

November 22, 2023

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

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Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending November 20, 2023 with 7 dogs picked up by the warden, 1 dog brought in as a stray, 1 dog euthanized, 4 dog licenses sold, 1 dog sold, 6 dogs redeemed 2 dogs surrendered per owner, 5 citations issued and 35 calls handled for a total of \$355.00 in fees collected.

Request for Release of Fund and Certification (RROF)

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to grant permission to Mr. Dane Shryock to sign the Request for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF) for Federally Funded State Projects for Grant Agreement No. B-X-23-1AP-1 in the amount of \$470,000 on November 28, 2023

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Then and Now Certificates

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to approve the following Then and Now Certificates which have been certified by the County Auditor.

Vendor	Amount	Account	Department
Advanced Auto Parts	\$1,037.37	001-0420-520001	CCC
Bricker Graydon LLP	\$1,430.00	222-0100-526000	CCC
Coshocton Opportunity School	\$4,500.00	030-0100-540002	DJFS

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Conkle	yea

Discussion – EMS Additional Tax Levy/ Finances

Mr. Todd Shroyer, Ms. Kayla Chapman and Mr. Joe Hunt attended the meeting to discuss an additional tax levy for the EMS as well as their finances. Mr. Shroyer stated that at this time they are doing everything they can to maintain the same level of service. However, this doesn't look like it will be sustainable. There is a Statewide issue with this funding. At this time, our response time is within the national standard. The cost for an average run is at \$800. It's expensive and getting more expensive each year. Paramedics top out at \$21.00 per hour. They can go anywhere in Ohio and make more money. WE have a very good system, but its going to take more money to provide it. He understands that people will not be happy with us building a new facility and then asking for additional monies. However, the annual payment for the new building is a very small portion of the budget. He feels its time to propose an increase for the levy in March, 2024. If we don't go forth with the additional request in March, they will have to start reducing employees in November of 2024. Mr. Shryock asked what type of adjustments would need to be made if this increase does not happen. Mr. Shroyer stated that at this time we are running 4 crews during the day and some nights we go down to 3 crews. He feels that if we would go to 3 crews, he will lose additional employees. Mr. Shryock asked about the Medicare/Medicaid run rate. They have billed 3,155 calls and actually went on over 5,000. This would equate to 85% of all our calls. He stated that a significant portion of our Medicaid is the elderly. We only have 10.6% of our billing is for private insurance pay. 80% of the EMS budget costs are employees. They try to get grant funding anyplace they can. However, this is not sustainable. Mr. Shryock asked where we are on our levies and the collection rate at this time. Mr. Shroyer stated that at this time we are at 4 mills, but in actuality, residents are paying at like 3 mills. When looking at other areas in the state and comparing, we are low with what we collect. Mr. Shryock asked how much are they going to be requesting. Mr. Shroyer stated they will ask for 1 mill additional. Mr. Shroyer stated that we don't need a decision today, but this was merely a conversation to see if they want to move forward. Mr. Shryock stated that they will have discussion and get back with them. The Commissioners thanked them for attending.

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Executive Session – Purchase or Sale of Real Estate

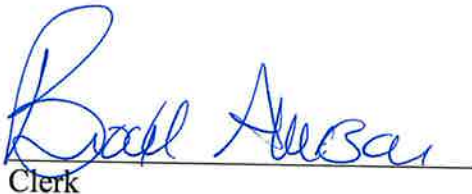
At 10:15 am Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate. All vote aye.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Shryock, Mr. Conkle and Mr. Fischer attended the Regional Planning on Monday, Mr. Conkle attended Family and Children First Council on Tuesday, Mr. Shryock met with Spectrum on Tuesday.

Adjourn

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


Dane R. Shryock
Rick Conkle
Clerk
Gary Fischer