

March 12, 2025

Approve Minutes

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Received the Monthly Prisoner Food Cost for the month of February 2025 from Sheriff Christopher Walters.

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Then and Now Certificate

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

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Treasurer of State of Ohio	088-0100-521000	\$49,926.00	Transportation

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Judge Batchelor

At 9:00 a.m. Judge Batchelor presented the Commissioner with the Court of Common Pleas, Coshocton County General and Domestic Relations Division Annual Report for 2024. The Court supported the formation of a Re-entry Coalition, which was officially recognized by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction on January 2, 2024. Allwell Behavioral Health Services and case manager Rochelle Courtright are providing oversight along with 24 community partners. The purpose of the Coshocton County Re-entry Coalition is to reduce crime by helping individuals recently released from jail successfully reintegrated into society. Civil Cases were up slightly in 2024 with a total number of new civil cases filed at 203, with 228 cases completed (cases can carry over per year). Additionally, criminal cases were also slightly up with 106 new criminal cases filed in 2024 with 65 prison terms imposed, most offenders end up at the Nobel Correction facility. Noble is proud of the fact that they work with offenders to help them get jobs before they leave the institution. Housing is the biggest issue for offenders once released, however the local contact within Coshocton County helps to facilitate these needs. 100 criminal cases were completed by final sentence, Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, or dismissal. 65 cases resulted in prison terms, 13 probation, 12 Intervention, 2 dismissals for death of the defendant, 2 dismissals by the Prosecutor for lack of evidence, 1 dismissal due to a stipulated finding of not guilty by reason of insanity, and 5 cases resulted in the imposition of local jail sentence without probation. Of the 52 offenders sentenced to prison in 2024, 43 were male and 9 females. New Domestic Relation cases field in 2024 were down, with a total number of 121. 116 marriages were terminated by divorce or dissolution. As of December 31, 2024, the Probation Department was actively supervising 87 offenders, including 11 on intervention supervision. 45 applications for early release were filed by prison inmates. 1 application was granted by the Court, and later revoked, resulting in the reinstatement of the offenders’ prison term. 4 GPS monitors were in service as of December 31, 2024, for defendants who posted bail. The court continues to maintain certification with the Ohio Supreme Court for a special docket program called Recovery Court. Participants are generally fist time low level offenders. 7 offenders participated in Recovery Court in 2024. If there are needs for Veterans in Ohio with offender status, those needs can be helped at Chillicothe. Surrounding counties to Coshocton had criminal cases in 2024 with numbers of: 933- Muskingum County, 891-Licking County, 402-Guersney County 245-Tuscarawas County and 89 in Holmes County. The Commissioners thanked Judge Batchelor for his presentation.

Coshocton Fairboard Discussion

At 9:30 a.m. the following Coshocton County Fair Board members attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss the upcoming 175th anniversary of the Coshocton County Fair in 2026: Ron Seitz, Bob Buxton, Jason Massie, Rick Williamson and Mike Woodward. Mr. Seitz stated he would like to see the County, City and Our Town work together have a large 4th of July event/weekend celebration. In addition to the fairs anniversary this will also be the 250th America celebration event. Mrs. Beck stated that there will be some grant funding through the America-250 fund, these funds could be utilized for an event such as what Mr. Seitz is talking about. Mr. Shryock asked if the weekend events would be free for the public or would there be a charge, Mr. Seitz would like all events for this celebration to be free for everyone in attendance. Mr. Bigrigg appreciates the early discussions and likes the way they are thinking of collaborating with our entities as to make the event(s) great. Mr. Seitz would like to get all groups together now to begin the planning of this, Mrs. Beck will make sure the fairboard is on the

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Coshocton Fairboard Discussion, Continued

America-250 committee for planning purposes. Additionally, Mr. Shryock asked about grant funding with the foundation, to which Mrs. Beck stated she will send an email out to the foundation to initiate the beginning conversation and make them aware of what is going to be going on next year. Mr. Shryock thanked all in attendance for reaching out in advance for all of this. Lastly, Mr. Seitz gave a brief update of what is transpiring at the fairgrounds: the pavilion is still a work in progress and should be complete within the next few months, currently the board is in the process of moving animal barns around (horses, llamas, goats, poultry, etc.), the new sound system is up and working as it should, and new fencing will be placed in front of the grandstand by this year's fair. The number of animal entries is growing, as last year's fair seen an increase of entries of 15%. The Commissioners thanked the Board for their time.

Records Commission

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock opened the Records Commission meeting with the following people in attendance: all three Commissioners, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Sheriff Walters, Eric Demattio, Coshocton County Sheriff's Office Deputy, Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts, Ms. Arica Sapp, Clerk of Courts, Mrs. Ashley Thomas, Coshocton County Recorder and Mrs. Katelyn Gordon, Chief Deputy Auditor. Mr. Shryock asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. Mrs. Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Bigrigg seconded the minutes. All vote aye. Motion carried. Mr. Shryock asked if there are any records to be submitted, Mrs. Gordon from the Auditors office had an RC-3 filled out for submission, however, per Mary Beck, County Administrator the RC-3 has records on it that is part of the Auditors office RC-2, so no submission is required, as those records are part of their schedule. The next Records Commission meeting will be September 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Session, Employee Compensation

At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Compensation with Mr. Chad Lawrence, IT Director. All vote aye. At 11:15 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

Discussion-Judge France and Deb Gaumer, Justice Center Landscaping

At 11:30 a.m. Judge France and Ms. Deb Gaumer attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss Coshocton County needs with Coshocton in Bloom. In the Veterans Memorial Plaza, 2 smaller baskets will be placed on the 12 electric poles around the plaza, additionally, extra inserts will be bought, allowing the baskets to be changed out during the season as needed. The smaller baskets are needed, as the weight of the larger baskets would be too much for the poles and hangers that are already placed in that area. Judge France would like to sue the shrubs from around the gazebo over the flower bed near the Veterans Plaza, Ms. Gaumer stated that his then will also help the walking pattern on the Court Square. Ms. Gaumer stated that she receives numerous comments about the flower displays in the Coshocton and she looks forward adding more. Judge France would like to discuss the Justice Center landscaping to find out exactly what the Commissioners would like to see in that area. He stated that as much money as was spent on the building, he would think that they would want the grounds to look as equally impressive. Judge France believes that adding all the greenery would not only look great, but would cause less maintenance as well for that area. Both the Judge and Ms. Gaumer stated that if a budget was given to them that they would be able to work within that budget need. However, Ms. Gaumer said she would rather buy mature plants at the Justice Center, which cost more up front, however are proven winter plants. Pricing is based on early ordering and delivery, and change frequently as time goes on, Ms. Gaumer will need to know what the Commissioners decide sooner than later, however she did mention that timeframe may be an issue now and she would like to place an order asap. Mr. Shryock has concerns with about the landscaping, he stated that community did not want the Justice

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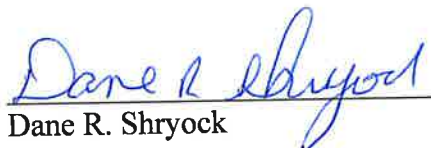
Center at the Walnut Street location, as they wanted it out of view-and now there is discussion of paying for landscaping that is not visible to the public, this is a huge concern of his. The EMS building currently has no landscaping at their facility. Mr. Shryock looked at the Coshocton, Genesis site and sated they have less shrubs and more grass. Judge France stated that it cost more to mow grass than to maintain beds. Ms. Gaumer asked if the Commissioners would like to reduce the number of plants at the Justice Center since it is not visible? A walk-around with the Judge, Ms. Gaumer and the Commissioners for communication purposes would be a benefit to everyone involved. The Judge believes that adding nice landscaping to the building helps employee moral as well. Mr. Bigrigg asked how much maintenance is involved with the landscaping quote that was given. Per the Judge, once the plants are established, none unless there is a dry August. Mr. Bigrigg does believe to a certain degree the design is a bit elaborate. The Commissioners will have further discussion and let the Judge and Deb know what they decide.

Meetings Attended

All three (3) Commissioners attended the Land Bank meeting on Monday afternoon, March 10th. Mr. Shryock attended the Executive Committee meeting of Regional Planning on Monday afternoon, March 10th. Mr. Shryock chaired the annual District Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday evening, March 11th.

Adjourn

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



Dane R. Shryock



Robert W. Bigrigg



Gary L. Fischer



Blake Ahlerson
Clerk