

# COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

March 5, 2008

The Coshocton County Commissioners meet in regular session on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 with Mr. Gary Fischer, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Larry Stahl in attendance. Also present was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS and Ms. Robin Schonauer, Assistant Clerk.

## Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes as presented for Monday, March 3, 2008.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## Proclamation-4-H Week

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign a Proclamation declaring the week of March 9-15, 2008 as Coshocton County 4-H Week and urge the people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

## 4-H Proclamation Week

Mr. Carter Eberwine, Ms. Abby Stevens, Ms. Jenny Gilmore, Ms Beth Bossen, 4-H State Ambassadors and Ms. Sara Jane Lindsey, OSU Extension Agent attended the Commissioners meeting. Ms. Lindsey stated that they will be advertised 4-H week in the newspaper and WTNS Whiz TV their goal is to show case what is being done and to get new members involved. Ms. Abby Stevens described the duties of a 4-H State Ambassador and the process in applying to become an Ambassador and the various activities that she has attended. Ms. Beth Bossen gave an overview of her various 4-H projects and her activities she has attended as a 4-H State Ambassador. Ms. Jenny Gilmore spoke about her various projects, and activities as an Ambassador as well and described her involvement in the Food fashion and Family board. Mr. Carter Eberwine also described the activities he attended at the Ohio State Fair to fulfill his Ambassador duties and his 4-H project which included livestock and special interest. Ms. Lindsey then invited the Commissioners to attend their up coming event Spotlight on 4-H that will be held on March 15, 2008 at 12 PM to 5 PM. Mr. Fischer thanked them for coming.

## Amended Certificate

Received Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated February 26, 2008 from the County Auditor, Sandra Corder.

## Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report for the CDBG CHIP Grant in the amount of \$17,811.00.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Stahl	yea

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## Final Performance Report

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to sign Final Performance Report for Ohio Department of Development Formula Grant BF -06-016-01.

Vote: Shryock     yea  
Fischer         yea  
Stahl            yea

## Then and Now

Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the following Then and Now Certificates which have been certified by the County Auditor.

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
Princes Wrecker 011088.0100	\$160.50	Transportation	088-0100-5400-
Society of Equal Access	\$587.00	Transportation	088-0100-5260.02
Columbia Gas	\$344.42	JFS	030-0100-5260.01
OSU/Newark	\$4,129.31	JFS	035-0100-5260.00
Wash. Cty Career Center	\$468.50	JFS	030-0100-5400.05
Neurological Assoc	\$486.00	JFS	030-0100-5400.00
COTC/OSU	\$856.70	JFS	030-0100-5400.05

Vote: Shryock     yea  
Fischer         yea  
Stahl            yea

## Litter Report

Mr. John Fielden attended the Commissioners meeting to give his litter report for January and February. Mr. Fielden stated the weather has not cooperated with his collection of litter. Mr. Fischer thanked him for attending.

## Dog Pound Issues

Ms. Judith Thomas and Ms. Sonya Thompson attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss the Animal Shelter. Ms. Thomas stated that she has visited the Animal Shelter and felt that the animals were not being taken care of in the manner in which they should be. She mentioned that they had heard on the radio of the up coming renewal of the contract with the Humane Society on the 1<sup>st</sup> and they felt they could do a better job. Mr. Fisher stated that the Humane Society has until April 15<sup>th</sup> to get all the issues corrected at the request of the Commissioners. Ms. Thompson stated that she has tried to adopt pets in the past and has never been successful and felt the employees were very unprofessional and the facility was in poor condition. Mr. Stahl asked if they had any qualification to run the animal shelter. Ms. Thomas and Mrs. Thompson neither have had any experience with running an animal shelter other than having pets of their own. Mr. Shryock stated that in 1988 the County signed a contract with the Humane Society to run the animal shelter and if they do not have a contract with the Humane Society then the county will have to run the animal shelter but by law the only people the Commissioners can have a contract with is a 501 3C Humane Society and can not contract with an individual or group or the person must be an employee of the county and at this time we do not have any openings for employment. Mr. Stahl asked how they felt about rescues, are they in favor or not? They both stated that they are in favor of rescues Ms. Thompson stated that she currently has a horse rescue. Mr. Fischer thanked them for attending.

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## Fresno Water Update

Mr. Mike Carder, Mr. Bill Newton, GGC Engineers, Mr. Aaron Pennington, EPA, Mr. Matt Robinette, Utility Director attended the meeting. Mr. Mike Carder stated that Mr. Pennington contacted him last week and wanted a meeting with GGC and the Commissioners to get an update on the Fresno Project. Mr. Pennington stated that he is new to the projects and wanted to get an update on the project. Mr. Fischer stated that Mr. Shryock is the only Commissioner that has been a Commissioner since the start of the project. Mr. Fischer then stated that he had worked with Mr. Robinette on purchasing a piece of property for the project and the property they had found had several issues and would not work so when Mr. Stahl come on board located the property that they purchased in Fresno for the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Bill Newton showed plans of the new waste water treatment plant and the property. Mr. Pennington asked if they had applied for funding. Mr. Carder stated that they have applied with Congressman Zack Space's office and Senator Voinovich's office. Mr. Carder is also looking into applying for the CDBG water and sewer competitive grant in June. Mr. Shryock said that he spoke with Joy Padgett and she stated that Congressman Space does have their letter requesting funding for the project. Mr. Fischer asked if Mr. Pennington had any questions of the Commissioners. Mr. Pennington asked if they had any other sewer projects. Mr. Shryock state not a this time but there were three sewer plants in the area one in Warsaw, West Lafayette and a sewer plant in Coshocton. Mr. Pennington asked if the proper steps had been taken with the Sewer District. Mr. Shryock stated that yes that in 1983 or 1988 and the proper steps had been taken for a county wide jurisdiction in the unincorporated villages. Mr. Pennington wanted to let the Commissioners to know that they would need to obtain a sanitary right for the drainage ditch before everything is up and going. Mr. Shryock asked if that was for the Cutshall property. Mr. Pennington indicated yes that was correct. Mr. Newton stated that the Cutshall ditch had already been approved. Mr. Pennington asked if the Commissioners were excited about the project. Mr. Fischer stated that they would like to see the project to continue to move forward and be affordable for the residents. Mr. Shryock stated that if the county does not get outside help the tap fee would be \$100 or more so they need congressional funding to bring the cost down for the individual households to be able to afford. Mr. Shryock indicated that they were not dragging their feet they just wanted to keep the project affordable to the households. He understands that they are past the deadline and knows that fines could be issued what were Mr. Pennington's feelings about this? He stated he would just like to see them continually working on the project and getting the funding. He would like to have a correspondence from GGC about every 30 days so they are staying in touch. Mr. Fischer thanked Mr. Pennington for attending and stated that this is a priority of the board to move forward. Mr. Pennington said that if they had any questions they could call him at any time.

## Colonial Supplemental Insurance

Mr. Charles Mers and Phil Hamilton from Colonial Supplemental Insurance attended the meeting. Mr. Mers provided the Commissioners with an overview of there benefit package program and stated that they are CCAO indorsed. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners only have 30 employees that are directly under their direction and if he wished to speak with the other department heads then he could contact those individuals. Mr. Shryock also stated that we contract with an Insurance consultant to handle all of the insurance needs. Mr. Mers stated that his produce is for the entire county and would rather speak with our Insurance consultant about his product the go to each department head. Mr. Shryock stated that the county Auditor requires that we have 10% of the employees participate in a program before it can be a deduction on an employee's paycheck. Mr. Mers stated that he understands the county position and if he could get the phone number of our consultant the Commissioners could get him in contact with our consultant he would be happy to speak with them. Mr. Fischer thanked them for attending.

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Mayor-Steve Mercer

Mr. Steve Mercer attended the meeting to discuss the possible forming of a bicentennial commission. Mr. Mercer stated that he would like the county and city to create a Bicentennial committee collectively to celebrate the forming of Coshocton. Mr. Fischer asked if the City and County were founded at the same time. Mr. Stahl stated that they were actually formed on different dates but they both could use the date of 1811. Mr. Mercer agreed that 1811 was the date he also had in mind. Mr. Mercer stated that this event is only be three years away. He would like to join with the county to get things started on the process of forming a commission. Mr. Fischer asked how the commission was formed in the past. Mr. Stahl stated that the Commission is usually formed then disband after the event is over. Mr. Stahl made a motion seconded by Mr. Shryock to form a commission with the city for a bicentennial celebration. Mr. Fischer stated that it has been properly moved by Commissioner Stahl and seconded by Commissioner Shryock and that the details would be discussed at a later date. Mr. Fischer thanked Mr. Mercer for attending the meeting.

EMS Levy

Mr. Fischer asked if anyone would like to make a form comment on the passing of the EMS Levy in yesterday's election. Mr. Stahl stated he is happy that the county residences have confidence in EMS by passing the levy. Mr. Shryock would like to thank the residents of the community for recognizing professionalize and the confidence that they place in this quality of life issue in Coshocton County. Mr. Fischer stated that he echoes the other two Commissioners thoughts and that the commitment of this office is to exam all county departments and agencies use of the publics tax payer dollars in order to put tax payer's dollars to use.

Habitat for Humanity

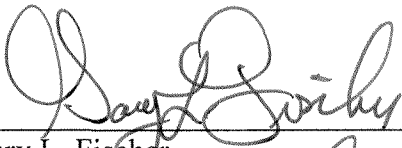
Mr. Shryock stated that he had received an email from Mr. Andy Jones from the Engineers office and he asked that the Commissioners waive a permit fee for a driveway for Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl that the permit fee be waved for the driveway for the property were Habitat for Humanity is building a home. Mr. Fischer stated that it has been properly moved to waive the fee and requested a letter to be sent out to Mr. Andy Jones, Fred Wachtel, Engineers office and Ms. Sue Hardest.

WODA-Letter


Mr. Shryock stated that the office had received a letter from WODA Development Construction Management asking for their support of a residential development located in Canal Lewisville. The Development would consist of a 36 single family homes. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stahl to draft and sign a letter at a later date stating the position of the Commissioners.

Adjourn

Mr. Fischer adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

  
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Gary L. Fischer

  
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Dane R. Shryock

  
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Larry K. Stahl

  
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Clerk