

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

December 10, 2025

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Bob Bigrigg and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mr. Chuck Ellis and Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Revised 40% weigh limit reduction, Monroe Township

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to revise the 40% weight limit reduction effective January 1- April 1 to include TR 329 instead of TR 229, as a typographical error made by Monroe Township and corrected at their December 3, 2025 meeting, at the request of the Monroe Township Trustees.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Vehicle Transfer Memorandum of Understanding between CPT and SEAT

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Vehicle Transfer Memorandum of Understanding between South East Area Transit (SEAT) and Coshocton Public Transit for a 2025 Chrysler Voyager, as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CPT Director.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Board of DD Appointment-Ingrid Yoder

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to serve another term on the Coshocton County Board of DD; her new term will end December 31, 2029.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Board of DD Appointment-Scott Muhleman

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to appoint Scott Muhleman to serve on the Coshocton County Board of DD; his new term will commence January 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2029.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to appoint Matt Gauerke to serve another term on the Coshocton Library Board, his new term will end December 31, 2029.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to approve the bills per computer printout dated December 10, 2025.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2025-054, a resolution adopting the Coshocton County Cyber Security Program and Designating the Coshocton County IT Department as the Administering Authority.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the demolition and site revitalization program community authorization for property located at 28009 TR 281, Coshocton, Ohio 43812, as requested by Ms. Hannah Gallagher, Economic Development Specialist-Coshocton Port Authority.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the demolition and site revitalization program community authorization for property located at 28031 TR 281, Coshocton, Ohio 43812, as requested by Ms. Hannah Gallagher, Economic Development Specialist-Coshocton Port Authority.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Received the Dog Warden's Report for the week ending December 8, 2025 with 2 dogs euthanized, 1 dog surrendered by owner, and 8 calls handled for a total of \$0.00 in fees collected.

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Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign Change Order #00-007: PCO 014 AT&T Trench Work and AT&T deduction, in the amount of (\$89,072.39); this is a deduct change order to reconcile the amount of the AT&T agreement for the underground distribution work to occur, as requested by Mrs. Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

When asked about capacity, Mr. Udischas stated he would be comfortable housing a total of 51 inmates, combining 30 male and 21 female inmates. Staffing is currently four per shift, which meets the minimum state requirement, and cannot be reduced. The jail operates three shifts per day, and command staff must be present 24/7/365. These staffing levels are mandated by the state, not the Sheriff.

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Sheriff Christopher Walters, Housing of Prisoners-Continued

Mr. Shryock confirmed that 51 beds could be made available at a daily rate of \$65. Mr. Udischas added that the priority is maintaining adequate space for Coshocton County inmates. Perry County is currently paying \$75 per day to Noble County. All inmates must be housed according to state-required classification standards, which can complicate placement depending on whether individuals are classified as violent or non-violent.

Mr. Shryock stated that any additional revenue would be an improvement over the current situation. He also noted that the County pays \$12 per day for the work program regardless of the number of days inmates participate. Because of multiple state classification and housing requirements, there are many moving parts to consider.

Mr. Bigrigg asked whether other counties advertise available bed space. Mr. Udischas reported that Monroe County sent an email two months ago offering a \$65 rate but received no responses.

Dane discussed broader trends, noting that when the jail was originally constructed, the County consistently housed 70–80 inmates. Since COVID-19, inmate numbers have declined. Additionally, bond reform legislation passed in 2022 has significantly increased the number of defendants able to bond out prior to trial, reducing jail populations statewide. The Fair Bond Reform Act, a state law, requires consideration of danger to the community but still allows broader pre-trial release.

Mr. Shryock also reported that Children Services' foster care costs have dramatically increased. They will require an additional \$2.1 million above last year's Commissioner's allocation. Given these pressures, the County is exploring every possible opportunity to generate revenue before considering budget cuts.

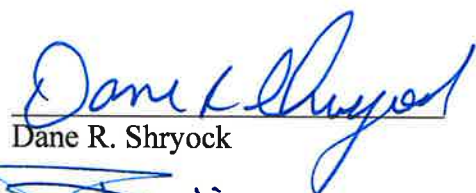
Meetings Attended

All three (3) Commissioners attended the Land Bank meeting on Monday, December 8th. Mr. Bigrigg also attended a Friends of the Park meeting that day as well, additionally on Tuesday, December 9th. Mr. Bigrigg participated in the Leadership Poverty Simulator for the Youth Leadership Class.

Adjourn

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


Clerk


Dane R. Shryock


Robert W. Bigrigg


Gary L. Fischer