# Monday

# Regular

March 24, 2025

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Robert Bigrigg and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune.

### **Approve Minutes**

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

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

Bigrigg

yea

### 2026 BWC Group Retro Agreement

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the 2026 BWC Group Retro Rating Program Enrollment Agreement between CCAO Service Corporation and Coshocton County, for Policy Number 31600001 to enroll in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Plan effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

Bigrigg

yea

#### Court Square Request-Joseph Sanders

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Joseph Sanders, Coshocton Ministries use of the Court Square on April 18, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. to have a Worship Service for Good Friday.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

Bigrigg

yea

## Court Square Request-Joseph Sanders

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Joseph Sanders, Coshocton Ministries use of the Court Square on May 1, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. for the National Day of Prayer.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer Bigrigg

yea yea

## Resolution 2025-016, CPT Food, Snacks and Supplies

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2025-016, a resolution to provide lunch, snacks, and supplies for the Coshocton Public Transit Team Building/Staff Development Day on May 1, 2025, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Vote: Shryock

Fischer

yea yea

**Bigrigg** 

yea

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1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Activity Report-Litter Control

Received the 1st Quarter Activity Report for the Coshocton County Litter Control with the following items collected: 24 bags of trash, 30 tires, 2 water closets, 5 mattresses, 2 recliners, 1 TV, 2 couches, and 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> truckloads of carpet.

#### Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Master Equity Lease Agreement between Enterprise Fleet Management and The Board of Coshocton County Commissioners for a term of 60 months, for the leasing of six (6) vehicles to be used by the Coshocton Sheriff's Office, as requested by Sheriff Christopher Walters.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

**Bigrigg** 

yea

#### Amendment to Master Lease Agreement with Enterprise

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Amendment to Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to add an additional paragraph to the Master Lease, regarding any claim or dispute involving the vehicle(s).

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

**Bigrigg** 

yea

#### Letter of Support for Clary Gardens, T-Mobile Grant

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the letter of support for Clary Gardens to submit a grant application to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Committee for the Woodland Historical Trail at the gardens, this initiative represents a tremendous opportunity to enrich our community by fostering mental well-being, promoting local history, and driving economic growth.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

**Bigrigg** 

yea

#### Employee Hire-Mr. Michael Clarke, CPT

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to hire Mr. Michael J. Clarke as a Part-Time Driver/Operator effective Monday, March 24, 2025, with Coshocton Public Transit, at the request of Mrs. Valerie Shaw, CPT Director.

Vote: Shryock

yea

**Fischer** 

yea

**Bigrigg** 

yea

#### Employee Hire-Mr. Jared Mardis, IT

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to hire Mr. Jared Mardis as a Full-Time IT Technician effective Monday, April 7, 2025 upon successful completion of his pre-employment testing. of, at the request of Mr. Chad Lawrence, IT Director.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

**Bigrigg** 

yea

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#### Change Order-Justice Center Project

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-084: CE #84 in the amount of \$0.00, City Electric Service Transfer to close out contract for the Justice Center Project, at the request of Mr. Tim Olind, Granger Construction.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

Bigrigg

yea

## Big Opening-All Terrain Tree Trimmer, County Engineer

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock opened the All-Terrain Tree Trimmer Bid Opening with the following people present: Commissioner Shryock, Commissioner Bigrigg, Commissioner Fischer, Josh Kempf, Deputy Engineer, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator. Commissioner Shryock read the only bid submitted, Integrity Truck and Equipment, Hudsonville, MI with a bid of \$102,500.00 and a delivery fee of \$2,500.00 for a total bid of \$105,000.00. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to turn over the bids to Josh Kempf, Deputy Engineer for his review and recommendation.

Vote: Shryock

yea

Fischer

yea

Bigrigg

yea

## Ms. Cindi Herring, CEBCO-4th Quarter Report

At 10:00 a.m. Ms. Cindi Herring from County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter CEBCO reports. Coshocton County had an Overall Loss Ratio for the 2024 year of 85.1%, with 1 claimant that exceeding the \$125,000 pooling point. \$33,451 will be removed from the county's experience, which will lower the New Loss Ratio to 84%. Medical claims were \$2,683,845, a 5.9 decrease from the previous period and RX claims were \$981,759, a 36.2 increase from the previous period. Utilization by setting for the 2024 year were: inpatient- 37.5% cost decrease, outpatient-4.4% cost increase and professional-1.9% decrease. 89.7% of prescriptions filled were generics with a paid amount of \$279,639. Of the total RX spent, Single Source Brand (Name Brand) accounted for 72% of the paid amount for a total of \$702,120. The top three categories for prescriptions are: Antidiabetics, Misc. Therapeutic Classes and ADHD/Anti-Narcolepsy-Obesity/Anorexiants. Mr. Shryock questioned as to why pharmacy claims were up so high last year, to which Mrs. Herring stated that the driving factor for the increase were the weight loss drugs. However, those will not be an issue in 2025, as they are no longer allowed on the CEBCO plan. Mr. Shryock thanked Mrs. Herring for her presentation.

#### Tax Incentive Review Council-TIRC

At 10:30 the Tax Incentive Review Council-TIRC was held in the Commissioner's office with the following people present: Mrs. Tiffany Swigert, Coshocton Port Authority, Ms. Hannah Gallagher, Coshocton Port Authority, Ms. Heather Slaughter, McWane Poles, Mr. Paul Bratton, MFM, Ms. Kara Kimes, RV Local School District, Ms. Mindy Duncan, Kraft-Heinz, Ms. Rachel Garner, Krat-Heinz, Mr. Dane Shryock, Commissioner, Mr. Gary Fischer, Commissioner, Mr. Robert Bigrigg, Commissioner, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mr. Jarrod Tipton, Coshocton Auditors Office, Mr. Matt Colvin, Career Center, Mr. Grant Daugherty, County Auditor, Ms. Liz Argyle, Honey House Coshocton LLC and Mr. Mark Mills, Mayor-City of Coshocton. Mr. Shryock welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Mr. Daugherty and Mrs. Swigert.

Mr. Daugherty opened the meeting with a roll-call to make certain quorum was met. Quorum was met and Mr. Daugherty asked if asked for an election of a Vice-President. In the past there has not been a Vice-President and no Volunteers for this position were had. The meeting moved forward without any such election. Mr. Daugherty turned the meeting over to Mrs. Swigert to address the following tax abatements:

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McWane Poles (McWane Inc)-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 2024 is \$19,274.66.

Ms. Heather Slaughter stated that McWane had a year of growth in 2024, however not as big as 2023. McWane saw a 4.7% increase in revenue in 2024 with an employee number of 74. McWane paid River View School their PILOT and supported the Coshocton County Career Center's Culinary Arts Program. McWane made investments to their equipment, land and buildings, using local contractors and suppliers for these investments. Additionally, McWane has been the United Way of Coshocton's top giver for the last 5-years straight. Currently, Heather Rainwater is working on another big project at Skip's Landing. McWane Poles produce a very reliable product that is withstanding tornado force winds. Ms. Slaughter stated in closing that McWane is proud of their products and team, as well as providing stable jobs locally. Mr. Matt Colvin stated that McWane has been great to the Career Center giving resources and funds when needed. Mrs. Beck also stated that McWane has been a great partner with the county.

Mr. Daugherty entertained a motion to continue, modify or cancel to the review council. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mills 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 2024 is \$39,660.36.

Ms. Rachel Garner stated that 110 million pounds of product was produced out of the Coshocton Kraft-Heinz location, by the 658 employees that work there. Kraft has also had a great partnership with the career center from the culinary art program to the cosmetology department. Ms. Garner stated that they have had challenging times with turn-over and would like to have an additional 20 employees. Mr. Colvin stated that Kraft-Heinz has also been great to work with, as they have offered real world experience for the students.

Mr. Daugherty entertained a motion to continue, modify or cancel to the review council. Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg 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 2024 is \$27,358.72.

Mr. Paul Bratton stated that MFM has faced the same challenges with employment, however to date MFM have more employees this year than last. At the end of 2024, MFM had 67 Full-Time Employees with hours worked of 75 employees. The 33,000 square feet expansion on Brewer Lane is finished.

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

Mrs. Swigert review the next Enterprise Zone: MFM Building Products LLC-100% (10 years) for tax years 2024 through 2034, inclusive, with a 4.5 million investment (\$1,534,628) real estate facility improvements and \$2,950,000 in equipment, 5 new full-time employee and retain the 67 existing full-time employees, resulting in new employment annual wages of \$207,400.

The MFM Building Products LLC Enterprise Zone is approved at the Ohio Department of Development but being re-reviewed by the Ohio Department of Taxation therefore there has been no abatement as the

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project has been under construction. This will result in the full payment of taxes with an expected rebate pending the review and approval from the Ohio Department of Taxation.

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

Coshocton Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) – There are no landowners presently receiving abatements in the area bounded by the river and Chestnut, Walnut, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The Port Authority and the Auditor's Office both have a list of eligible parcels. However, the Honey House on Main LLC-CRA has been submitted and has been approved by the Ohio Department of Development

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. The Honey House on Main LLC is complete and Liz Argyle will update.

Ms. Argyle stated that the Honey House on Main has been done now for just over a year, with 2 store fronts that are both currently empty. The location is listed with realtors as well as on social media. Ms. Argyle believes the spaces would be ideal for a store front or small restaurant, she is currently considering doing a project herself in one of the store fronts. Additionally, there are 5 residential apartments that are all currently filled with qualified candidates. Mr. Shryock asked if the 10 employees she has listed would be for the store fronts, Ms. Argyle stated-yes. Lastly, Ms. Argyle stated that the tax abatement is why they did the project in Coshocton.

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

Mr. Daugherty asked if there was anything else to come to the board, hearing none Mr. Daugherty adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

#### Executive Session-Opioid Litigation Update

At 11:30 a.m. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to go into executive session to discuss Opioid Litigation Update. All vote aye. At 11:45 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. The Following action was taken.

### Withdrawal from Motion for Leave to Amend PBM Defendants

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the withdrawal from motion for leave to amend PBM defendants in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division.

Vote: Shryock yea Fischer yea Bigrigg yea

## Meetings Attended

All three (3) Commissioners attended the Board of DD Luncheon on Wednesday afternoon, March 19th.

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Adjourn

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

Dane R. Shryock

Robert W. Bigrigg

Gary I. Fischer

Clerk