

May 19, 2025

Approve Minutes

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

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Certificate of County Auditor

Received the Certificate of County Auditor that the Total Appropriations from Each Fund Do Not Exceed the Official Estimate of Resources dated May 14, 2025.

Amended No. 4 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources

Received Amended No. 4 of the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated May 14, 2025, from the Coshocton County Budget Commission.

Resignation, Cory Barnett-CPT

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to accept the resignation of Mr. Cory Barnett, from his part-time driver position with Coshocton Public Transit, effective April 16, 2025, as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CPT Director.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Monthly Prisoner Food Cost-April 2025

Received the monthly prisoner food cost for the month of April 2025 from Sheriff Christopher Walters.

Court Square Request-Three Rivers Fire District

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Three Rivers Fire District use of the Court Square on July 19, 2025, all day for a car show.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Change Order #003, Wetland Delineation Survey

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #003, Wetland Delineation Survey - BioSurvey Group in the amount of \$3,644.96, for the Skip's Landing Project, as requested by Mrs. Mary Beck, Project Manager.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Affirm Bills

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to affirm the bills per computer printout dated May 14, 2025 which were approved by County Administrator Mary Beck.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Resolution 2025-019, Advance VOCA

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2025-019, Advance from the General Fund to the Victim Assistance VOCA Grant Fund in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Resolution 2025-020, Fund #159

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign Resolution 2024-020, a resolution establishing Fund #159, Sheriff's Office Community Relations Fund within the county financial records.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Engineers Office to Advertise for Bridge Replacement, COS-CR 365

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to the Coshocton County Engineer's office to advertise for the COS-CR 365-00.08 bridge replacement project on May 22, 2025 and May 29, 2025 with a bid opening on June 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., as requested by Mr. Joshua Kempf, Deputy County Engineer.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Warden's Report for the week ending May 5, 2025, with 2 dogs picked up by the warden, 1 dog brought in as a stray, 3 dogs euthanized, 6 dog licenses sold, 5 dogs sold, 3 dogs redeemed, 2 dogs surrendered by the owner, 2 dogs surrendered to the dog warden, 12 citations issued, and 42 calls handled for a total of \$270.00 fees collected.

Employee Hire-Larry Hakala, CPT

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to hire Mr. Larry Hakala as a part-time Driver/Operator with Coshocton Public Transit, effective May 21, 2025, as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CPT Director.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Spectrum Service Order

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Spectrum Service Order in the amount of \$351.00 for new and revised services at 318 Main Street, Coshocton, as requested by Mr. Chad Lawrence, IT Director.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

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Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to accept the resignation of Emma Withrow from her position as a full-time EMT with Coshocton County EMS effective May 18, 2025, as requested by Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Transfers/Additional/Reductions

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to affirm the following Transfers/Additional/Reductions, which were approved by County Administrator Mary Beck and Certified by the County Auditor.

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
	Additional-DJFS 090-0100-526000 (CONTRACT - SERVICES)	\$22,000.00	5/5/2025	5/19/2025
	Additional-CPT 088-0100-540006 (Other - Veh Premiums (5050))	\$3,698.74	5/6/2025	5/19/2025
140-0100-527000 (ADVERTISING)	Transfer-EMA 140-0100-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE)	\$780.00	5/7/2025	5/19/2025
220-0550-526001 (CO Home Priv Rehab)	Transfer-CCC 220-0552-526001 (City Home Priv Rehab)	\$20,014.00	5/9/2025	5/19/2025
	Additional-DJFS 090-0100-582000 (GRANTS)	\$350,000.00	5/9/2025	5/19/2025
	Additional-CPT 088-0100-540013 (Other- Uniforms (5015))	\$500.00	5/9/2025	5/19/2025
	Additional-EMS 261-0100-540001 (Debt Retirement EMS Building)	\$251,237.50	5/9/2025	5/19/2025
	Additional-DJFS 090-0100-526000 (CONTRACT - SERVICES)	\$30,000.00	5/9/2025	5/19/2025
050-0100-511100 (WORKER'S COMPENSATION)	Transfer-Engineer 050-0200-526506 (ISSUE II)	\$12,800.00		
050-0200-511100 (WORKER'S COMPENSATION)	050-0200-526506 (ISSUE II)	\$14,000.00		
050-0200-520201 (SALT)	050-0200-526500 (CONTRACTS - PROJECTS)	\$5,000.00		
050-0200-520201 (SALT)	050-0200-526506 (ISSUE II)	\$3,200.00		
050-0200-526501 (SPRAYING)	050-0200-526500 (CONTRACTS - PROJECTS)	\$6,000.00		
050-0200-526503 (STRIPING)	050-0200-526500 (CONTRACTS - PROJECTS)	\$5,000.00		
050-0300-520200 (MATERIALS)	050-0200-526506 (ISSUE II)	\$20,000.00		
050-0300-520201 (CULVERT)	050-0200-526500 (CONTRACTS - PROJECTS)	\$20,000.00		
050-0300-521000 (EQUIPMENT)	050-0200-526500 (CONTRACTS - PROJECTS)	\$4,000.00		
		\$90,000.00	5/12/2025	5/19/2025
088-0100-520001 (Supplies - Vehicles (5039))	Transfer-CPT 088-0100-511100 (Workman's Comp (5015))	\$507.67	5/12/2025	5/19/2025
040-0100-540002 (Other Expenses - Training)	Transfer-Auditor 040-0100-511100 (WORKER'S COMPENSATION)	\$169.13	5/12/2025	5/19/2025
120-0100-511300 (Health/Life/Dental Insurance)	Transfer-EMS 120-0100-510200 (Salaries)	\$20,000.00		
120-0100-511300 (Health/Life/Dental Insurance)	120-0100-511000 (OPERS)	\$3,000.00		
120-0100-511300 (Health/Life/Dental Insurance)	120-0100-530000 (Travel)	\$2,000.00		
120-0100-520002 (Supplies - Fuel)	120-0100-511100 (Worker's Comp)	\$2,545.00		
120-0100-520002 (Supplies - Fuel)	120-0100-511500 (Medicare Tax-Employer Share)	\$300.00		
120-0100-520002 (Supplies - Fuel)	120-0100-520003 (Supplies - Uniforms)	\$7,000.00		
120-0100-520002 (Supplies - Fuel)	120-0100-540005 (Other Expenses - Refunds)	\$2,155.00		
		\$37,000.00	5/13/2025	5/19/2025
	Additional-CCC 250-0100-520000 (Supplies)	\$16,401.00	5/14/2025	5/19/2025
	Additional-CCC 001-1410-511300 (GROUP & LIABILITY)	\$44,000.00	5/15/2025	5/19/2025
	Vote: Shryock	yea		
	Fischer	yea		
	Bigrigg	yea		

Mr. Doug Schonauer, Juvenile Court Administrator-ODYS Biennial Grant Agreement

At 9:30 a.m., the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners met with Mr. Schonauer, who presented the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The Commissioners were informed that the grant program includes a provision ensuring equal access for minority youth to all programs, care, and services supported through the funding. Mr. Schonauer reported that the Juvenile Court is carrying over an estimated \$241,000 from the previous year. He noted that while ODYS typically permits a carry-over amount of only \$66,500, additional funds may be retained if accompanied by a written plan outlining their allocation. Mr. Schonauer stated that he consistently submits such a plan, as these carry-over funds are essential for supporting the following year's programs. Lastly, Mr. Schonauer stated that the ODYS grant currently supports twelve different programs and funds the salaries of four employees. Commissioner Shryock expressed appreciation to Mr. Schonauer for his continued diligence and for presenting the information to the Board.

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Public Hearing, Road Petition-Alleys in Spring Mountain, Monroe Township

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Shryock called the public hearing to order. Present at the hearing were Commissioners Shryock, Bigrigg, and Fischer; County Administrator Mary Beck; Tuscarawas Township Trustee Chuck Selders; Monroe Township Trustee Smokey Medley; Mark Maxwell; Chad Shoults; Deputy County Engineer Josh Kempf; and County Engineer Fred Wachtel. Mr. Chad Shoults, attending on behalf of his father, Dean Shoults, addressed the Board regarding the proposed vacation of eleven alleys. He stated that the alleys in question have never been opened or used for public access and that several residential structures have since been built over portions of these alleys. Mr. Shoults further noted that his father has a private water well located within one of the alleys; if that particular alley were vacated, the well would then technically sit on property owned by Mr. Maxwell. Mr. Shoults also raised concerns about access, stating that Mr. Maxwell currently has access to his property via a township road. In response, Mr. Maxwell expressed disagreement, explaining that while he may be able to reach the property with a lawn tractor, he does not have vehicular access suitable for a truck and would like improved access to his land. Additionally, Mr. Shoults pointed out that when Mr. Maxwell sold a portion of land to Mr. Hodges, that transaction provided continued access to the parcel now under discussion. Monroe Township Trustee Mr. Medley shared that after reviewing the alleys, he would recommend vacating all except one, which he believes should remain open for potential future use. County Engineer Fred Wachtel clarified that there are two different road systems within the area where the alleys are platted, noting that the southern portion of the community was not included in the original plat. He stated that at this time, the platted alleys serve no practical purpose. Mr. Wachtel also advised that the Commissioners are not obligated to vacate all alleys and could choose to vacate only selected ones based on the facts presented. Mr. Shoults reiterated that vacating the alleys would not result in Mr. Maxwell being landlocked. Commissioner Shryock concluded the hearing by stating that the Board of Commissioners will continue to review the matter and notify all parties of their final decision. He thanked everyone in attendance for their time and input.

Mr. Jed McCoy, JFS Director- Foster Care Money Shortage

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Jed McCoy, Director of Job and Family Services (JFS), and Mr. John Piper, Fiscal Administrator, met with the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners to discuss a significant financial shortfall in foster care funding. Mr. McCoy began by stating that the conversation was a difficult one, as the department is currently experiencing a major crisis related to Public Assistance (PA) funds. In April, JFS paid out approximately \$150,000 for foster care maintenance payroll. However, due to a system error within the State of Ohio, nearly \$80,000 was mistakenly withdrawn. Although the funds are expected to be returned, JFS has not yet received them. Mr. McCoy noted that even without the error, the department was already facing a deficit in April. He reported that in March 2025 alone, foster care maintenance costs exceeded \$330,000, and over the past two months, the department has paid out more than \$700,000. By comparison, in all of 2023, the department spent \$1.8 million on foster care. In just the first four months of 2025, they have already expended \$1.2 million. Mr. McCoy highlighted one particularly costly case involving a child in custody whose care is costing \$2,000 per day. This child is set to age out of the system in August unless the court mandates continued care. Commissioner Shryock asked what the department's immediate financial needs were. Mr. Piper responded that to stabilize the department and avoid a similar crisis next month, they would require an additional \$200,000 in funding. Mr. McCoy emphasized that the current situation is largely beyond the department's control. Budget Director Mr. Schonauer confirmed that funds are available in the county's general fund to cover the shortfall, should the Commissioners choose to allocate them. Commissioner Bigrigg inquired about the legal authority for the court to mandate continued care for the high-cost child. Mr. McCoy explained that this remains a gray area, with limitations on what JFS can and cannot do. He also expressed concern for the mental and emotional well-being of his caseworkers who are overseeing this challenging case. As of today, there are 82 children in the department's custody, including seven non-IV-E reimbursable cases awarded just last week. Mr. Shryock asked whether these children are from within the county or outside the area. Mr. McCoy confirmed that the majority are local. Commissioner Shryock remarked that Coshocton County is just one small community, but these challenges highlight a broader issue. He also noted that if a JFS levy is placed on the fall ballot, the Commissioners would like to see more proactive engagement with the community, particularly with older residents. Mr. Piper asked what campaign-related activities could be conducted during working hours. County Administrator Mary Beck said she would research the matter further and report back.

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Executive Session, Personnel Hiring

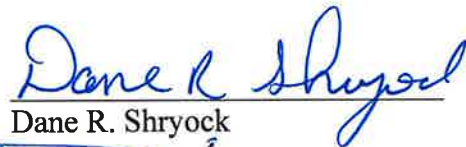

At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session to discuss personnel hiring. All vote Aye. At 11:45 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Shryock attended and spoke at the Ribbon Cutting for the Coshocton Collaborative on May 8th, on May 9th he had a CFLP Policy Committee meeting, on May 13th he attended a meeting with the EMA State grant representative and lastly on May 14th he went to the airport board meeting.

Adjourn

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


Dane R. Shryock
Robert W. Bigrigg
Gary L. Fischer
Clerk