COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Tuesday Special May 15, 2012

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Special session on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. D. Curtis Lee. Also in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Moving Ohio Forward Grant

Mr. John Cleek, CDC of Ohio, Mr. Mike Ashcraft, Pike Township, Mr. Stan Coakley, Clark Township, Mrs. Sue Hardesty, Habitat for Humanity, Mr. Dave Dilly, White Eyes Township, Mr. Dave Kadri, Village of West Lafayette, Mr. Jerry Stenner, City of Coshocton, Mr. Don Brown, Tuscarawas Township, Mr. Larry Corbett, Tuscarawas Township, Mr. Don Wells, Tuscarawas Township, Mr. Thomas Fabian, Monroe Township, Mr. Paul Schonauer, Keene Township, Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Coshocton County Commissioners Budget Director and Mrs. Camila Graham, Pike Township attended the meeting. Mr. Shryock opened the meeting and requested to make certain the meeting was advertised properly as well as asking who was invited to the meeting. Mrs. Beck stated that the meeting was advertised in both the newspaper as well as the radio and letters were sent to all township officials, village mayors and city mayors. Mr. Shryock then introduced Mr. John Cleek, CDC of Ohio who will be administering this grant through the county. Mr. Cleek stated that the grant was derived from a lawsuit settlement and \$75,000,000 will be distributed throughout Ohio based on the number of foreclosures filed in each county. Coshocton County will receive \$197,534.00. These funds can be used for the demolition of blighted or abandoned residential homes. The Commissioners have agreed to be the lead agency for the county. They will have John Cleek, CDC of Ohio prepare the grant application and it is due June 30, 2012. The funds do not need to be targeted to any particular area. The county will require the townships, villages and city to submit homes in their area for demolition to the county. There will be several rounds of funding for demolitions. In other words, we can apply for a portion of the funds and then in 2013 apply for the remaining funds or additional funds. If we spend all our funds, then we may be able to throw our hat in the ring for any funds that were not utilized by other counties. Mr. Coakley asked if there would be any other funds besides the ones not spent available at a later date. Mr. Cleek stated that at this time we only know of these funds but possibly there could be more funding available at a later date. He then stated that all the homes must have an asbestos survey done and this will drive the cost of the demolition up. The Commissioners would like a list of homes in each township, village or city that entities would like to have demolished. These homes must have been used as a residential structure in the past 50 years and must have been vacant at least for 3 months. We will need to have a fire inspector certify that these houses are blighted and vacant. Mr. Cleek stated that these units could be condemned by the Health Department and then we would not need permission, but if we do these voluntarily, we will need to get the homeowners permission. They would also need to certify that there are no leans on the property as well. He stated that there are not a lot of funds available so he would suggest that if you have a property you would like demoed then you should get all your information together and back to the Commissioners as soon as possible. Mr. Stenner asked about lead abatement and asbestos and the removal. Mr. Cleek stated that we really don't need to worry about the lead unless things will be reused. As for the asbestos, we are required to do the survey and that will come out of the demolition monies. Mr. Coakley asked if they run into a situation who should they call. Mr. Cleek stated that if they have any issues to please contact the Commissioners Office and if they are unable to help them, they can put them in contact with him. Mr. Shryock stated that we have had some discussion in the Commissioner's Office to try to decide the best use of these funds. He stated that we will work with the Health Department to determine where these funds should go. He stated that the Commissioners feel at least 50% of the funds should go to the City of Coshocton because of the pest and rodents. So when you are talking 18 houses maximum, that is not a lot of houses being demolished. Mr. Coakley asked if we have trouble finding an owner, could we still demolish the home. Mr. Shryock stated that unless we have the Health Department condemn the home, then we would not demolish the house without the owner's permission. Mr. Shryock then stated that Linton Township as well as the Village of Warsaw are also interested in these funds but were unable to attend today. Mr. Stenner stated that he is certain that City of Coshocton has enough condemned homes as well as owner permission to utilize the whole \$197,534.00 Mr. Dilly asked how it would be determined who will get their homes demolished. Mr. Shryock stated that we will be working with the Health Department to determine what will best benefit everyone.

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Monday

Regular

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Status Report – BC-11-1AP-1

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Ohio Home Program Status Report for Grant B-C-11-1AP-2 in the amount of \$315,000.00 as requested by Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Lee

yea

Fischer

yea

Contract – Janet Forbes, Interior Designs

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a contract for the repair of the courtroom jury seats, jury seating area half wall, extra courtroom seating, witness chair, foyer benches and foyer chairs with Janet Forbes, Interior Design in an amount not to exceed \$13,135.75 as requested by Judge Robert J. Batchelor.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Lee Fischer yea yea

Adjourn

At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

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Mr. Stenner stated that this grant will be a real plus for the City of Coshocton and they have many success stories from like or similar grants. He then stated that the City of Coshocton will not be holding the meeting they planned to have tomorrow about this grant since the County will be processing this grant. Mr. Cleek stated that once each entity has a list of properties, they should bring them into the Commissioners Office. That being all, the Commissioners thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

At 3:06 p.m. Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting.

Dane R. Shryock

D. Curtis Lee

Gary L. Fischer

Administrator/Clerk