

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

January 22, 2025

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Robert Bigrigg. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Change Order -Justice Center Project

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-077: CE #077-City Electric Service Extra Work Orders in the amount of \$0.00 for the Justice Center Project, at the request of Mr. Tim Olind, Granger Construction.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Community Room Rental-Marge Donley

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Marge Donley use of the Commissioners Community Room on February 15, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for a Baptism Reception.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Release of Funds (RROF) Certification

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting Mr. Shryock permission to sign the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally Funded State Projects on January 23, 2025, at the request of Mrs. Jillian Flowers, CDC of Ohio.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Community Room Rental-Brianna Harris, Prosecutors Office

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Brianna Harris, Coshocton County Prosecutor's Office use of the Commissioners Community Room on April 10, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for the annual Victims Assistance Luncheon.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Community Room Rental-Laura Martin, DJFS

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Laura Martin, Coshocton County Department Job and Family Services use of the Commissioners Community Room on June 27, 2025 all day for a Job Fair.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Bigrigg yea

Community Room Rental-Ken Parsons

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Ken Parsons use of the Commissioners Community Room on January 13, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for an open mic night.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Bigrigg yea

Resolution 2025-009, Finances for DJFS

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer motion to sign Resolution 2025-009, a resolution permitting the payment of finance charges for Coshocton County Job and Family Services for calendar year 2025.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Bigrigg yea

2025 Blanket Meeting Request-DJFS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg motion to approve the 2025 Blanket Meeting request for Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services to attend meetings and trainings associated with their department throughout the 2025 calendar year.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Bigrigg yea

Letter of Support for Charter Communications to PUCO

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a Letter of Support addressed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio expressing the support for the pending rulemaking petition under consideration by the PUCO regarding pole attachment access, a matter that is critical in ensuring that our residents gain timely access to high-speed internet services, which is essential for the growth and development of our community.

Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Bigrigg yea

Then and Now Certificates

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

VENDOR	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT
First Step Family Violence Intervention Service Inc.	310-0310-562000	\$3,592.96	CCC
Advance Auto Parts	001-0420-520001	\$1,020.02	CCC
GovDeals Inc	001-0110-526000	\$1,415.13	CCC
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Vote: Shryock yea
 Fischer yea
 Bigrigg yea

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Approve Bills

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve bills per computer print dated January 22, 2025.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens report for the week ending January 20, 2025 with 4 dogs picked up by the warden, 5 dogs euthanized, 11 dog licenses sold, 12 dogs sold, 2 dogs redeemed, 17 dogs surrendered per owner, 9 dogs surrendered and 1 litter surrendered to the dog warden, 2 citations issued and 30 calls handled for a total of \$585.00 in fees collected.

Community Room Rental-Diane Bradshaw

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Diana Bradshaw, County Employee use of the Commissioners Community Room on April 12, 2025, all day for a Birthday Party.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Community Room Rental-Connie McCullough-Royal Chapel Church

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Connie McCullough, Royal Chapel Church use of the Commissioners Community Room on November 8, 2025, all day for a craft show.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Commendation-Mr. and Mrs. Fehrman

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg motion to sign a Commendation for Mr. and Mrs. Fehrman for their Outstanding Community Service and Generosity by portraying Santa and Mrs. Claus during the Holiday Season, and selflessly donating all funds received from their appearances to the Coshocton Courthouse Illumination Fund.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the temporary additional, which was approved by the County Administrator, Mary Beck and Certified by the County Auditor.

Table with 4 columns: FROM ACCOUNT, TO ACCOUNT, AMOUNT, APPROVED, AFFIRMED. Row 1: Temporary Additional-Engineer 050-0200-520201 (SALT), \$50,000.00, 1/15/2025, 1/22/2025

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Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

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Public Hearing - Road Vacation

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock opened the Public Hearing for the road vacation of Linn/7th Street in Tuscarawas Township with the following people present: Commissioner Shryock, Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Bigrigg, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mr. Tom Crawford, McWane Ductile General Manager of Ohio. This Road Vacation Petition was filed by the Tuscarawas Township Trustees. Mr. Shryock asked if there were any comments to make. Mr. Crawford just confirmed again the road vacation details, to ensure correct placement of the new property fence that will be moved and placed. Mr. Shryock thanked Mr. Crawford for his attendance this morning during the public hearing.

Commendation-Mr. and Mrs. Fehrman

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg read and presented the Fehrman's with a Commendation. Mr. Shryock thanked the Fehrman's for helping to Revitalize Christmas Connections for those in the Community. Mrs. Fehrman thanked the Commissioner for the Commendation but stated it was not necessary as she believes in serving the community. Mr. Fehrman said the best part of portraying Santa was when he had a true believer on his lap during the season Mr. Fehrman stated in closing that he will once again next year continue his serves of portraying Santa Claus for those in the Community and donating the funds to the Courthouse Illumination Committee Project.

Department of Job and Family Services Levy Discussion

At 10:30 a.m. Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director and Mr. John Piper, DJFS Fiscal Administrator attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss the upcoming renewal of the DJFS levy in the spring. Mr. Shryock began by asking, what does this levy fund? Mr. McCoy stated that this levy only funds placement cost for children in foster care facilities, such as: residential facilities or group homes. Additionally, Mr. McCoy stated that cost such as the room/board, meals, clothing, anything you would need to pay for a normal child is not covered under Medicaid services. In December 2024 DJFS paid our \$244,00 in cost alone for these services, currently 8 children cost over \$10,000/monthly. Mr. Piper said that 2.6 million dollars was spent in 2024, which is up from the 1.8 million spent in 2023. If DJFS would put a renewal on the ballot, this would generate \$475,000. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misunderstanding as to how levy funds are spent, and Mr. McCoy once again stated these funds generated by the levy can only be spent on the children. This issue is not just locally, it is being seen statewide and nationally. Mr. McCoy also stated there is not much that can be done to help curb cost, as they have no control over cost. January of 2023, DJFS only had 35 kids in their care and as of today they currently have 73 kids in their care. DJFS currently has custody of a child that Mr. McCoy had to call over 200 facilities within the US to find a placement for this child, however due to the needs it was hard to find a placement, this child is now in a facility in Arkansas. Mr. McCoy stated these kids deserve the best care to become healthy. Mr. Shryock asked how additional funds are received in their office for all the services needed. Mr. Piper said that DJFS received State Allocations, 4E reimbursements/federal dollars (using 1996 family eligibility guidelines), shared agreements with local courts, Board of DD and Mental and Health Recovery Boards. Shared agreements help pull funds together and save money across the board for all agencies. 2025 is the last year of collections for the current DJFS levy, which is using 1995 evaluations for funds collected on this 1 mill levy. Mr. McCoy stated in closing that this levy is a critical need for his agency, however he understands that the additional and replacement levies were voted down by the community, so he will work with the renewal and do what he can within his budget. Mr. Bigrigg stated that really there is no other choice but to put the renewal on the ballot, Mr. Fischer agree that a renewal would be the best opinion right now. A renewal certification will be placed on Monday's agenda. Mr. McCoy will continue to work together and be proactive for the children. Mr. Shryock appreciates both gentlemen working to find money elsewhere, additionally in closing Mr. Shryock stated that it is the responsibility of society to raise these kids.

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Executive Session, Employee Hiring/Firing

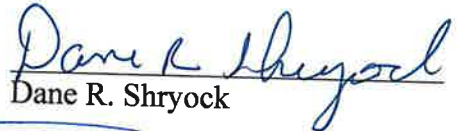
At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to go into executive session with Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director and Ms. Kayla Chapman, Assistant Chief of Administration to discuss Employee Resignations/Hiring. All Vote Aye. At 11:30 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Fischer attended the Airport Meeting on Thursday, January 16th. Mr. Bigrigg attended the Board of DD meeting on Wednesday, January 15th. Mr. Shryock had a meeting with Mrs. Ashley Thomas, Coshocton County Recorder on Thursday, January 16th to discuss Senate Bill 94, which allows counties to charge an additional \$5 fee for recording documents to help offset the cost of digitalizing records. On Tuesday, January 21st all three (3) Commissioner attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting.

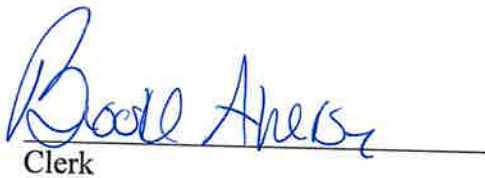
Adjourn

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


Dane R. Shryock


Robert W. Bigrigg


Gary L. Fischer


Clerk