

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

March 8, 2017

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 with Mr. D. Curtis Lee, Mr. Gary L. Fischer and Mr. Dane R. Shryock. Also in attendance was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Shryock made a motion, second by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes for the Monday, March 6, 2017 meeting as presented.

Vote: Fischer	yea
Shryock	yea
Lee	yea

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending March 6, 2017 with 2 dogs picked up by the warden, 1 dog brought in as stray, 1 dog destroyed, 44 dog licenses sold, 12 late fees paid, 19 dogs sold, 1 dog redeemed, 12 dogs per owner surrender (1 Dog Warden Surrender), \$15.00 in Boarding Fees collected, 16 citations issued, 21 calls handled for a total of \$1,002.00 in fees collected.

Approve Bills

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the bills per computer printout dated March 8, 2017.

Vote: Fischer	yea
Shryock	yea
Lee	yea

Discussion – Children Services Levy

Mrs. Melinda Fehrman attended the meeting to discuss the Children Services Levy. She stated that she is coming to the Commissioners to let them know the predicament they are in over foster care services. Over the last year the cost to the County has increased by over \$300,000 from 528,301 in 2015 to 836,544 in 2016. The Children Services Levy in place right now is a 1 mill levy and is collecting right around \$513,000. They are utilizing every bit of this levy money to pay for foster care. With that being said, they try to reunite children with their parents. But, with the way the drug problem is now, she is very concerned that more children will be going to foster care. She feels in that case, she will need more monies to fund this. She has a couple options, she can come to the Commissioners and ask for additional funds from the general fund to cover this, but as the general fund is already stretched, she does not feel this is a very viable option. Another option would be to replace the levy in place now with a replacement levy of 1 mill and this will collect approximately \$800,000. She also gave some other option of keeping the current 1 mill levy in place and adding anywhere from .25 additional to .35 additional. These additional levy dollars would get them from approximately \$200,000 to 280,000. Mr. Lee asked if DJFS places a child with a family member is that considered foster care. Mrs. Fehrman stated that it is not considered part of the foster care program. She is not asking the Commissioners to make a decision today, but will readdress this at a later date. She is hoping the State of Ohio will come up with some help to County's and this may not be needed. However, she felt that she needed to prepare the Commissioners for the possibility of the need to make this decision later this year. The Commissioners thanked her for attending.

Executive Session – Personnel Staffing

At 9:32 a.m. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to go into executive session with Mrs. Melinda Fehrman to discuss personnel staffing. All vote aye. At 9:55 a.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. No action taken.

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Executive Session – Security

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to go into executive session with Mr. Jason Given, County Prosecutor and Sheriff Tim Roger to discuss county security. All vote aye. At 10:48 a.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. No action taken.

Adjourn

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



Gary L. Fischer

Dane R. Shryock_____
D. Curtis Lee

Administrator/Clerk