

COMMISSIONER’S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

March 20, 2017

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Monday, March 20, 2017 with Mr. Gary L. Fischer, Mr. Dane R. Shryock and Mr. D. Curtis Lee. Also in attendance was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, Mrs. Beth Scott, The Beacon and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Shryock made a motion, second by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes for the Wednesday, March 15, 2017 meeting as presented.

Vote: Fischer yea
 Shryock yea
 Lee yea

Proclamation – National Ag Day

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a Proclamation for Nation Ag Day to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who work in the industry and extend our appreciation for the essential role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong economy.

Vote: Fischer yea
 Shryock yea
 Lee yea

Amendment #1 to the Letter of Arrangement – Auditor of State

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign Amendment #1 to the Letter of Arrangement with Dave Yost, Auditor of State for the Coshocton County Audit for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2016.

Vote: Fischer yea
 Shryock yea
 Lee yea

Then and Now Certificate

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the following Then and Now Certificate which has been certified by the County Auditor.

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
ALADTEC, INC.	120-0100-45260.00	\$2,200.00	EMS

Vote: Fischer yea
 Shryock yea
 Lee yea

Discussion – Mr. Paul Prater, AEP Conesville Plant

Mr. Paul Prater, AEP and Ms. Christine Sycks, County Auditor attended the meeting. Mr. Prater requested the meeting to discuss the letter the Commissioners sent to AEP with our concerns with the possibility of the AEP Conesville plant closing or going to impairment. He stated that AEP appreciates the Commissioners concerns and they intend to go from coal to gas. However, they have taken a write-down on the plant and they are planning to meet with the Department of Taxation at the end of this month to determine the amount of the impairment. He is here to let the Commissioners and the County know as this will affect us greatly. He stated AEP has sold several plants recently. He suggested that the Commissioners send the letter that we sent to AEP with the Commissioners concerns to the State of Ohio Tax Commission as well as our State Legislators. He stated at this time they just do not know what the future holds. He is hoping that it will continue to exist, but in this day and age, they cannot promise anything. Mr. Shryock asked if the plant were sold would the impairment follow the plant or the

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ownership. Ms. Sycks stated that the sale price will have a determining factor in the amount of the impairment. Mr. Shryock then asked several questions about the number of AEP Plants that are in operation at this time that is either gone now or will be gone in the near future. Mr. Prater reviewed the plants that are no longer in our area. Mr. Fischer stated that he would like to thank Mr. Prater for attending and updating us on this issue. Mr. Prater stated that he feels that if we understand the worst case scenario, then communities can plan for it and figure some things out. Mr. Fischer then stated that we understand the need for AEP to go to gas and understand their reasoning behind it. Mr. Prater stated that they are just trying to minimize a risk impact and they want to get the most out of the plants that they have running at this time. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Prater for attending.

Executive Session – Building Security

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to go into executive session with the following Department Heads/Elected Officials to discuss Building Security: Mrs. Stephanie Slifko, Mr. Robbie McMasters, Mr. Keith Krebs, Mr. Zach Miller, Mr. Steve Lonsinger, Mr. Doug Schonauer, Mr. Frederick T. Wachtel, Mr. Danny Brenneman, Mr. Jed McCoy, Mr. Steve Oster, Mrs. Tiffany Swigert, Lt. Jim Crawford, Mr. Mike LaVigne, Mrs. Breanne Smith, Mrs. Susan Turner, Mr. Todd Shroyer and Ms. Christine Sycks. AT 10:38 a.m. Mr. Fischer returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

MCO Issue

Once the meeting was returned to regular session Mr. Fischer then reviewed the MCO Sales Tax issue that we are now having. He explained that this loss will severely impact the revenue within the county. He also explained that with the impairment of AEP in Conesville, we will lose funding as well and if they do not make us whole on the MCO Tax issue the county revenues will be devastated. Mr. Fischer then asked all Elected Officials to contact all our State Representatives as well as their associations for help to lobby on this issue. Mr. Shryock then stated that most of our State Representatives and Senators utilize Facebook and he wants everyone to contact them in every way possible. The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn


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



Gary L. Fischer



Dane R. Shryock



D. Curtis Lee



Mary Buck
Administrator/Clerk