

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

August 15, 2011

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Monday, August 15, 2011 with Mr. Gary Fischer, Mr. D. Curtis Lee and Mr. Dane Shryock. Also in attendance was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, Ms. Kathie Dickerson, The Tribune and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Minutes

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes as presented for the Wednesday, August 10, 2011 meeting.

Vote: Fischer	yea
Shryock	yea
Lee	yea

Then and Now Certificates

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee 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>
Republic Industrial Supply	\$2,317.60	Park District	318-0300-201.00

Vote: Fischer	yea
Shryock	yea
Lee	yea

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

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

Transfer – EMA

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
140-0100-5113.00 HDL	140-0100-5111.00 W. Compensation	\$300.00

Vote: Fischer	yea
Shryock	yea
Lee	yea

Monthly Food Cost – Justice Center

Received the Monthly Food Cost Report for the Coshocton County Justice Center for the month of July 2011 from Sheriff Timothy Rogers.

Executive Session – OPERS Issue

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to go into executive session with Mr. Marc Fishel, Downes, Fishel Haas, LLC, Mr. Bernie Minet and Mr. Todd Shroyer to discuss pending litigation. All vote aye. AT 11:23 a.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. No action taken.

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Conference Call – Hydrologic Station Lease

Judy Adams, Real Property Management Plant, Jim Hampton and Dr. Jim Bonta, Hydrologic Station was on the telephone to have a conference call to discuss the Hydrologic Station Lease. Mr. Fischer stated that the Commissioners had sent a letter dated July 21st, 2011 that requested 3 changes to the lease that is in place at this time. He stated that the three provisions were: 1. Mineral Rights, 2. Hunting Rights and 3. Termination of the lease. Ms. Adams stated that as far as the mineral rights go, it would have to be made certain that the impact of the research would not be disturbed. Mr. Shryock stated that we are very well aware of not having any impact on the research. The Commissioners are more concerned with the Marcellous/Utica Shale as well as some coal that might be utilized as well. The county is concerned with protecting our interest in the mineral rights. We are not saying that we have any plans to move forward with this, but merely protecting the county's interests at this time. Dr. Bonta asked how the lease would work for mineral rights. Mr. Shryock stated that the lease for the mineral rights would be all of the acreage, but would only affect a 4-5 acre area. However, the well sight could be on an adjoining property as well. Ms. Adams stated that basically the county wants to maintain their sub-surface rights. Dr. Bonta asked how deep they drill. Mr. Shryock stated 5-10 thousand feet down and 5-6 thousand feet across. Ms. Adams stated that she will put this request in draft form and get it to the Commissioners. Mr. Hampton asked about the coal issue. Dr. Bonta stated that if the coal on the property were to be mined, it would completely destroy the research station. Mr. Fischer stated that the Commissioners would take the coal option out for this year. Ms. Adams stated that they would like a one year lease. Mr. Fischer stated that we would like to keep the opt-out notice in the lease. Ms. Adams stated that the government cannot allow the lesser to opt-out of a lease. The Commissioners stated that they will be alright with a one year lease. Mr. Hampton stated that the real issue would be if the facility would not be funded then the time it would take to remove all items from the facility. Dr. Bonta stated that there are areas that are being leased that could be harvested for timber at this time. There are some places they would prefer not to have harvested at this time as well. The Commissioners stated that they will work with Dr. Bonta to determine whatever needs they would have in this area. Dr. Bonta stated that he will have a professional forester come up and go over the whole 1000 acres and complete a forest management plan for the whole location. Ms. Adams stated that she will put in writing that the timber rights are the owners and it will be coordinated with the facility. The next issue brought up was hunting rights. Dr. Bonta stated that they have had hunting on the station because they have a deer population they would like to have removed. They do allow APHIS, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service will do a lottery and have a hunt. Mr. Fischer stated that there is a lot of money in leasing hunting grounds to bow hunters. Dr. Bonta stated that his concern would be the safety of the employees. Mr. Hampton stated that he feels they should not open the Federal Land and let the county do their hunt on the county property. Mr. Fischer stated that the Commissioners feel if this will create an issue for them, the Commissioners are willing to remove this from the lease. Ms. Adams asked if we wanted to add this as an option in future years. Mr. Fischer stated that at this time this lease will be a one year lease only. There was more discussion on the possibility of adding hunting and Mr. Fischer stated that if they can find a way to define that and allow that we are alright with that, but if not the county is alright with taking it out. Ms. Adams then asked about the lease amount and the Commissioners stated that for one year, we are fine with the amount being paid at this time. Dr. Bonta then discussed some of the Federal Government property that is on the county property. Mr. Hampton stated that if the property needs to be surveyed, then that will be at the expense of the Federal Government. Ms. Adams thanked everyone for their time. The Commissioners thanked everyone as well.

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Adjourn


At 12:24 p.m. Mr. Fischer adjourned the meeting.



Gary L. Fischer



Dane R. Shryock



D. Curtis Lee



Administrator/Clerk