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Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

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Change Order #00-005: PCO 015 Fund Playground Equipment Subcontract

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-005: PCO 015 Fund Playground Equipment Subcontract in the amount of \$284,096.75, for the labor portion of the playground scope at Skip's Landing, as requested by Ms. Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

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| Vote: Shryock | yea |
| Fischer | yea |
| Bigrigg | yea |

Change Order #00-006: PCO 017, AEP Work Deduct

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign Change Order #00-006: PCO 017, AEP Work Deduct, this is a deduct change order to reconcile the amount of the AEP Agreements for the underground distribution work to occur at Skip's Landing, as requested by Ms. Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

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| Vote: Shryock | yea |
| Fischer | yea |
| Bigrigg | yea |

Change Order #00-017, CE: #00-017-PCO 016 Pavilion Contract

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-017, CE: #00-017-PCO 016 Pavilion Contract Funding in the amount of \$0.00 for the two Farmer's Market pavilions at Skip's Landing, as requested by Ms. Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

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| Vote: Shryock | yea |
| Fischer | yea |
| Bigrigg | yea |

2026 Coshocton Fairfield Licking Perry Solid Waste Contract

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the 2026 Coshocton Fairfield Licking Perry Solid Waste Contract in the amount of \$276,905.78 to support countywide residential and institutional recycling, education-outreach, and litter collection.

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| Vote: Shryock | yea |
| Fischer | yea |
| Bigrigg | yea |

Community Room Rental-Blue Star Moms

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Blue Star Moms of Coshocton for use of the Commissioners Community Room on November 7-8, 2026, for an all-day quarter auction.

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| Vote: Shryock | yea |
| Fischer | yea |
| Bigrigg | yea |

Letter of Agreement-AT&T

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Letter of Agreement for Custom Work and Estimate of Actual Cost Government Agreement in the amount of \$89,072.30, to relocate aerial cable to underground at Skip's Landing with AT&T.

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| Fischer | yea |
| Bigrigg | yea |

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Then and Now Certificates

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to affirm the following Then and Now Certificates which have been approved by County Administrator Mary Beck and certified by the county auditor.

| Then and Now Certificates | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| VENDOR | ACCOUNT | AMOUNT | DEPARTMENT |
| Argent Institutional Trust Company | 263-0100-540000 | \$819,068.75 | CCC |
| Argent Institutional Trust Company | 260-0100-540004 | \$165,415.63 | CCC |
| Visual Edge IT Inc. | 403-0100-520000 | \$1,005.00 | Treasurer |
| Argent Institutional Trust Company | 081-0100-540001 | \$44,659.38 | Hopewell |
| Argent Institutional Trust Company | 261-0100-540001 | \$168,118.75 | EMS |
| Coshocton County | 030-0100-540004 | \$42,387.83 | DJFS |
| Multi Service Technology Solutions Inc. | 030-0100-540002 | \$1,122.30 | DJFS |
| Triad Governmental Systems Inc. | 001-0310-526000 | \$17,585.00 | BOE |
| Tekton Engineering, LLC. | 120-0100-526000 | \$1,700.36 | EMS |
| | | Vote: Shryock | yea |
| | | Fischer | yea |
| | | Bigrigg | yea |

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to affirm the Transfers/Additional/Reductions which have been approved by County Administrator Mary Beck and certified by the county auditor.

| FROM ACCOUNT | TO ACCOUNT | AMOUNT | APPROVED | AFFIRMED |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Additional-Sheriff | \$1,500.00 | 11/17/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 150-0100-510000 (SUPPLIES) | \$2,500.00 | | |
| | 150-0100-521000 (EQUIPMENT - CAR INSURANCE) | \$4,000.00 | | |
| | Additional-Clerk of Courts | \$1,500.00 | 11/17/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 012-0100-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES) | | | |
| | Additional-Clerk of Courts | \$6,113.08 | | |
| | Transfer-Public Defender | \$1,500.00 | 11/17/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 001-0630-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES) | | | |
| | Transfer-Auditor | \$400.00 | | |
| 001-0120-530000 (TRAVEL) | 001-0120-510300 (EMPLOYEE INS BONUS) | | 11/17/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | Transfer-Common Fields | \$450.00 | 11/17/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 001-0220-530000 (TRAVEL) | \$660.00 | | |
| | 001-0220-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE) | \$2,426.42 | | |
| | 001-0229-521000 (Equipment) | \$1,107.43 | | |
| | 001-0229-526000 (Contract Services) | \$185.23 | | |
| | 001-0229-510200 (Equipment) | \$82.66 | | |
| | 001-0229-510000 (SALARIES) | \$376.00 | | |
| | 001-0229-511500 (Medicare) | | | |
| | 001-0236-530000 (Travel) | \$5,277.74 | | |
| | 001-0236-521000 (Equipment) | | | |
| | Transfer-Sheriff | \$55,000.00 | 11/17/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 001-0611-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES) | | | |
| | Transfer-Sheriff | \$55,000.00 | 11/17/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 001-0611-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES) | | | |
| | Transfer-CCC | \$1,000.00 | 11/18/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 240-0240-520000 (SUPPLIES) | | | |
| | Transfer-Sheriff | \$200.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 150-0100-510300 (EMPLOYEE INS BONUS) | | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$7,000.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 030-0100-530000 (TRAVEL) | | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$2,000.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 030-0100-530000 (TRAVEL & EXPENSE) | | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$30,000.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 030-0100-540002 (MISC TANF CONTRACTS) | | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$7,500.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 030-0100-540001 (OTHER EXPENSE P R C) | | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$1,000.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 030-0100-520000 (SUPPLIES) | | | |
| | Transfer-Engineer | \$5,000.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 050-0200-520201 (SALT) | \$35,000.00 | | |
| | 050-0200-520201 (SALT) | \$40,000.00 | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$7,000.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 035-0100-540001 (Shared Transfer to PA Fund) | | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$1,500.00 | 11/19/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 090-0100-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE) | | | |
| | Commissioners-Transfer | | 11/20/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 001-0110-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES) | \$600 | | |
| | 001-0110-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES) | \$2,850.00 | | |
| | | \$15,000.00 | 11/20/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 001-0420-526008 (GAS) | | | |
| | Additional-FCFC | \$400.00 | 11/20/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 084-0100-510300 (EMPLOYEE INS BONUS) | \$6,361.08 | | |
| | Additional-JFS | \$6,000.00 | 11/20/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 090-0100-582000 (GRANTS) | | | |
| | Transfer-Prosecutor | \$5,000.00 | 11/20/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 001-0140-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES) | | | |
| | Transfer-EMS | \$5,000.00 | 11/21/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 120-0100-526000 (CONTRACT SERVICES) | | | |
| | Additional-DIFS | \$28,000.00 | 11/21/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 380-0100-510200 (SALARIES) | | | |
| | Transfer-Engineer | \$5,000.00 | 11/21/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 050-0100-526000 (CONTRACTS SERVICES) | \$5,000.00 | | |
| | 050-0100-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE) | \$10,000.00 | | |
| | Transfer-DIFS | \$2,500.00 | 11/21/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | 090-0100-540002 (Other Expense- START Program) | | | |

Vote: Shryock
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Bigrigg

yea
yea
yea

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Executive Session, Sheriff Walters Property

At 9:12 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session with Sheriff Walters and Captain Eric DeMattio, Chief Deputy to discuss the Leasing of Property/Security. All vote aye. At 9:25 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

Bid Opening, PY24 Critical Infrastructure Grant-City of Coshocton Well Rehab

At 10:00 a.m. the Coshocton County PY 24 Critical bid opening was held with the following people present: Mrs. Jillian Flowers, CDC of Ohio, Mr. Josh Aronhalt, Hathaway Inc, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Shryock, Commissioner Bigrigg, Mr. Jayson Gray, Diversified Engineering. Mr. Shryock asked for an Engineers Estimate and Mrs. Flowers gave the engineers estimate of \$1,200,000.00. Mr. Shryock read the following bid aloud: Stanley Miller Construction Co, East Sparta, Ohio with a bid of \$1,351,949.00 and Hathaway Inc. Coshocton, Ohio with a bid of \$1,286,183.00.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to turn all bids over to Mrs. Jillian Flowers, CDC of Ohio for her review.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Executive Session-Pending Litigation

At 10:30 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session to discuss pending personnel litigation via zoom Ms. Kelsey. All vote aye. At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

Mr. Jed McCoy and Mr. John Piper, Department of Job and Family Services Funding

At 11:20 a.m., Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director and Mr. John Piper, DJFS Fiscal Administrator attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss foster care placement costs and recent audit findings, additionally Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune, Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mrs. Cortnie Jamison, Assistant Budget Director were in the meeting. Mr. McCoy reported significant financial strain, noting that the county has been in a difficult position for three months, worsened by the government shutdown. The primary issue continues to be the rapidly increasing cost of foster care. The State unexpectedly pulled back funding, leaving the agency with \$435,000 in foster care placement costs last month alone, compared to an average of \$340,000–\$350,000 per month. Last year, monthly costs were generally under \$200,000, with a high of approximately \$250,000. Since 2017, foster care expenses have risen by 300%. The agency has reviewed internal funds and explored all available options, including new programs, but the escalating cost of care continues to strain resources. The needs of the children—an unpredictable variable—significantly impact costs. The number of children in care has increased dramatically, rising from 34 at the beginning of 2024 to 93 today. Larger sibling groups of five or more are becoming more common, with contributing factors including drug exposure, sexual abuse, and physical abuse. The Public Assistance fund is currently short \$900,000 to resolve the audit issue, though this would only stabilize the situation temporarily. John noted that while this would make the county whole now, a long-term plan is required for the coming year. Foster care placement costs total \$4.2 million. Mrs. Schonauer asked when the agency first fell behind, and Mr. McCoy explained that the shortfall has occurred over the past two months; earlier in the year the gap was narrowing, but anticipated reimbursements did not arrive. The State still owes approximately \$150,000, but these figures could impact staffing across the county if additional funds are allocated. Limited opioid-related funds are available but fall far short of what is needed, and no grants exist to cover placement costs. Although there is \$10 million in contract funding, those funds cannot be used for placements. Many Ohio counties are experiencing similar circumstances,

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Mr. Jed McCoy and Mr. John Piper, Department of Job and Family Services Funding-Continued

driven by the same dramatic increase in placement costs. Step-down facilities are often double the cost of current placements. Mr. Bigrigg noted that these numbers have continued to rise during his time in office, with sibling groups as large as 10 children appearing more frequently. When asked when funds are needed, Mr. Piper emphasized the necessity of implementing a plan to present to the State showing how the county will address the deficit and move forward. Mr. Shryock asked whether the families involved are local or newly arrived; Mr. McCoy confirmed most are established local families, though large sibling groups are not common. Cases vary widely and often involve families not previously connected to the system. The agency is reviewing internal processes to better assist families, and several reunifications have occurred this year. At this time last year, 68 children were in care. Mr. McCoy confirmed the county is legally required to pay these costs. Mrs. Schonauer stated that financial discussions will be necessary. Not all 93 children are in paid placements—kinship care does not incur the same costs—and issues with Title IV-E reimbursement continue. Current projections estimate a need for \$175,000 per month in 2026. Mr. McCoy has consulted other counties facing similar shortfalls. Mrs. Schonauer asked whether the incoming \$150,000 is in addition to the \$900,000 deficit. Mr. Bigrigg stressed the need for a funding “workout plan,” but noted that the State’s response has largely been that counties must contribute more

Transfers

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to approve the following transfers as certified by the County Auditor.

| FROM ACCOUNT | TO ACCOUNT | AMOUNT | APPROVED | AFFIRMED |
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| 001-1510-5009.01 (Misc Transfer Out) | 090-0100-4999.00 (Transfer In Children Services) | \$150,000.00 | 11/24/2025 | 11/24/2025 |
| | Vote: Shryock | | yea | |
| | Fischer | | yea | |
| | Bigrigg | | yea | |

Meetings Attended


Mr. Bigrigg attended the Republican Central Committee meeting on Thursday, November 20th, additionally, Mr. Bigrigg participated in the Miracle on Main Street Parade on Friday, November 21st. On Friday, November 21st Mr. Shryock had a OneOhio – Region 12 zoom meeting for opioid grant application and then later that evening he also attended the Miracle on Main Street parade.

Adjourn

Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Dane R. Shryock
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Robert W. Bigrigg


Gary L. Fischer

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Clerk