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Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
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Mr. David Wiley, County Building Codes Discussion

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. David Wiley and Mr. Paul Wiley from Wiley's attended the Commissioners' meeting to discuss county building code requirements and their impact on industrial facilities.

Mr. David Wiley informed the Commissioners that Wiley's is in the process of constructing a covered equipment storage area adjacent to its existing facility to protect equipment, including nitrogen equipment and air compressors, and to help reduce noise. He stated that the company received a stop-work order on the project the previous day. Although the structure is relatively small and separate from the main building, the company will comply with the stop-work order while working through the required permitting process.

Mr. Wiley explained that Wiley's has made significant improvements to its facility over the years and maintains strict security measures. Visitors must be escorted at all times and are required to watch a safety video before entering the facility. He noted that the company employs a professional engineer and places a high priority on safety, while also striving to be a good neighbor and considerate of the surrounding community.

Mr. Wiley expressed concern that the permitting and inspection process can increase project costs and delay construction. He noted that the facility is located in an industrial area and that the building department with jurisdiction is Mid-East Ohio Building Department in Muskingum County. He also commented that certain agricultural structures are exempt from similar requirements under state law and stated that regulations in other states, such as Oklahoma and Texas, are less restrictive. He indicated that the company has consulted legal counsel regarding the matter and has chosen to cooperate fully with the stop-work order, while acknowledging that the delay also impacts the contractor. He added that the company intends to ensure the contractor is not financially harmed by the delay.

Mr. Wiley further stated that Wiley's is heavily regulated by agencies such as OSHA and the EPA and maintains rigorous internal inspection programs. He referenced a recent anonymous complaint regarding the facility's electrical system, noting that inspectors conducted a thorough review of the electrical systems, interviewed company electricians regarding their training, and found no violations or safety concerns. He emphasized that the company welcomes inspections that identify legitimate safety issues and conducts numerous internal inspections to ensure compliance with industry standards.

Mr. Wiley suggested that consideration be given to exempting certain industrial facilities from some building code requirements and stated that he intends to explore possible legislative changes. He also inquired about the County's relationship with the Mid-East Ohio Building Department and whether there may be opportunities in the future for the County to establish its own building department.

Commissioner Bigrigg expressed appreciation for Mr. Wiley's comments regarding the professionalism of the inspectors and agreed that any identified issues should be corrected. Commissioner Shryock thanked Mr. Wiley and Wiley's for their continued investment in Coshocton County, noting that the company provides approximately 180 local jobs, contributes significantly to the county's tax base, and has been a positive community partner. Discussion also included the ongoing challenge of recruiting and retaining qualified building inspectors, as private contractors are often able to offer higher wages.

Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager-Updates

County Administrator Mary Beck reported that the Skelley Family area at Skip's Landing has paid for additional swings and fencing at the site. Bunting has been installed on both Farmers Market buildings. The bridge on CR 1A is ready for the installation of lights, and she is working with Dave Wagner to have them installed soon.

Bollards for the Farmers Market are expensive and currently have an estimated lead time of eight to ten weeks. Chrissy is researching options and companies to install bollards to help protect the Farmers Market buildings from vehicle damage.

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Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager-Updates

Mary also reported that she has spoken with Jim Skelton, Assistant-Prosecutor regarding the Tower property on the Amish-owned parcel. Once the cost estimate is received, Jim will prepare a Surrender of Easement Agreement for the property owner.

The paving project has been completed, and wildflower planting will begin in the designated areas. Mary is also working with Coshocton in Bloom to install hanging flower baskets around the Courthouse Square, with 14 additional baskets currently on order.

She is coordinating with Dave Wagner regarding the installation of a flagpole for the Veterans Memorial in recognition of the Blue Star Mothers.

For the America250 celebration, 1,000 commemorative magnets will be distributed at both Courthouse and Skip's Landing. Distribution is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Skip's Landing and from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Square. Mary also noted that the annual Powerhouse Cruise is coming up on August 22, 2026.

Meetings Attended

Commissioner Bigrigg had a Board of Revisions meeting on Monday afternoon. All three (3) Commissioners attended Mr. Todd Shroyer retirement party on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Shryock went to Old Hickory to look at tree on county owned property.

Adjourn

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



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk