

# COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

**Wednesday**

**Regular**

**July 22, 2009**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. D. Curtis Lee in attendance. Also present was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, Ms. Kathie Dickerson, The Tribune and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

## Minutes

Mr. Fischer made motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes of the Monday, July 20, 2009 meeting.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

## Advertise Bids – Three Rivers Fire Department

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to advertise bids for Three Rivers Fire Department Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. Ads will appear July 27, 2009 and August 3, 2009. Bids will be opened August 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. as requested by Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

## Court Square

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee granting permission to Stephanie Brestle and Derek Roof the use of the gazebo on September 3, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for a wedding.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

## Sanitary Sewer Agreement – Village of West Lafayette

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a contract with the Village of West Lafayette to pay the Village of West Lafayette \$3.25 per each 1,000 (one thousand) gallons of sanitary waste received and treated as reflected by a master meter from the Village of Fresno residents and surrounding residences.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

## Contract – ATC Associates

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a Contract with ATC Associates to perform necessary asbestos/environmental hazard testing for the proposed NSP Demolition Activities. Estimated cost per site is \$985.00 and \$465.00 per unit cost.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea



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Court Square

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Young At Heart Ministries the use of the Court Square on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 5 pm to 8 pm for music and possibly food.

Vote:	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea
	Lee	yea

### Dog Warden's Report

Received the Dog Wardens report for the week ending July 20, 2009 with 7 dogs left in the box, 20 dogs picked up by the warden, 8 dogs per owner surrender, 4 dogs brought in as strays, 23 dogs destroyed, 27 warnings issued, 15 citations issued, 43 calls handled, 20 tags sold, 1 late fee paid, 6 dogs sold, 5 puppies under 90 days sold, 7 dogs/puppies sold to rescue, \$20.00 in boarding fees collected, 5 dogs redeemed for a total of \$450.00 in fees collected.

### Transfers/Additional

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the following Transfers/Additional which have been certified by the County Auditor.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
150-0100-5102.00 Salaries	150-0100-5103.00 Ins. Bonus Veterans – Transfer	\$50.00
001-0910-5300.00 Travel	001-0920-5675.00 Burials	\$2,000.00
JFS – Transfer		
030-0100-102.00 Salaries	030-0100-260.00 Contract Services	\$20,000.00
030-0100-200.00 Supplies	030-0100-260.00 Contract Services	\$ 5,000.00
030-0101-630.00 Purchase of Serv.	030-0100-260.00 Contract Services	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
	Total	\$30,000.00

### Sheriff – Additional

151-0100-4001.00 Carry Conceal	151-0100-5260.00 CCW Cont. Serv.	\$2,400.00
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### JFS – Additional

Unappropriated Fund Balance	380-0100-262.00 Purchase of Service	\$20,000.00
Unappropriated Fund Balance	090-0100-260.00 Contract Services	\$20,000.00
	090-0100-300.00 Travel	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	Total	\$40,000.00

### Commissioners – Additional

Revenue not anticipated	355-0100-5260.02 Pearl to Fresno Forced	\$53,000.00
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	Lee	yea

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Request for Funds

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Request for NSP Funds Grant # A-Z-08-109-1 in the amount of \$17,351.45 as requested by Mr. John Cleek, CDC, of Ohio, Inc.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Lee yea

NSP Environmental Review

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a Tier 2 Environmental Review Certification for NSP Region 10 as requested by Mr. John Cleek, CDC, of Ohio, Inc.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Lee yea

Then and Now Certificates

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

Table with 4 columns: PAYEE, AMOUNT, DEPARTMENT, ACCOUNT NUMBER. Rows include Mullet Drilling, MFC Drilling, Debra Desmarais, Coshocton Park District, etc.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Lee yea

Release of Mortgage

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a release of mortgage for Brian K. Kirker whose tax mailing address is 528 East 4th Street, West Lafayette for the valuable consideration which consists of the loan amount in the sum of \$5,000.00.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Lee yea

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### Investment Portfolio

Mrs. Michelle Darner attended the meeting to give her investment portfolio. Mrs. Darner stated that investments are down and she is trying to get better rates from the local banks. She stated that schools are starting to ask for advances. She has collected approximately 4 million to date for this real estate collection and has another 10 million to go. The Commissioners thanked her for her report.

### General Fund Departmental Meeting – 2009 Budget Reductions

Judge Richard Evans, Mr. Jack Patterson, Mrs. Patty Dilly, Sheriff Tim Rogers, Mrs. Sara Jane Lindsay, Mr. Doug Schonauer, Mr. Jeff Mullen, Mrs. Sandra Corder, Mr. Dave Dilly, Mrs. Teresa Bradford, Mrs. Michelle Darner, Ms. Chris Leblanc, Ms. Janet Mosier, Mrs. Robin Schonauer and Mr. Bob Batchelor attended the meeting. Mr. Shryock opened the meeting and stated that we are going to need to take more reductions in the general fund budgets. Last Thursday, the Budget Commission met and it was determined that they would need to reduce the anticipated revenue in the 2009 general fund budget by approximately \$276,000. The Commissioners appropriated all but approximately \$200,000. Therefore, we are in a deficit of approximately \$76,000. He reviewed some of the areas that we are not getting the anticipated revenue. These areas include interest income, fees being collected and Local Government fund is being reduced. He stated that the Commissioners feel these numbers are realistic and we will need to make cuts. He stated that normally the Auditor has a cushion in the sales tax revenue, but at this point we are collecting almost exactly what was anticipated. He also stated that we have had an investment meeting with the Treasurer this morning and she has some funds maturing in 2010 and the results of that will be another decline in interest income. Mr. Shryock stated that we would like to have these reductions in place at the end of the month. However, we understand that this may not be possible. Therefore, we are requesting that anyone that can get their reductions in before the end of July, please do so. If not, the absolute deadline is August 5, 2009. Mr. Shryock then stated that the Commissioners must allow for a carryover in order to pay employees in the first two pays as well as pay the general check run. We are very concerned with the carryover as the Commissioners do not want to have to give I.O.U.'s instead of paychecks the first of the year. He then stated that if we do not see things improving or that we will not have enough for the carryover, then additional cuts could still possibly come this year. We are continually working on this and will continue to work with all departments to keep abreast of the situation. Mr. Fischer stated that the Budget Commission made it very clear the situation that we are in and like Mr. Shryock stated, we will continue to work on the situation and keep everyone informed. Mr. Shryock then stated that the county has pretty much maximized the fees that we are permitted to collect. Mrs. Lindsay asked if the ½% sales tax that the Commissioners passed would be put on the ballot. Mr. Shryock stated that the tax was done 4 years ago by resolution and we are planning to continue the tax. Mr. Shryock then stated that some counties are bringing in each department and going line item by line item to reduce their budgets. These Commissioners feel that each department head or elected official know their budget better than anyone and they can best determine where they can cut their own budget. Mr. Shryock then stated that the Commissioners Offices, although it may seem very small, are increasing our thermostats by 3-4 degrees and turning them off at night and on the weekends in hopes that this will make a difference. Sheriff Rogers asked if the 5% reduction is across the board. Mr. Shryock stated that we have done it across the board with all departments that we are able to cut. He stated that the money is just not there. The Budget Commission will evaluate the situation monthly and keep the Commissioners informed. Mr. Fischer stated that our position is to be on top of this and be proactive rather than be reactionary. As hard as this is, we feel it is better to stay on the front side of this rather than the reactionary side. Mr. Shryock thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Shryock then asked if Soil and Water, OSU Extension, the Courts and Veterans Services could stay. Mr. Shryock then stated that Soil and Water and Extension have both received their checks this year. The Commissioners stated that they did receive a 20% cut at the beginning of the year. He stated that they should do what they feel they must, but do not be surprised if we ask for the monies back.

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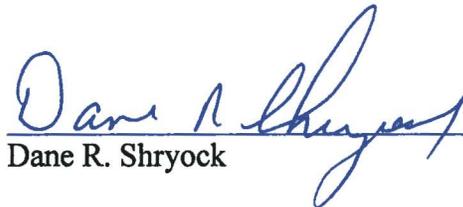
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## Budget Continued

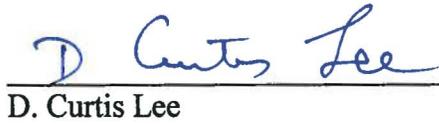
He then stated that we do not want to tell the courts how to run. However, that being said that if they can look at their budgets to see if there is anything there that they can return, it would be greatly appreciated. The Commissioners understand and appreciate their court ordered budgets, but if they are willing to look at their budgets, the Commissioners would greatly appreciate it. Judge Evans stated that he cannot predict what he will need to run the courts in the future. Mr. Shryock stated that the Commissioners just want them to know that we are not questioning the courts, but just wanted them to be aware of the situation. Judge Evans stated that court appointed attorneys, court reporting and juror fees are always factors that he has no control over. He will continue to be diligent. Mr. Schonauer stated that in the Probate/Juvenile Court they must appoint an interim Magistrate due to a serious accident that the Magistrate was involved in. Therefore, they are going to have to pay an interim. He is trying to do a new contract with the detention center in Zanesville, and this would allow them to pay for the interim magistrate. They have begun video detention meetings which should help with the cost of mileage. He will continue to look at the budget and if he determines that they are saving any monies he will notify Judge Burns and take appropriate actions. Mr. Shryock then stated that he understands and all they are asking is that they look at things and try to help in any way possible. Mr. Shryock thanked the courts. Mr. Shryock then stated that we have already talked with the Veterans about this and Mr. Patterson stated that when the Commissioners first asked the board about reducing the budget, they told them they would like to see how things go in 2009. They have looked at this and it was determined that they may be able to return some funds. They will hold a board meeting next week to possibly finalize things. They do have some unknown possibilities that do occur, but they will look at this. Mr. Fischer thanked the Veterans Services for looking at their budget. The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending.

## Adjourn

At 3:00 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Gary L. Fischer

  
D. Curtis Lee

  
Administrator/Clerk

