that Mr. Darr and Mr. Scherbel attended a meeting and requested the Commissioners forgive their PILOT that is owed to the county. He stated that he was told at that time that they owed the county approximately \$8,000 per year. They are in arrears by approximately \$73,000.00. This deficit goes back to June of 2000. Mr. Shryock stated that the county is given mandates by the federal and the state governments and the county pays these obligations. We have asked the Prosecuting Attorney to give us an opinion to see whether or not we can legally forgive this PILOT. He has a real problem being a steward of the tax payer's dollars forgiving this payment. Mr. Darr stated that they have paid significant funds for law enforcement at their sites. Mr. Fischer stated that what they are paying for the off duty officer is being utilized at their site and they are getting a direct benefit from that. Mr. Scherbel stated that this is an additional service they are paying for because it is needed. Mr. Shryock stated that we do not have a surplus of funding, and the county has to budget our money and pay our bills. He is concerned that the county cannot afford to waive this payment. If the county owed the state or federal governments they would probably not forgive our payment. Mr. Scherbel stated that this issue was brought to the Commissioners because they are unable to make this payment, otherwise, the Commissioners probably would not be aware of the situation. They are here to try to work out some sort of resolution and stop it from going on into the future. Mr. Shryock stated that they have requested some CDBG monies, however, that is a very small budget and we normally utilize that for townships and villages. Mr. Vannaman stated that he understands that they are obligated to pay the PILOT but feels the county should bill them and get this worked out as soon as possible. Mr. Shryock asked if they know of any other area that will waive the PILOT Program for there HUD Housing. Mr. Darr stated that he will contact other counties to see what type of funding is done by local governments. Mr. Shryock stated that they have a three year waiting list for public housing and Mr. Shryock asked how many applications or how many people housed there are residents of Coshocton County. Mr. Darr stated that 99% of all the people housed there are residents of Coshocton County. Mr. Scherbel stated that it is the perception that these people have been recruited to here, but they are finding out this is not the case now. Mr. Vannaman stated the at one time back in the seventies, that was true, however, it is not true at this time. Mr. Shryock stated that we are waiting on an opinion by Mr. Batchelor. Mr. Darr stated that when their funding comes back up to 93% they will pay the PILOT because they will have the funding available. Mr. Shryock asked if they really think that will happen. Mr. Darr stated that once the war ends the housing funding will be increased. Mr. Shryock stated that the county significantly reduced staff and services when we were in a budget crunch to pay our bills. Mr. Fischer stated that we still haven't returned the Sheriff's Office to the staffing level they once were before the budget cuts. That is something everyone has to deal with. Mr. Shryock asked what they would like from this board as we wait for an answer from the Prosecuting Attorney. He would like some information about how other counties our size deals with this situation. Mr. Scherbel stated that the county is a budget item and the board is waiting to see how Mr. Darr will deal with this situation in the next budget. Mr. Shryock thanked them for bringing this to our attention and stated that \$73,000 is a large amount of money for this county. Mr. Fischer asked what their ideal solution should be. Mr. Scherbel stated that they should pay their PILOT. They need to justify to the Commissioners some type of amount and then make certain that money is paid. Mr. Shryock stated that once we get this answer from the Prosecutor, they will a decision about the past monies owed. From here forward, he feels they need to make certain that money owed is paid to the county. He asked if they have money available to be paid this budget year. Mr. Darr stated that short of laying people off no they do not have that funding. The payment they owe is about 1% of their total budget. Mr. Stahl asked if anyone ever leaves the units. Mr. Darr stated that some leave the units but typically they stay. The Commissioners asked that starting July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 they put the money into the budget to pay the PILOT owed to the county. On the past deficit we will wait on an opinion from the prosecutor to determine what will need to be done with those monies. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

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Discussion – Mike LaVigne

Mr. Mike LaVigne attended the meeting to ask permission to attend an IT conference in Columbus October 16, and 17, 2007. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners feel it would be beneficial for him to attend the conference. Talk with Ms. Schonauer for money and scheduling. Mr. LaVigne then stated that he has spoken with everyone about MedFlight getting on our system. No one has any problem with it. He is trying to determine how much to charge them for the service. The Commissioners will contact CCAO to determine how we should charge for this service.

Mr. LaVigne stated that we have been contacted by Wayne County to host a similar service for their Dog and Kennel Program on our server. Mr. LaVigne asked if we are permitted to do this or not. He originally thought that we might just give them the program since they are a government entity, but they don't have the technical support to utilize the program. They want the county to support the program for them. He stated that it would take up the county band width and would affect the county. Mr. Shryock stated that he doesn't have a problem giving other counties the program, but does not feel we should support it. Mr. Fischer stated that we need to contact CCAO with this issue as well. Mr. Stahl stated that he cannot see us sending our employees to Wayne County to support their system. If we were to send them there once and get them trained on the system and that is all, then he doesn't have a problem with it. But, he wants our employees here where we need them. Mr. Fischer stated that we will need to contact CCAO and determine if we give Wayne County the program could Mike or someone support it on their own time. Mr. Shryock stated that he believes we developed this with tax dollars and should be given to other government entities but he will abstain from voting on any further issue with this. We will contact CCAO and get back with Mr. LaVigne.

Discussion – Ms. Debbie Wallace

Ms. Debbie Wallace attended the meeting. Mr. Fischer stated that he wanted to apologize for any comments that were misunderstood on the issue of the request for the vote by City Council on the water issue. Ms. Wallace stated that the Mayor asked if Infrastructure minded if he and Jerry Stenner took over the negotiations for the bulk water rate. She originally stated that they should do that, but has since changed her mind. She stated that in a couple weeks someone from the State Auditor's Office is coming to talk to them about determining how they run their water operation. Mr. Shryock asked if it is a performance audit or a legal audit. Mr. Wallace stated that they will determine that in a couple weeks. Mr. Shryock stated that this is not political it is solely about business. He is trying to figure a way that they can work this problem out without people trying to make news. In regards to the Mayor taking over negotiations, he spoke with him yesterday and he told him that they might be taking over the negotiations. Ms. Wallace stated that she doesn't know where to go from here. She stated that they agreed to \$2.55 the only difference is in going from 7 years to 5 years and 2% to 3%. Mr. Fischer stated that the reason we added year six and seven was to help out the city. He presented Ms. Wallace with the amount it would cost the county in years three, four and five. Mr. Stahl stated that there are two things that bother him. One being that we don't tell the city how to run their business, and they should not tell us how to run ours. The second being, using their figures, the city will be \$653,000 in the hole and at year three and \$1,000,000 in the hole at year five. He is wondering if we should wait on the audit to see if we want to work with the city. Ms. Wallace stated that if they come all the way down to what the city wants, will that help them solve their problem. Mr. Stahl stated that we have to have an affordable price for the end user. Ms. Wallace stated that maybe the county's view of affordable needs to change. Mr. Fischer stated that \$40 per month is what Ohio Rural Water says that residents will pay for water. Mr. Shryock stated that the county's solution to the city's problem is not very big. We will not solve the city's problems with their water plant. It would take a major industry to come in and help fix their problem. She stated that they know they are going to have to raise the percentage more than 4% in years 8 and 9, but they don't have full confidence in the numbers they have, that is why they would like to have the audit done. Mr. Fischer asked if the water department gives a monthly report on their production. Ms. Wallace stated that she would think that the administration would ask for that report. Mr. Shryock stated that he does not think it is fair to say this is a dispute in the community.

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Discussion – Water Continued

Ms. Wallace agreed that it is not a dispute. Mr. Fischer stated that it has been educational for both the city and the county. Mr. Starkey asked if there is not an agreement, what the alternative is. Mr. Fisher stated that we have plan B and plan C. But, the reason we have been so diligent is that we want an agreement with the city as not to be a deterrent to the city. Mr. Shryock stated that it serves this board's best interest to have an agreement with the city. Ms. Wallace stated that she is concerned that if we sign the agreement the county wants or even the one the city wants, what will happen in the next year if they have to raise the city resident's rates 43% and the county rates will not be raised at all. Mr. Shryock stated that they will still be making money on the county if they raise their rates. He then stated that the county has hired a company to come in and open a well that is in existence to determine the production of that well. We have also had another engineering firm give us an estimate on a water plant in the amount of 1.2 million and that includes 2 new wells. As a result of that estimate, Quicksall's came back and said they would like to give a new estimate. Ms. Wallace stated that they are still in disagreement as to who owns the North Corridor Line. Mr. Shryock stated that we got a legal opinion from Mr. John Albers stating that the county does own those lines. Ms. Wallace stated that she has never seen this opinion. Mr. Shryock stated that we can get her a copy of the opinion. Ms. Wallace stated that they will wait the two weeks until the State Auditor comes and lets them know where they stand. Mr. Stahl asked if they determine things need to be done differently, will they make the changes. Ms. Wallace stated that she feels that if they suggest changes, the changes should be made. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels they should get a water production report monthly. The Commissioners thanked her for attending.

Discussion – Pat Harsh

She reported on the CORSA Meeting she attended last week. She presented a report that she received while she was at the meeting. Mr. Shryock then asked if our claims for liability were up or down. She stated that we have not had many claims lately. Mr. Shryock stated that several months ago that we would not break out the claims being paid on the workers compensation premiums. He received an e-mail from Mr. Wachtel that the premium he received was charged to all his accounts and not where he had his claims from. She stated that she did not change anything from the original billing that we received. Mr. Shryock stated that by her not making this change, the Commissioners credibility is damaged. Those figures should have been changed as it was requested months ago. Ms. Harsh stated that she sent an e-mail out to departments and told them if they wanted something different, they were to contact her. She did not receive anything from any departments. Mr. Shryock stated that for credibility and accounting purposes those charges should reflect where the claims come from and not payroll. Ms. Harsh stated that she can go back over the charges and determine which accounts the claims come from. She will contact Ms. Sycks in the Auditor's Office to determine how to handle the situation.

Discussion – Robin Schonauer – CHIP Update

Ms. Robin Schonauer attended the meeting to tell the Commissioners that the county has been awarded the 2007 CHIP grant in the amount of \$490,900.00 with the condition that the county first answer a question about the county's Fair Housing. She spoke with John Cleek at CDC, the county's CHIP Administrators and he will take care of the response. Also, she talked with them about Habitat for Humanities request for \$25,000 of the County Program Income. She stated that Mr. Cleek told Ms. Schonauer that they will handle all the environmental reviews if the Commissioners elect to give them the funding. The Commissioners stated that they will give \$25,000 to Habitat for Humanity from the County's Program Income Monies. They asked Ms. Schonauer to forward this information to CDC.

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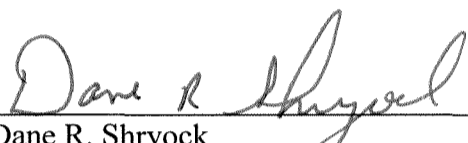
Executive Session

At 11:37 a.m. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All vote yea. At 11:45 a.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to hire Ms. Jen LaVigne as a permanent employee effective immediately or as soon as notice can be given.

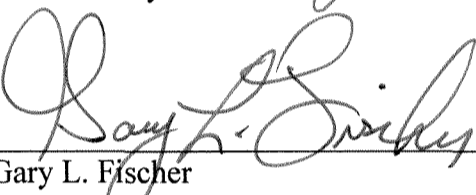
Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

Adjourn


At 11:55 a.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Larry K. Stahl



Clerk