

July 7, 2025

Approve Minutes

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Received the Dog Warden's Report for the week ending June 30, 2025 with 3 dogs picked up by the warden, 6 dogs euthanized, 7 dog licenses sold, 7 dogs sold, 12 dogs surrendered by owner, 9 dogs surrendered to the dog warden, 13 citations issued, and 44 calls handled for a total of \$425.00 in fees collected.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign Resolution 2025-027, a resolution assigning authority to Jed McCoy, Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Service Director, to act as the Coshocton Board of County Commissioners' Designee for approving inter-county adjustments of allocated funds.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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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.

VENDOR	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT
Killbuck Valley Auto LLC	150-0100-540003	\$4,134.94	Sheriff

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Mr. Nic Bundren, Ohio Land & Liberty Coalition

At 9:00 a.m., Mr. Nic Bundren, representing the Ohio Land & Liberty Coalition, attended the Commissioners’ meeting to speak with the Board regarding renewable energy issues and to ask a series of questions about the Commissioners’ perspectives on solar and wind development in Coshocton County. Mr. Bundren noted that his organization is conducting an educational, non-profit initiative across the State of Ohio, visiting all 88 counties, with Coshocton being stop number 45. The purpose of the visit was to provide education and foster discussion on solar and wind energy projects. Also present during this discussion was Mr. Joshua D. Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer.

Mr. Bundren explained that his visit was not for profit and not in support of any specific project, but rather to engage local officials in conversation about renewable energy in Ohio. He indicated he would ask four standard questions to guide the discussion:

- 1. On a scale of 1–10, how would you rate your expertise/knowledge in solar and wind energy?**

The Commissioners generally rated themselves around a 4–5. Commissioner Bigrigg noted he is looking into the possibility of installing solar panels on his own home. It was also noted that the Amish community in the county makes extensive use of solar energy.
- 2. Are there currently any solar or wind projects in Coshocton County that the Commissioners have had dealings with?**

The Commissioners responded that there are no such projects at this time.
- 3. What do you believe the reaction from your constituents would be if such solar or wind projects were proposed in the county?**

Commissioner Shryock expressed concern that using good farmland for solar projects would upset constituents, though he supports property owners’ rights. He suggested that reclaimed strip-mined land would be a more acceptable location for solar development. Commissioner Bigrigg agreed, stating that county residents would likely oppose solar on productive farmland, but might support development on otherwise unusable reclaimed strip mine ground — “out of sight, out of mind.”
- 4. Do you think renewable energy is a party-line issue or more of a local concern?**

Commissioner Bigrigg noted that renewable energy tends to be a difficult issue politically, and that other counties have seen officials struggle with re-election after supporting such projects. He observed that a significant portion of the population is opposed to solar panels. Commissioner Shryock added that at the national level, there has been a big push for fossil fuel production, and he feels that solar and wind are not currently sustainable without support from fossil fuel sources. He felt that positions on the issue tend to follow along party voting lines.

Mr. Bundren thanked the Commissioners for their time and insights. The Board expressed appreciation for the educational information and the opportunity to discuss these important topics.

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Executive Session, Employee Dismissal

At 9:30 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session with Mr. Joshua D. Kempf, County Engineer to discuss possible employee dismissal. All vote aye. At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No Action Taken.

Executive Session, Opioid Litigation Update

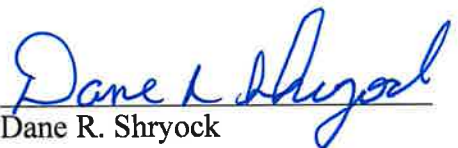
At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to go into executive session to discuss pending Opioid Litigation. All vote aye. At 10:30 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. Perdue action taken via email.

Meetings Attended

All three Commissioners attended the Cleveland Cliffs ribbon cutting of the new \$150 million dollar expansion in their Coshocton County facility.

Adjourn

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


Dane R. Shryock


Robert W. Bigrigg


Gary L. Fischer


Clerk