

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

June 1, 2011

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 with Mr. Gary Fischer, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. D. Curtis Lee. Also in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Minutes

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, May 25, 2011 meeting.

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Subsidy Grant

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a grant agreement with Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Subsidy Grant Agreement for Community Based Corrections Program in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the period to begin July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 at the request of Judge Robert Batchelor.

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

Area 11 FY Sub grant Agreement

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Area 7 FY 11 Sub Grant Agreement between Area 7 Workforce Investment Board and Area 7 Chief Elected Officials Consortium and the Workforce Policy Board and Chief Elected Officials of Sub-grantee Coshocton effective July 1, 2011 –June 30, 2012, at the request of Mindy Fehrman, DJFS Director.

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the Transfer/Additional Appropriations which have been certified by the County Auditor.

Treasurer

From	To	Amount
001-0130-5102.00 Salaries Employee	001-0130-5400.00 oth Expense	\$1,500.00

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

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Resolution 2011-30/Master Equipment Lease /Purchase Agreement

Mr. Rob Shultz and Ms. Lynnette Brandt and Mr. Mike LaVigne attended the meeting to discuss the Lease/Agreement. Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Resolution 2011-30 as well as the Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement with Susquehanna Commercial Finance, Inc., for the Shortel Telephone System in the amount of \$370,621.20 for the term of five years.

Vote: Fischer	yea
Shryock	yea
Lee	yea

Time Warner – Business Class Agreement – Telephones

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a Time Warner Business Class Agreement to provide Primes for the Shortel Telephone System at a cost of \$2,220.00 per month for 36 months. By signing this agreement the Coshocton County Commissioners hereby give notice to proceed with construction.

Vote: Fischer	yea
Shryock	yea
Lee	yea

Benefit Resource Group

Mr. Ross Farro and Mr. Dan Letcher attended the meeting to discuss their consulting agreement with the county. Mr. Farro presented the Commissioners with a spreadsheet of the last four years with Benefit Resource Group (BRG). He recapped the savings that BRG got the county over the past four years. He then stated that BRG works for the county by taking those reports from Aultra and dissecting them to make certain we are getting all the savings we can. Mr. Fischer stated that there is nothing personal about this decision. It is all about the money and a way for the county to cut costs any way we can. In a year's time, we may look back and say this was not a good decision, but at this time, we can't ignore the savings. Mr. Farro stated that they do understand. He stated that they cannot take care of the county for what this other company is proposing. What he can offer is a dependent eligibility audit for free and reduce his fees to \$20,000 annually. He anticipates a \$40,000 to \$50,000 in savings from the audit. He also stated that they would be willing to do a percentage split on the savings and not charge a fee at all. He truly believes this is a solution that will work and save the county considerably. Mr. Shryock stated that this has been a great working relationship and is not personal. The bottom line is this is public tax dollars and we have to be diligent about the way we spend those dollars. Mr. Farro stated that he hates to lose our business and is willing to take just \$1,000 per month and then the percentage that the county would gain from the dependent eligibility audit. The Commissioners stated that they will take his proposal under advisement and get back with them. They thanked them for attending.

Omnicity Update

Mr. Stu Johnson attended the meeting to give the Commissioners an update on the Omnicity Project. He stated that last month they had 13 installations. 2 – Conesville, 5 – Fresno, 2 - Newcomerstown, 3 - Walhonding and 1 in New Castle. He still feels that residents do not know that the wireless is available. They did do door hangers and had 4 new residents sign on. At this time, they are targeting the Conesville area. They will have a booth at the Hot Air Balloon Festival later this month as well. The Commissioners thanked him for his report.

Ms. Christina Wagner – Governor Kasich's Office

Ms. Christina Wagner, Governor Kasich's Office and Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Commissioners and asked for questions or concerns about Coshocton County. Mr. Lee stated that we are losing 75% of the public utility tax loss

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Ms. Wagner Continued

reimbursement that we receive in our county. Currently we collect \$181,000.00 for the county and we will lose this with the Governor's Budget Proposal. This is a great concern to the county since we have a general fund that only collects 9.6 million annually in revenue. Ms. Wagner asked if the Commissioners were able to do any cost sharing with other entities. Mr. Shryock stated that we have been doing cost sharing with Townships and villages for years. There is nothing in the Governor's budget that will allow the county to generate any additional funds. He stated that all general fund employees pay all of employee PERS portion. None is paid for by the county. That goes for the Sheriff's general fund contract as well. Also our employees pay 13% of the health premiums as well. Mr. Shryock stated that we constantly look at PERS buyouts to see if this will save the county in any way. He stated that we reviewed our operations in the county and abolished our County Maintenance Garage. We have been very diligent in saving tax payer's money and running this county like a business and this county is struggling with some of the Governor's decisions on this budget. Ms. Wagner stated that she thought the Public Utilities tax was not going to be phased out so fast. She will check on this and get back with the Commissioners. Mr. Fischer stated that he is really pleased with the quickness that this administration turned out a MARCS Tower Lease for the local broadband project. Local businesses and students are benefitting from this. Mr. Shryock stated that from a County Commissioners stand point, we feel that we should put infrastructure in place to allow for businesses to want to come here. The biggest concern right now is funding essential government services. We started 4 years ago and tried to go back to basic government. We are at the point now that we struggle to keep the doors open and with the Governor's budget cutting us more, we don't know how we are going to be able to proceed. Ms. Wagner stated that she understands that things are tough. Mr. Shryock stated that if we had the ability to cut someone's budget below us to balance our budget like the State is doing, then we would have no problem balancing our budget just like the state is doing. Mr. Fischer stated that they have to question if the State has looked at balancing their budget within the state instead of putting it all back on the counties. Mr. Lee stated that when you have been diligent and made the cuts and now you are getting cut 8-10% more it becomes very frustrating. There are no more things to cut out of our budget. Ms. Wagner stated that she will be glad to take this back and hopefully the Public Utilities will not be as severe. Mr. Wachtel stated that in this county the duplication of services are not happening. So you have to ask how are we as a county supposed to do the required things we are by law required to do. He partners with the Townships to try to provide services to everyone. Mr. Shryock stated that in Senate Bill 5, we don't see anything coming back to the county to help with the loss of funding from the State. Mr. Fischer thanked her for attending.

Adjourn

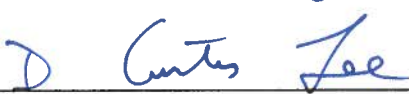
At 12:00 p.m. Mr. Fischer adjourned the meeting.



Gary L. Fischer



Dane R. Shryock



D. Curtis Lee



Administrator/Clerk