COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

October 9, 2019

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Regular session on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 with Mr. D. Curtis Lee, Mr. Gary L. Fischer and Mr. Dane R. Shryock. Also in attendance was Mrs. Josie Sellers, The Beacon, Mr. Ken Smailes, WTNS, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, The Tribune and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 7, 2019 meeting as presented.

Vote: Lee

yea

Fischer

yea

Shryock

yea

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending October 7, 2019 with 5 dogs picked up by the warden, 3 dogs brought in as strays, 1 dog euthanized, 9 dog licenses sold, 4 late fees paid, 6 dogs sold, 4 dogs redeemed, 4 dogs per owner surrender, 2 citations issued, 24 calls handled for a total of \$396.00 in fees collected.

Approve Bills

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the bills per computer printout dated October 9, 2019.

Vote: Lee

yea

Fischer

yea

Shryock

yea

Request for Payment – B-C-17-1AP-1

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report for Grant B-C-17-1AP-1 in the amount of \$19,325.00 as requested by Mr. John Cleek, CDC of Ohio.

Vote: Lee

yea

Fischer

yea

Shryock

yea

Request for Payment – B-C-17-1AP-1

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report for Grant B-C-17-1AP-1 in the amount of \$22,625.00 as requested by Mr. John Cleek, CDC of Ohio.

Vote: Lee

yea

Fischer

yea

Shryock

yea

Prosecutor's Annual Report of Cases – 2018-2019

Received the Coshocton County Prosecutor's Annual Report of Cases Pursued to Final Disposition from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 from Jason \bar{W} . Given, County Prosecutor.

Resolution 2019-066

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2019-066 for the Repayment of an Advance in the amount of \$130.00 from the CSEA fund.

Vote: Lee

yea

Fischer

yea

Shryock

yea

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Contract/Notice To Proceed - William Albert, Inc.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a Contract and Notice to Proceed with William Albert, Inc. for the Tuscarawas Township Storm Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$449,490.00.

Vote: Lee

yea

Fischer

yea

Shryock

yea

Transfers/Additionals/Reductions

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

Transfer - Water & Sewer

TO 362-0100-4900.00	Trn. In W&S	FROM 001-1510-5900.08	Trn. In W	ÆS	AMOUNT \$3,000.00
Transfer – Commissioners					
001-0420-5400.00	Oth. Exp.	001-0420-5260.01	Electric		\$2,000.00
		Additional – Vete	erans		
001-0910-5670.00	Relief Allow.	Unappropriated Fu	nd Balance)	\$2,900.00
Additional – Regional Planning					
070-0100-5260.01 070-0100-5400.00		Unappropriated Fu	nd Balanco	e Total	\$12,000.00 <u>\$200.00</u> \$12,200.00
			Vote:	Lee Fischer Shryock	yea yea yea

Appointed Counsel Fees

Mr. Doug Schonauer, Juvenile/Probate Court Administrator, Judge Van Blanchard, Juvenile/Probate Court and Judge Robert J. Batchelor, Common Pleas Court attended the meeting to discuss appointed counsel fees with the Commissioners. Mr. Lee thanked everyone for attending. He stated that the Commissioners are looking for the opinions of the courts on this issue. Judge Batchelor stated that it is becoming more and more difficult to find attorneys. He feels it might be helpful if we raised the rates as this may possibly make us more accessible to attorneys. He is deferring this decision to the Commissioners. One thing to understand is that Coshocton County is an under-served county for attorneys. So this is something the Commissioners should take into consideration. Mr. Schonauer stated that they have increased their rates to \$65 in court and \$55 out of court as they have had issues getting attorneys. He stated that they always continue to try and seek reimbursement for utilizing these attorneys. However, he feels that we need to do whatever we can to be as competitive as we can. Mr. Lee asked where he gets his attorneys now. Mr. Schonauer stated that most come from surrounding counties. Judge Batchelor stated that he feels one thing they could do is make the out of court fee the same as in court. He also stated that appointed counsel is something that is mandated and we are required to hire these attorneys. Mr. Shryock asked if we can pay these attorneys travel time or mileage. Judge Batchelor stated that yes they can. Mr. Shryock then asked if we are at the same rate as most surrounding counties and they get paid for travel time or mileage, then we should have the same ability as other counties to get attorneys. Judge Batchelor asked if the Commissioners have an amount they are considering and Mr. Lee stated that we do not have any idea at this time. We wanted input from all affected prior to making a decision. Judge Blanchard stated that these attorneys have not seen a substantial increase for

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some time. He stated that in their court and to satisfy their mandates, they have to utilize outside counsel. He hopes that they would see additional reimbursement from the State and this would help the reimbursement to the general fund. The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending and their input.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Lee, Mr. Fischer and Mr. Shryock all attended and participated in the 2019 County Fair Jr. Auction.

Adjourn

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

D. Curtis Lee

Gary L. Fischer

Dane R. Shryock

Mary Buck Administrator/Clerk