

COMMISSIONER’S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

March 26, 2025

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 26, 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. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to approve the minutes from last meeting as presented.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Warden’s Report for the week ending March 24, 2025 with 7 dogs picked up by the warden, 2 dogs euthanized, 2 dog licenses sold, 2 dogs sold, 3 dogs redeemed, 2 dogs surrendered per owner, 7 citations issued and 30 calls handled for a total of \$170.00 in fees collected.

Court Square Request-Our Town Coshocton

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Our Town Coshocton use of the Court Square on June 28th, July 19th, August 2nd and September 7th for the Summer Concert Series.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Letter of Support to renew MOU for Extension of Airport Road

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the letter of support to renew the Memorandum of Understanding between the Coshocton County Board of Commissioners /Coshocton County Regional Airport Authority and The Ohio State University for the proposed extension of Airport Road.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Community Room Rental-Gene Swigert

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Mr. Gene Swigert, a Coshocton County employee, use of the Commissioners’ Community Room on May 25, 2025, all day for a graduation party.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Title IV-D Contract between the Coshocton County Juvenile Court and the Coshocton County Child Support Enforcement Agency

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Title IV-D Contract between the Coshocton County Juvenile Court and the Coshocton County Child Support Enforcement Agency in the amount of \$247,035.33 for the period of 01/01/2025-12/31/2025 as presented by Ms. Jamie Freeman, Assistant JFS Director.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Mr. Frederick T. Wachtel, 2024 Annual County Engineer Report

At 9:30 a.m. Mr. Frederick T. Wachtel, Coshocton County Engineer presented the Commissioners with his 2024 Annual Report. The Engineer’s office negotiated a new three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 343. Five employees resigned in 2024 and seven new employees joined the Engineers staff. The Coshocton County Engineer’s Office provides engineering design for some of the County Commissioners projects. Deputy County Engineer Josh Kempf has worked with the Board, the Coshocton Port Authority, and the City of Coshocton to develop conceptual plans for the application submitted for the Governor’s Appalachian Community Grant application. The project was selected for funding, which included the first roundabout to be built in Coshocton County. Assistant County Engineer Chrispen Schlegel is providing the design for the Commissioners’ project that will replace the sidewalks on the Courthouse grounds. Both Josh and Chrispen have completed the mandated load rating for almost all of the bridges that the County own and are required to analyze. The County Engineer’s Office manages the Access Management Program on all county and township roads, right-of-way permits and all county roads, and provides right-of-way permitting for several townships. A total of 164 access permits were processed last year and 216 right-of-way permits were issued as well. 145 property split applications were reviewed to ensure that safe, constructible access drives can be sited on each proposed lot. The office also processed 112 address requests in 2024. The County Engineer’s Office continues to be contracted to serve as the Director for the Coshocton County Regional Planning Commission. The 2024 resurfacing program consisted of a combination of MVG funding, and Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant. In addition, a major economic development Public/Private Partnership project which included funding from the Governor’s Office of Appalachia and an ODOT Jobs and Commerce Transportation Improvement District Grant and significant funding from the local Amish business community was completed. 8 County Roads were resurfaced in 2024 with a total spent of \$2,027,875.00. County crews completed 55 different installations on the County road system in 2024 at a total cost of \$186,791. In 2024 the County Engineer only had one reportable BWC injury, and it was a medical claim only. 11 blanket utility permits and 12 project specific permits were issued through the County Engineer’s floodplain in 2024. After 30 years of trying, the County Engineer was finally able to roll out their Weights and Scales program in 2024. Deputy Chris Johnson was selected to serve as the Commercial Motor Vehicle Officer in Coshocton County. Additionally, the Engineer’s Office were able to replace 5 bridges utilizing grants and local funds with a total expenditure of \$1,449,847.50. There are numerous pending road and bridge projects for the 2025.

Executive Session-Employee Complaint

At 10:30 a.m. Mr. Fischer made a motion; seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to go into executive session to discuss with Mr. Grant Daugherty, Coshocton County Auditor to discuss an employee complaint. All vote aye. At 10:45 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No Action Taken.

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 with Mr. Ben Hall, Coshocton County Prosecutor to discuss an employee compensation. All vote aye. At 11:30 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No Action Taken.

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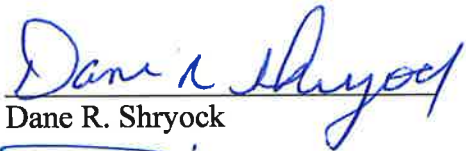
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Meetings Attended

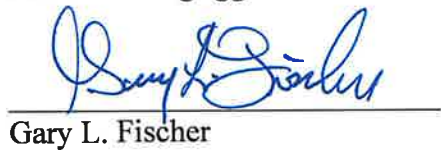
Mr. Bigrigg attended the Coshocton Visitor Bureau (CVB) meeting on Tuesday, March 25th.

Adjourn

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


Dane R. Shryock


Robert W. Bigrigg


Gary L. Fischer


Clerk