COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

February 6, 2019

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 with Mr. D. Curtis Lee, Mr. Gary L. Fischer and Mr. Dane R. Shryock. Also in attendance was Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, The Tribune, Mrs. Beth Scott, The Beacon and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 4, 2019 meeting as presented.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Lee Fischer yea yea

Monthly Pay-In Report

Received the Monthly Pay-In Report for the month of January 2019 from Ms. Camila Graham, Coshocton County Clerk of Courts.

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending February 4, 2019 with 3 dogs picked up by the warden, 2 dogs euthanized, 53 dog licenses sold, 3 dogs sold, 3 dogs redeemed, 7 dogs per owner surrender, \$20.00 in boarding fees collected, 9 citations issued, 33 calls handled for a total of \$911.00 in fees collected.

Prisoner Food Maintenance Report

Received the Prisoner Food Maintenance Report for the month of January 2019 from Sheriff Timothy Rogers at the Coshocton County Justice Center.

McKinney Allotment Private Road Subdivision

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the McKinney Allotment Private Road Subdivision Plat. The creation of a 3-lot private road subdivision located on CR 186 in Keene Township, on property owned by Mervin D. and Martha Miller, Auditors Parcel Number 0170000021700.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Lee Fischer yea yea

Transfers/Additionals/Reductions

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

Additional – CDBG

TO

FROM

AMOUNT

220-0560-5260.03 City Hm. Pr. Rehab Unappropriated Fund Balance

\$961.00

Reduction - 911

100-0100-5400.01 Oth. Exp. 911 Equip.

54,131.00

Vote: Shryock

yea

Lee Fischer yea yea

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Mr. Dan Cech, Legislative Aide to Representative Householder

Mr. Dan Cech, Legislative Aide to Representative Householder attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Commissioners and stated that he plans to attend their meetings at least once a week or every other week. He plans to be the Commissioners voice to Representative Householder. He stated that he has been in the area in the past week or so. Mr. Lee stated that we had Speaker Householder here last fall to tour our Justice Facility. Mr. Lee explained that our Justice Center was built in 1974 and is rated to house 15 inmates. We average around 70. Mr. Fischer stated that we are having an issue at this time with our roof as it is the original roof built in 1974. Mr. Lee stated that three years ago, we started the process to build a new Justice Center but lost the MCO Sales tax monies and had to stop the process. Mr. Fischer stated that years ago, the State of Ohio gave grant funding in the amount of 50% of the cost to build new facilities. We would really like to see something like that again. Mr. Lee stated that with the opioid problem we have no ability to do any counseling or get help to those individuals as we have to transport them to counseling down the street. The overcrowding is such that we have many issues with inmate fights and contraband. Mr. Cech asked if we are looking at reoccurring monies or one time monies. Mr. Lee stated that we would need the MCO monies back for the increased staff we will need for the facility. Mr. Fischer stated that if we could get the one time monies to build that would be very much appreciated. Mr. Shryock stated that the County Commissioners Association of Ohio would like to have the opportunity for Perry, Coshocton and Licking Counties to meet with Representative Householder to discuss some of the issues that CCAO would like to move forward in the legislature. Mr. Cech stated that he feels fairly certain that the meeting will take place. Mr. Shryock stated that the Justice Center is our biggest liability and we need that more than anything. However, indigent defense is also a huge issue that funding is needed for as this it's been determined to be the responsibility of the State of Ohio. Last year, our Prosecuting Attorney had 233 felony indictments in the Common Pleas Court. Typically we have around 150 or so. With that being said, we will have a large increase in the Public Defender charges in Coshocton County. Mr. Shryock then stated also there are many unfunded mandates with the 5th degree felonies. Mr. Fischer stated that our biggest concern is the possibility of being mandated to build a Justice Facility because that very well could bankrupt this county. Mr. Shryock then discussed the number of Foster Care Children due to the opioid or drug addicted parents. We went from an average of 16 Foster Children to around 50 in 2018. This is an astronomical increase for staff as well as payments to Foster Parents. Mr. Shryock asked Mr. Cech to sit down with the County Prosecutor to discuss the issues we are facing with our Justice Center. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Cech for attending.

Fresno/Pearl Sanitary Sewer

Mr. Frederick T. Wachtel, County Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Fresno/Pearl Sanitary Sewer lines. General discussion then followed.

Adjourn

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

D. Curtis Lee

Gary L. Fischer

Dane R Shryock

Administrator/Clerk