

# COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

## Monday

## Regular

December 4, 2023

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Rick Conkle. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Bevins, WTNS, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune and Mr. Joshua Kempf, Deputy County Engineer.

## Approve Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

## Employee Resignation, Mr. Andrew Akers, EMS

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to accept the resignation of Mr. Andrew Akers as an Intermittent Part-time EMT with Coshocton County EMS effective November 30, 2023, at the request of Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

## Satisfaction of Mortgage, Carolyn DeMoss

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign the Satisfaction of Mortgage for Carolyn DeMoss on real estate located at 1530 East Main Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812 and recorded in Volume OR 770, Pages 2273-2275.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

## Resolution 2023-080, Oversized Load Permits

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2023-080, a Resolution Authorizing Frederick T. Wachtel, Coshocton County Engineer, to Establish Issuance of Oversized Load Permits.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

## Subgrant Agreement with OMEGA

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign the Subgrant Agreement with Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association for the Skips Landing Project, 21.027-Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

## Monthly Mortgagee Summary-November

Received the Monthly Mortgagee Summary Report for the month of November 2023 from Mrs. Susan Turner, Coshocton County Recorder.

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## Personnel Policy Change-Section 5.2-Vacation

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to make an amendment to the Coshocton County Commissioners Personnel Policy Manual Section 5.2-Vacation. This amendment will change the vacation benefits to allow 5 workdays of vacation for six (6) months to 1 year of service with Coshocton County. This amendment is effective immediately.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer      yea  
Conkle      yea

## Monthly Pay-In Report-December

Received the Monthly Pay-In Report for the month of November 2023 from Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts.

## Resolution 2023-081, Addition 1 Mill, EMS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign Resolution 2023-081, a resolution requesting certification for a 1 mill additional levy for the purpose of ambulance service, emergency medical service or both by and through the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services ORC 5705.29(u).

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

### Transfers/Additional/Reduction

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to affirm the following Transfers/Additional/Reductions which were approved by County Administrator Mary Beck and certified by the County Auditor.

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	Approved
	Additional-CCC		
	260-0100-540004 (Various Purpose Bonds/Notes)	\$127,541.32	11/29/2023
	Additional-EMS		
	120-0100-540007 (Debt Payment)	\$125,683.00	11/29/2023
	Additional-FCFC		
	084-0200-526000 (Help Me Grow Contract)	\$ 9,684.58	11/29/2023
	Additional-Hopewell		
	081-0100-540001 (Debt Repayment)	\$36,760.64	11/29/2023
	Transfer-Hopewell		
080-0100-540009 (INSURANCE)	080-0100-526000 (CONTRACT SERVICES)	#####	11/29/2023
	Transfer-CCCTA		
088-0100-526002 (Cont Serv - D)	088-0100-511000 (OPERS)	\$7,500.00	
088-0100-526002 (Cont Serv - D)	088-0100-511300 (Insurance - Admin)	\$1,047.00	
088-0100-526002 (Cont Serv - D)	088-0100-510202 (Salaries - MM)	\$619.00	
		<b>\$9,166.00</b>	12/4/2023
	Transfer-Sheriff		
001-0610-540000 (OTHER EXPEN	001-0610-521007 (EQUIPMENT - COMPUTER)	\$1,000.00	12/4/2023

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

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Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign a letter of Support addressed to Mr. John Carey, Director Governor's Office of Appalachia for the Appalachian Community Grant Program, Skips Landing Project.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

## Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Memorandum of Understanding regarding use of ARPA Funds Via Appalachian Community Grant Program's Appalachian Development, Round 2.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

## Letter of Documentation

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign a Letter of Documentation for the Coshocton County Commissioners and the City of Coshocton to support the following project, Skip's Landing Project.

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer      yea  
Conkle      yea

Mr. Joshua Kempf, Deputy Engineer, Frost Law

Mr. Joshua Kempf stopped in the Commissioners meeting to address any issues with the upcoming Frost Law Resolution he would have the next agenda. Currently, Virginia Township already has a frost law in place within their township. Additional research is needed to further look into frost law on township roads. As of now, Muskingum, Knox and Licking Counties have a frost law in affect. Mr. Shryock stated that the timber industry will be the most effected by this new law. All three (3) Commissioners are in favor of Mr. Kempf proceeding with the resolution.

Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director

At 9:04 a.m. Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss finances and a possible replacement levy. Currently, the Department of Job and Family Services is doing well financially due to only having 35 children in custody, this is the lowest number of children in custody since 2018. While finances have leveled out, DJFS is only one child away from potentially falling behind once again. Mr. McCoy is considering asking for a replacement levy to bring the current evaluations up to current rates, rather than the 1984 rates that their current levy is based off of for evaluations. A replacement levy would offer DJFS breathing room, however like he stated before, one child can wreck the whole budget. Mr. McCoy also stated that the department is receiving more monies from the state and that caseload numbers have been down, both of these situations help their budget as well. Additionally, there is no staff turnover right now, which helps caseloads as well. Additional foster parents in Coshocton County are currently going through the process to become certified families. Mr. Shryock believes the issues between renewal and replacement to current evaluations are confusing to the general public. Mr. Fischer also stated that the public is not aware of when property values increase that additional money does not go towards existing levies. Mr. McCoy would like input from the Commissioners as to what they think best would fit the residents of Coshocton. Mr. Conkle understands both sides of the issue at hand. Mr. Shryock stated, with the public saying no to an additional last year, he does not think the time is now to try to pass a replacement. Mr. McCoy is concerned that is the renewal would fail, he would have to ask for additional funding from the Commissioners. The levy is not up until 2024 and to be finished paid in 2025, this gives Mr. McCoy time to wait until next fall to see where his department is funding wise and what would best benefit the county residents. Mr. Shryock

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Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director (continued)

encouraged Mr. McCoy to wait the one more election cycle to have a better feel as where the DJFS numbers are financially. Additionally, Mr. Shryock stated he knows that DJFS cannot keep the levy at those rates forever, but is concerned as to when the right time is to replace that levy. Mr. McCoy thanked the commissioners for their time and will work on education to the public that will be essential for any DJFS funding in the future.

## Executive Session-Cyber Security

At 10:10 a.m. Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session with Mr. Mike LaVigne to discuss Cyber Security. All Vote Aye. At 10:25 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

## IT Support, DJFS

At 10:30 a.m. Mr. Mike LaVigne had general discussion with the Commissioners' in regards to IT support at the Department of Job and Family Services.

Mrs. Jandi Adams, Director of Clary Gardens

At 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Jandi Adams, Clary Gardens Director spoke to the Commissioners in regards to The Heart of Appalachian Ohio Project funded through The Appalachian Community Grant. Mr. Shryock started off by stating it was a pleasure to have Mrs. Adams in the office, there is a lot of positive changed out at Clary Gardens the last couple of years that is wonderful for our community. Mrs. Adams stated this project just feel into her lap and she is excited to share it with the Commissioners, this project would bring statues/art work and a woodland trail through Clary Gardens. Mr. Aaron Dods, Jefferson County is the lead agent of the project. The Woodland Trail at Clary Gardens will feature the first documented people and the native flora and fauna of significance in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in Ohio. Coshocton's three converging rivers, once called the "The Forks", depicts the location of the capital city of the Delaware Nation. The 11-acre woods of Clary Gardens boast a 0.5-mile trail that will celebrate the culture of the Delaware and notable figures. The remaining hillside rock formation provided shelter to these earlies people. Hundreds of years later, native hardwoods continue to hold this massive sandstone in place. The trial will showcase the native trees and shrubs that provided shelter, cordage, weapons, transportation, food, music, paint, and medicine to the people of the Delaware. Clary Gardens has over 30 natural springs, beautiful stone outcroppings, and was entirely wooded, which provided the perfect place for these tribal members to make a living. The HEART of Appalachian Ohio project will complete the Woodland Trail at Clary Gardens by: 1) upgrading the existing base of the walking paths; 2) adding 35 interpretive signs (plus two entry signs) to accentuate the Delaware usage of the existing rock formation, flora, and fauna of the time period; 3) the installation of five sculptures depicting notable characters of the time and forgotten way of life; and 4) create a Woodland Pollinator Garden to be included on the Appalachian Ohio Pollinator Trail. Clary Gardens has a track record of stability and adding this Woodland Trail will just add to their already wonderful area. Mrs. Adams also stated that they will work with Federally recognized Tribal Members to make sure all of what is depicted at the Gardens is correct to the Indian heritage. If funded this project would need to be completed by 2026. Mr. Shryock said in closing that the gardens are economically great for Coshocton County and he is in favor of signing a letter of support for this grant. The Commissioners thanked Mrs. Adams for her time and presentation of The HEART of Appalachian Ohio Project.

## Meetings Attended

All three (3) Commissioners attended the annual CORSA training on Thursday, November 30, 2023. Mr. Shryock had a meeting of Friday, December 1, 2023 with Mayor Mills and Mr. Max Crown from the City of Coshocton in regards to the ARC funding, additionally that afternoon Mr. Shryock attended a meeting with the ARC grant committee to discuss the funding at length.

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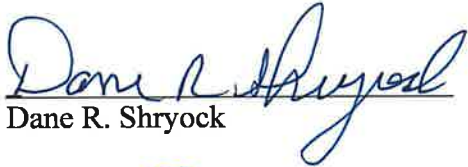
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Adjourn

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

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Rick Conkle

  
Gary Fischer

  
Clerk