

March 22, 2023

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

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Contract with MJ Excavating for CDBG PY 21 Project-West Lafayette

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign a Contract and a Notice to Award and a Notice to Proceed between MJ Excavating and Coshocton County Commissioners for the Village of West Lafayette Flood/Drainage Facilities, CDBG PY 21 Project in the amount of \$389,852.00.

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Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Contract with MJ Excavating for CDBG PY 21 Project-West Lafayette

Mr. Conkle made a motion, Mr. Fischer to sign a Contract and a Notice to Award and a Notice to Proceed between MJ Excavating and Coshocton County Commissioners for the Village of West Lafayette Street Improvements, CDBG PY 21 Project in the amount of \$207,296.00.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Executive Session-BOE

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to go into executive session with Mrs. Stephanie Slifko, BOE Director to discuss IT needs. All Vote Aye. At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was returned to regular session. No action taken.

TR 441-Road Vacation Determination

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Jason Given, County Prosecutor, Mr. Fred Wachtel, County Engineer, Mr. Joshua Kempf, Deputy Engineer and Mr. Tory Spang all gathered to discuss Mr. Spang’s TR 441 Road Vacation Petition. Mr. Shryock began by stating that the government is there to serve the public and he apologized to Mr. Spang for the delay in his road vacation petition, however he wanted to ensure that the answers provided were correct. Mr. Shryock then stated that due to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) that this petition would be dismissed due to incorrect filing. Mr. Given then was given the floor to explain to everyone what the issue at hand was with the said road vacation, as his office researched this unique case and even sent time on the phone with the Attorney Generals office obtaining an opinion. Road vacations can happen when filed under ORC 5553.04, being that the township trustees (through a resolution) or 12 freeholders (not abutting land owners) submitted a petition to the Commissioners office for review. If 12 freeholders submitted a petition and the township trustees approve the vacation then the Board of County Commissioners can vacate the road if they so choose so. If, however, the township trustees are not in agreement with the road vacation then the Board of County Commissioners can not vacate the road. At this point ORC 5553.042 comes in play and any abutting landowner can then petition the Board of County Commissioners to vacate the road if they are able to get 12 freeholders in the vicinity to sign their petition, in addition they do need to show the road is abandoned and has been so for 21 year. If indeed the road has not been abandoned for 21 years then the Board of County Commissioners may not vacate the road, but if the road has been abandoned the road “may” be vacated. Mr. Given stated that Mr. Spang went directly to 5553.042 without following the steps first of 5553.04. Mr. Spang stated that he understood what was presented to him. Mr. Shryock once again apologized for extra time this matter took. After Mr. Given’s presentation, Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to dismiss the vacation of the abandoned portion of TR 441 in Virginia Township due to incorrect filing.

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2022 Annual Library Report

At 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Jennifer Austin present 2022 Annual Library Report to the Commissioners. During 2022 224, 239 physical items were checked out of the library and 77,512 digital materials were checked out. Additionally, in-person visitors to the library were 108,716 and 2,953 digitally. Currently there are 15,150 library car holders. The staff at the library helped answer over 19,000 questions in 2022. In 2022 the library offered 680 programs, with most of those programs geared toward children and they had over 10,000 attendees to those programs. The bookmobile had 446 stops last year and homebound deliveries were at 93 as well. The Coshocton Public Library had 887 volunteer hours logged in 2022. The library also is a Dolly Parton sign-up location for our local United Way. Tradition book checkouts are strong, however there are other unique items available for checkout as well, such as; activity kits for adults with memory attention, juvenile character kits, cornhole sets, large picnic Jenga sets, sensory toys, as well as mobile hot spots. Mrs. Austin stated that the library makes sure to look at our communities needs and gear what is available at our library toward those unique needs. Mr. Shryock thanked Mrs. Austin for her time and dedication to the library.

Ohio TT Update

Mrs. Megan Kvamme, Mr. Kyle Yoder, Mr. Justin Embrey, Mrs. Jen DeLand and Mr. Rusty Dreher presented the Commissioners with a brief update of OhioTT in Coshocton. Mrs. Kvamme stated phase 1 is still on-going and that they are gearing up for phase 2 here very soon. She also stated that the 11 co-location sites have been chosen and contracts should be signed in the next week. OhioTT has been hosting weekly calls with Mr. Dreher to keep him up to speed as to what is happening within the county with their company as well to get any feedback that Mr. Dreher may have for them to process as well. All three (3) MARCS sites failed the load study, those towers will not be used in the build out. Currently 1000 residents have indicated interest for their internet service and currently there are 125 active customers hooked up with service. Megan stated that passing the 100 mark was the first hurdle. Over the last 30 days their website traffic is up 187% from last year alone as more people in the community are talking about them and their service. OhioTT is also posting regularly on Facebook and twitter to reach potential customers by social media. Mr. Yoder is working to find the areas that are under served in our area and really target getting their service soon. The new locations will have the latest EVS equipment and the co-locations will need to have that installed in the future. Mr. Yoder is very impressed with the speed test on sites that have the EVS equipment. OhioTT is working directly with the manufacture to receive all tower equipment in a timely manner, this manufacture is located in Richland County. Additionally, Mr. Yoder said that during the new builds OhioTT will have signs up as to what is coming in that area, these builds will mostly likely happen from June-August. Mr. Shryock appreciates their service and understands the difficulty of this project. Currently those who have the service is happy with it as the Commissioners have not heard any complaints. In closing Mrs. Kvamme shared that the original plan should be complete by the end of 2023. 2024 will be focused on education and getting more customers on board. Mr. Fischer said he likes the billboard OhioTT has up locally and that he is happy with the timeline they have given today. Lastly Mr. Shryock thanked them all for their time and stated he is excited to hear what they are doing as internet is very important in our area with the expansion of New Albany and Intel.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Shryock, Mr. Conkle and Mr. Fischer all attended the Annual Ag Day Celebration Luncheon on Tuesday afternoon and Mr. Conkle attended the FCFC meeting on Tuesday morning.

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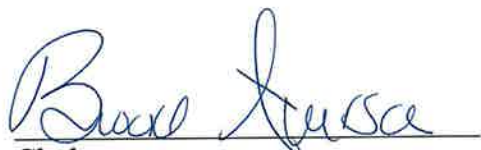
Adjourn

Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.


Dane R. Shryock


Rick Conkle


Gary Fischer


Clerk