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## COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

# Wednesday

Regular

February 10, 2010

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. D. Curtis Lee in attendance. Also present was Ken Smailes, WTNS, Ms. Kathie Dickerson, The Tribune and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

#### Minutes

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 8, 2010 meeting.

Vote: Lee

yea

Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

### Approve Bills

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock approve the bills per computer printout dated February 10, 2010.

Vote: Lee

yea

Shryock Fischer

yea yea

#### Resolution 2010-11

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2010-11 to set the appropriations for the non-general fund as well as the general fund for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Vote: Lee

Shryock

yea yea

Fischer

yea

## Certificate of Exemption B-F-09-016-1

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Certificate of Exemption for the Administration and Fair Housing projects on the BF-09-016-1 CDBG Grant as requested by Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director.

Vote: Lee

yea

Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

## Meeting Request – Public Defender

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a meeting request for the Public Defender to attend continuing legal education on March 11 & 12, 2010 at an estimated cost of \$181.00.

Vote: Lee

yea

Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

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LightSpeed Update

Mr. Kyle Yoder, Mr. Jason Miller, LightSpeed, Mr. Jon Mosier and Mr. Mike LaVigne attended the meeting to update the Commissioners on LightSpeed. Mr. Miller stated that the reason for the meeting is to update the Commissioners on LightSpeed. Mr. Yoder stated that LightSpeed has been in talks with Omnicity to merge and complete the county project as well as several other projects throughout the state. He stated that he has signed a letter of intent to merge with Omnicity. That is all that has been done up to this point. He stated that it is his intent to sign with Omnicity and he will remain the project director in Ohio. He feels this will speed-up the county project and it will be completed much sooner. Mr. Fischer asked what Mr. Yoder knows about Omnicity. Mr. Yoder stated that he has met with them six to seven times and their goal is very similar to LightSpeed. They want to provide service to rural America. They have a lot of very good investors behind them. Mr. Miller stated that they have approximately a 6000 member base throughout Indiana. Most of their operations are in Indiana. He also stated that by bringing in LightSpeed, it will definitely enhance their company. They are in talks with several counties to do exactly what is being done in Coshocton County. Mr. Fischer asked if this company specializes in rural broadband. Mr. Miller stated that they specialize in rural broadband technologies. Mr. Mosier asked for the short term, Mr. Yoder will be with Omnicity. Mr. Miller stated that in all Omnicity's acquisitions, they always keep the employees in place. Mr. Mosier asked when the agreement will be finalized and when it will switch over to Omnicity. Mr. Yoder stated that he feels it might be within 30-60 days. Mr. Yoder stated that they will let the Commissioners know as soon as something more formal has been signed. They hope to bring a representative from Omnicity down to talk with the Commissioners very soon. Mr. LaVigne asked what One Community's stance is on this acquisition. Mr. Miller stated that currently any agreements that LightSpeed is involved with will go to Omnicity. As far as they know at this point, there should be no issues. Mr. Yoder stated that he spoke with One Community and they are on board with the merger. Mr. Shryock asked about the deployment schedule. Mr. Yoder stated that they are continuing with the next 2 towers and then once they sign with Omnicity things will move much faster. Mr. Miller stated that they were set to have power on the Newcomerstown tower on February 8<sup>th</sup>. However, with the weather, that has been put on hold. As soon as there is power there, they intend to place their equipment on the tower and there should be signal with-in a week after that. Mr. Fischer asked about the Conesville site. Mr. Miller stated that he does not have a projected date for that site at this time. He stated that as soon as they have activation of the Newcomerstown site, they will give a press release and then a projected date for the Conesville site. Mr. Fischer asked the number of hook-ups in Coshocton County. Mr. Miller stated that there have between 525-550 hooked-up. Mr. Fischer stated that in talking with other entities, we understand that this sell will be a positive thing for Coshocton County. He stated that we will need to talk with Omnicity to determine if they are interested in applying for the Federal Stimulus monies as there may be a match required and we need to determine if there would be an interest in them doing this. Mr. Miller stated that they will need to present this information to Omnicity for them to determine what they want to do. Mr. Yoder stated that he doesn't feel that it will be an issue as Omnicity would really benefit from these monies. Mr. Shryock offered Mr. Yoder his congratulations on the merger. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

## EMA Update

Mr. Jim VanHorn and Ms. Jordan Seib attended the meeting to give an update on the EMA Program. Mr. VanHorn stated that he still is a representative on the Emergency Management Association Committee and he serves as the Central Sector. He stated that they are moving to a regional approach on Search and Rescue Capability. He conducted 2 ICS 400 classes that are required by NIMS/ICS. He held an LEPC Exercise training on April 18, 2009. This was held at Lapp Farms and was an exercise involving the release of Ammonia and major flooding along the Walhonding and Muskingum Rivers. EMA worked very closely with the City and County Health Departments to provide assistance with the H1N1 vaccinations. Using FY 08 SHSP funds, he started to develop a Comprehensive Communications Plan for Coshocton County. Mr. Emie Galajda retired in 2009 and he hired Ms. Jordan Seib to the position of Deputy Director. She is a graduate of Akron University. He has applied for many grants to

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help fund his program. SHSP – 2008, he applied for \$53,628.05 for planning, backup generators, Sheriff's Repeater and MARCS Radios. The 2009 SHSP grant was for \$53,947.36 and was for Planning/Training/ Exercise, Communications - MARCS, Communications - Implementation and HazMat Level "A" suits. Another grant applied for is SHSP Region 8 HazMat, EMPG - 2009 in the amount of \$47,023.00. EMPG 2010 has not been received, but he expects around \$50,000.00, and he has received \$6,500.00 Citizen Corps Program - 2008 for the CERT Program. Coshocton County has been approved to receive \$5,000.00 in monies from a NACCHO grant to improve the Medical Reserve Corps in Coshocton County. He stated that he had attended a training program in January 2009 for the Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program. He gave 11 presentations on Preparedness in 2009. Site visits were made to inspect the Hazardous Materials Handling procedures of several facilities in the county that report to the State. The information in each facilities plans was reviewed and changes or corrections were made. The Hazardous Materials Plan was updated and submitted in October 2009. Mr. VanHorn stated that he is trying to continue the CERT Program. He stated that he will schedule another meeting when he gets back from Honduras. There are enough new people that have expressed an interest in CERT training that we should be ready to schedule a new CERT Class soon. Mr. Fischer asked if they have continuing education in the CERT Program. Mr. VanHorn stated that they expect them to participate in the trainings that they provide as well as the refresher courses. The Commissioners thanked Mr. VanHorn for his report.

## Purchase of Property - EMS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign the Settlement Statement for the Purchase of Property at 527 Chestnut Street, Coshocton, Ohio in the amount of \$40,365.30 from Craibo Properties, LLC for the Emergency Medical Services.

Vote: Lee

vea

Shryock

abstain - Campaign

Manager is part owner in Craibo Properties, LLC

Fischer

yea

Adjourn

At 1:38 p.m. Mr. Lee adjourned the meeting.

D Curtis Lee

Dane R. Shryock

Gary L. Fischer

Administrator/Clerk