

## Wednesday

**March 20, 2024**

Approve Minutes

Vote: Shryock      yea  
Fischer      yea  
Conkle      yea

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State of Ohio, Department of Transportation COS-TR252-0.00, Adams Township Bridge Plans for Federal Project Number E230102

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation COS-TR252-0.00, Adams Township Bridge Plans for Federal Project Number E230102 to replace existing bridge over Evans Creek, including minor roadway approach work, as requested by Mr. Frederick T. Wachtel, Coshocton County Engineer.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director-EMS Updates

Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director, Ms. Kayla Chapman, Assistant Chief of Administration and Mr. Joe Hunt, Assistant Chief attended the Commissioners meeting to give an update on the EMS. Mr. Shryock began the conversation with saying he was sorry that the EMS levy failed yesterday. Mr. Shroyer said he knew it would be a struggle to pass the levy, and is concerned about how the crews will take this personally. Mr. Shroyer fears that he will lose personal over this, as he is certain employees will look elsewhere for work in the surrounding counties. Mr. Shryock was uncertain if the EMS levy message was just not out there enough or do the voting public not care. Unfortunately, no one at the State level of government understand EMS funding, which the entire system is failing and is on the verge to break. Mr. Shroyer said that they will get through this and will do their best to fill a huge hole. Mr. Shroyer does not want to go on the ballot in November for the levy again, to which Mr. Conkle asked if he was sure since the levy only failed by 500 votes. Mr. Shroyer’s fear is that if the levy would be beat again, the hurt the crews will feel will be worse. Mr. Shryock asked logistically if they go down to three crews, who will be the help if help is needed? Coshocton County will need to rely on out of county help now, such as Danville, Frazesburg, Killbuck, Value Care Ambulance and Community Ambulance. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Shroyer will work on trimming the April schedule this afternoon as an immediate cut. Mr. Shryock asked where to draw the line with life savings vs help calls. Life assist may be what needs to be cut back on, as Genesis in Zanesville began this exact thing this year, all lift assist are handled with the fire department. The public have become used to EMS services over the years, and do not realize that by law there are no requirements to even provide EMS service in communities. Additionally, Medicare/Medicaid rates and reimbursements hurts EMS dramatically, currently private insurance is down to 10-15% of transports now. A big population has no insurance at all for billing purposes. Another factor to EMS services is football game and fair coverage, as it is not required to have EMS at football games. Mr. Shroyer stated that it may come if those services are truly needed/wanted the school/fairgrounds will be responsible for payment of the service. Mr. Fischer stated this is just unfortunate. Mr. Shryock said in closing, that the present budget situation is not able to prop up EMS. Mr. Shroyer said that sends the wrong message anyways and would not ask for that from the general fund. In closing, Mr. Shroyer hopes that the citizens wake up and realize you only get what you pay for and losing this levy can make the community look unattractive.

Mr. Frederick T. Wachtel, County Engineer, COS-TR252-0.00 Bridge Plans

Mr. Fredrick T. Wachtel presented the Commissioners with the federally funding bridge project, COS-TR 252-0.00 for signatures. This bridge project is an ODOT project, that will have ODOT do handle the bidding, administration and oversite of the project. These grant funds for this project were part of the bipartisan infrastructure law. Coshocton County has been applying for these projects for a few years, however, this bridge was a qualifying bridge for the grant. The estimated cost of the construction of the bridge is \$700,000, which will entail a new bridge, abutments, as well as minor roadway approach work. Mr. Wachtel did state that the bridge is still viable for use until it is taken out of service for construction.

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Mr. Mark Kowalski, Coshocton City Schools Superintendent-Appalachian Grant

Mr. Mark Kowalski, Superintendent of Coshocton City Schools and Mrs. Tiffany Swigert, Port Authority Director presented the Commissioners with information regarding the Appalachian Community Innovation Center Program Grant. Coshocton City Schools is looking to have a letter of support in regards to the 12.5 million dollars in grant funding they are applying for with the Appalachian Community Innovation Center Program, this money will help to renovate roughly thirty thousand square feet at the school. Mr. Kowalski stated the needed renovations will enhance the school facility and offer essential services to the K-12 students, their families, the CHS staff and the community at large. Coshocton City Schools would like to embrace innovative ways to integrate access to basic healthcare needs, mental health and behavior services and workforce development including career exploration into their regular days. The 12.5 million dollars will help renovate areas within four floors of the existing facility, making ways for enhanced partnerships with MVHS, MVESC, the Coshocton County Alternative School, the Coshocton County Opportunity School, Ohio Means Jobs-Coshocton County, the Coshocton Port Authority, and expanded spaces for a preschool area. Mr. Kowalski hopes campus of Coshocton City Schools could turn into a place where the community lives, works and plays even during the weekends. Mr. Shryock addressed the need to possibly approach the Senator Brenner in regards to changes in property taxes/sales taxes for school tax levies. Mr. Kowalski stated that the school systems do have a group at the State that helps lobby for their needs and issues in regards to fair school funding. Mr. Kowalski thanked the Commissioners for their time and support of the needs to request grant funding.

Ms. Alex Nelson, Recycling & Litter Director-Hard to Recycle Day Planning

Ms. Alex Nelson spoke to the Commissioners about an upcoming Hard To Recycle Day that she is currently planning. Ms. Nelson would like to host this event in late summer at the Coshocton County Fairgrounds, during the event electronics, appliances, TV's and computers will be collected. 10 large containers will be brought in from Licking County for this event, during the event all money handled will be collected by the organization who brings the containers. There will be a small fee for TV's and computers to be collected. Additionally, Ms. Nelson would also like to host a Shred Day at the same time, a fee will be collected for these items dropped off to be shredded to help offset the fee to hold of the event. Lastly, Ms. Nelson is currently reaching out to a couple agencies to have a tire collection day as well during the Hard To Recycle Day. The City of Coshocton has volunteered to manpower to help with the tire collection that day. Ms. Nelson will work to obtain grant funding for the tire collection as this will cost roughly \$2000+. Mr. Shryock thanked Ms. Nelson for her time and effort in putting this event together.

## Meetings Attended

All three (3) Commissioners attended the Ribbon Cutting at Mossy's Carryout in New Castle on Monday morning, additionally they all three attended the Region Planning Commission meeting on Monday evening. On Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> all three (3) Commissioners attended the Ag Day luncheon at Lake Park. Mr. Shryock and Mr. Fischer both were at the Board of Elections awaiting the election results on Tuesday evening.

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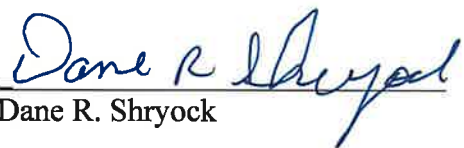
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Adjourn

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

  
Dane R. Shryock

  
Rick Conkle

  
Clerk

  
Gary Fischer