

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

March 25, 2024

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Rick Conkle. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Brooke Alverson and Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator, Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune and Mr. Graham Beaumont, WTNS.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Permission to advertise the CR 106 Bridge, Engineers Office

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to grant permission for the Coshocton County Engineers Office to advertise the CR 106 Bridge Rehab Project on March 28th and April 4th with a bid opening on April 15th at 9:00 a.m., at the request of Mr. Joshua Kempf, Deputy County Engineer.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Change Order #00-030: CE #31-Low Strength material Backfill

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign Change Order #00-030: CE #031-Low Strength Material Backfill in the amount of \$0.00, for the Coshocton County Justice Center Project, at the request of Mr. Tim Olind, Granger Construction.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Change Order #00-031: CE #032-Change Water Line Tap Location

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-031: CE #032-Change Water Line Tap Location, Add Hydrant, and cap existing lines in the amount of \$0.00, for the Coshocton County Justice Center Project, at the request of Mr. Tim Olind, Granger Construction.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Community Room Rental, Maureen Sturtz

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to grant permission to Maureen Sturtz use of the Commissioners Community Room on June 1, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to host the Conesville High School Alumni Banquet.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

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Community Room Rental-Geno Swigert

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to grant permission to Geno Swigert, county employee use of the Commissioners Community Room on April 8, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. to have the Coshocton Basketball Banquet

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Conkle yea

Community Room Rental-Red Cross

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to grant permission to Red Cross use of the Commissioners Community Room on June 7, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to host a Blood Drive.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Conkle yea

Community Room Rental-Red Cross

Mr. Conkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to grant permission to Red Cross use of the Commissioners Community Room on August 2, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to host a Blood Drive.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Conkle yea

Letter of Support-Coshocton County Agriculture Society

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to sign a Letter of Support for the Coshocton County Agricultural Society to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$129,000.00 from Ohio Senate Capital Budget/OTSCIF grant funding.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Conkle yea

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

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

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
Additional-DJFS	030-0101-540007 (INDIRECT COST)	\$22,850.00	3/19/2024	3/25/2024
Additional-CCC	263-0100-590000 (Advance- Out)	\$3,701,128.00	3/19/2024	3/25/2024
Additional-CCC	001-1510-500901 (MISC TRANSFER OUT)	\$218,000.00	3/19/2024	3/25/2024
Additional-EMA	140-0100-526000 (Contract Repair/Services)	\$400.00	3/20/2024	3/25/2024
Additional-EMA	140-0100-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE)	\$600.00	3/20/2024	3/25/2024
Additional-CCC	260-0100-540004 (Various Purpose Bonds/Notes)	\$450,500.00	3/20/2024	3/25/2024
Additional-FCFC	084-0100-540000 (Other Expense)	\$241.90	3/25/2024	3/25/2024

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Conkle yea

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Sheriff Crawford

At 9:35 a.m. Sheriff Crawford, Lieutenant JD Hardway and Lieutenant Charles Udischas presented the Commissioners with the Union Contract for Sergeant/Civilian. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to approve the agreement between Coshocton County and The Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council Inc. effective January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026, as presented by Sheriff James A. Crawford.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Conkle	yea

Local Tan Incentive Review Council

Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer, Mr. Rick Conkle, Mr. Grant Daugherty, County Auditor, Mrs. Tiffany Swigert, Coshocton Port Authority Director, Mr. Mark Mills, City of Coshocton, Mr. Max Crown, City of Coshocton, Ms. Liz Argyle, Honey House, Ms. Kara Kimes, RV Schools, Mr. Chuck Rinkles, RV Schools, Mrs. Mary Beck, Mr. Paul Bratton, MFM, Mrs. Jody Wright, Kraft Heinz, Ms. Heather Slaughter, McWane Poles, Mr. Tom Crawford, McWane Poles and Ms. Kelli Darr, McWane Poles. Mr. Shryock welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Mr. Daugherty and Mrs. Swigert.

Mr. Daugherty asked for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes from the last Enterprise Zone meeting. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty made mention that once again this year that we do not have a Vice Chairman for 2024. Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crown to go move forward without a Vice Chairman for the 2024 year. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Swigert. Mrs. Swigert then addressed the following tax abatements:

McWane Ductile-100% (12 years) with PILOT for tax years 2014 through 2025, inclusive with a \$1.5 million real estate roofing/renovations investment, 12 new, full-time employees and annual wages of \$424,320. The McWane Poles Enterprise Zone is in place is currently receiving an annual abatement of 100% on the new construction for this project through 2025 tax year (payable in 2026). The tax savings for tax year 2023 is \$20,172.78.

Mrs. Heather Slaughter stated that McWane had a good year in 2023 with significant growth and a 41% increase to revenue. Additionally, McWane was able to start a second shift in October of 2023. McWane paid River View School their PILOT. McWane has made a huge investment to equipment and machinery in the Coshocton facility and they are excited about the great team they have in place to help the growth of the company.

Mr. Daugherty entertained a motion to continue, modify or cancel to the review council. Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to continue the Enterprise Zone. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Swigert then reviewed the next Enterprise Zone: Kraft Food Groups, Inc. (General Food Corp.)- 75% (10 years) for tax years 2016-2025, inclusive, with \$23 million real estate facility improvement investment, 300 new, full-time employees, and annual wages of \$8.736 million. The Kraft Food Groups, In. Enterprise Zone is in place is currently receiving an annual abatement of 75% on the construction for this project through 2025 tax year (payable in 2026). The tax savings for tax year 2023 is \$41,566.57.

Mrs. Jodi Wright stated that Kraft ended 2023 below the 300 new employees, however this was not due to the lack of trying. Currently Kraft has 699 employees, they are hiring weekly and offering weekly orientations for new employees. Kraft has a goal in 2024 to have between 700-725 full-time employees, they hope to meet this goal by attending job fairs in not only in Coshocton but all surrounding counties as well, additionally, Kraft is visiting high schools as well to search for employees after graduation. Mrs. Swigert stated she knows first-hand that Kraft Foods is truly trying to get new employees and they are doing their best to reach the numbers needed for their operations.

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Local Tax Incentive Review Council-continued

Mr. Daugherty entertained a motion to continue, modify or cancel to the review council. Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crown to continue the Enterprise Zone. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Swigert reviewed the next Enterprise Zone: MFM Building Products LLC 100% (12 years) for tax years 2021 through 2033, inclusive, with a \$8 million investment (\$3,291,400 real estate facility improvement and \$4,930,000 in equipment), 21 new full-time employees and retain 63 existing full-time employees and resulting in new employment annual wages of \$987,000. MFM Building Products, LLC. Enterprise Zone is in place is currently receiving an annual abatement of 100% on the new construction for this project through 2033 tax year (payable in 2036). The tax savings for tax year 2023 is \$29,598.63.

Mr. Daugherty entertained a motion to continue, modify or cancel to the review council. Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinkles to continue the Enterprise Zone. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Coshocton Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) – The area bounded by the river and Chestnut, Walnut, and 7th Street represents the CRA Zone. The Port Authority and the Auditor's Office both have a list of eligible parcels. We have one active CRA agreement with The Honey House on Main LLC.

Mrs. Swigert reviewed the CRA: Honey House on Main LLC-100% (15 year) for tax years 2022 through 2038, inclusive, with a \$900,000 real estate facility improvement investment, 10 new, full-time, 1 part-time and 30 temporary construction employees, and resulting wages of \$902,000.00. A PILOT agreement with Coshocton City Schools is in place. The Honey House on Main LLC has just completed construction and is actively marketing their beautiful building.

Mrs. Liz Argyle stated the CRA is helpful to save historical buildings. The Honey House is available for rent now with 5 apartments and a store front as well.

Mr. Daugherty entertained a motion to continue, modify or cancel to the review council. Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crown to continue the Enterprise Zone. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty asked if there was anything else to come to the board. Mr. Shroyer questioned the new Columbia Gas facility and asked Mrs. Swigert to talk about this. Mrs. Swigert has engaged Columbia Gas about community incentives; however, she does not feel as if this is in the communities' best interest to offer a tax abatement.

Mr. Daugherty thanked Mrs. Swigert for all of her work. Mr. Daugherty adjourned the meeting.

Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director-Proposed Resolution Discussion

At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director, Ms. Kayla Chapman, Assistant Chief of Administration and Mr. Joe Hunt, Assistant Chief attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss proposed billing changes to EMS, with the failure of last week's levy. Mr. Shroyer is looking at the best way to build revenue within the department. Mr. Shroyer was shocked and sadden to learn how bad the levy was beat across the county as a whole. Moving forward EMS will implement an increase to ambulance rates from private insurance which will generate additional revenue. Another area to increase revenue would be charging the funeral homes more per transports (about 20 a year currently) as well, however this increase will only generate roughly an additional \$300. Mr. Shroyer would like to establish a new fee schedule for services provided by the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services: basic life support (BLS) Transport-\$625.00. advanced life support (ALS-1) Transport-\$875.00, advanced life support (AL-2) Transport-\$1,150.00, Specialty Care (SCT) Transport-\$1,800.00 and loaded transport mileage charge \$18.00 per loaded mile with funeral home transports rates at: transport to funeral home in Coshocton County \$300.00 and transport to funeral home in a county adjoining Coshocton -\$450.00. Hard-billing, is also something that Mr. Shroyer believes that EMS needs to begin charging for, patients now would be responsible for their portion of the bill-in years past this portion has always been written off for the patient. Mr. Shroyer believes after talking with the billing company that hard-billing will

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Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director-Proposed Resolution Discussion -Continued

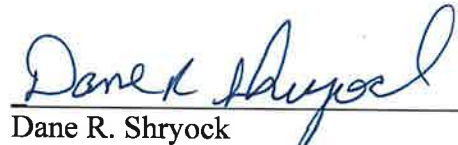
generate roughly \$100,000 in revenue. By implementing the hard-billing, those who are using the service will also be the ones who are paying for the service. Those patients that have Medicaid will not receive bills from EMS, as they are not able to be balanced billed. Lastly, Mr. Shroyer would like to start the conversation in reference to billing no-transport as well. Currently, Athens County has this program and Todd will be reaching out to them for information as to how they run this. In 2023, 2000 of the 6000 EMS calls were no-transport. Mr. Conkle believes the levy failed because the local citizens are hurting and their budgets can't take more levies. Mr. Shroyer is worried about the moral within the crews with the failure of this levy, however he is trying to stay positive for them as well as the group as a whole. Sadly, this is not a Coshocton problem is a national problem, someone needs to pay attention to this and work on helping to fund local EMS's. Mr. Shryock said in closing, that Mr. Conkle's statement is right, so many in Coshocton are living on a retirement that maybe not enough to support this levy.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Conkle attended the Coshocton County Board of DD luncheon on Wednesday, March 20th, additional that day, Mr. Shryock had a meeting with Mr. Grant Daugherty, County Auditor about local government fund spreadsheets. On Thursday, March 21st Mr. Shryock attended the Justice Center meeting and had a meeting with Ms. Debra Eppley, Health Commissioners about the DAC meeting as well. On Friday, March 22nd, Mr. Fischer attended the Airport meeting and Mr. Shryock had a meeting Mr. Ben Hall, County Prosecutor.

Adjourn

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


Dane R. Shryock


Rick Conkle


Gary Fischer


Clerk