

January 7, 2026

Approve Minutes

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the bills per computer printout dated January 7, 2026.

Community Room Rental-Randy Walsh

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to make the following board appointments for the Coshocton County Commissioners for the 2026 calendar year.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Received the Monthly Pay-In Report for the month of December 2025 from Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts.

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Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to receive, review and approve the Budget Appropriations for Order and Judgment Entry of the Common Pleas Court, Probate & Juvenile Divisions for calendar year 2026, as requested by Judge Jason Given.

Bob Snavelly-Palmer Energy

At 9:30 a.m., Mr. Bob Snavelly of Palmer Energy attended the Commissioners' meeting to provide an overview of current energy market conditions and pricing for county facilities. Mr. Snavelly reviewed his handout with the Commissioners and discussed the results of the recent Request for Proposals (RFP) for county energy supply.

Mr. Snavelly explained that a larger purchasing group, referred to as SEED, was formed to increase buying power. He noted that current market pricing is significantly higher due to capacity constraints and supply-and-demand challenges. Demand for electricity is increasing rapidly, while available supply has not kept pace. A major contributor to this increased demand is the rapid expansion of data centers. On average, one AI data center uses the equivalent electricity of approximately 450 households annually, with many more facilities coming online.

Mr. Snavelly discussed the role of PJM, the regional grid operator responsible for ensuring adequate power supply to prevent blackouts and brownouts. He explained that recent capacity auctions removed solar and wind from capacity calculations because they are intermittent energy sources and cannot be relied upon as baseload power. With reduced counted supply and increased demand from data centers, capacity prices have risen sharply, adding approximately \$0.02 per kilowatt-hour to energy costs. Prices for the 2026–2027 period have also increased, though capacity charges have been capped. These factors help explain recent increases in electricity prices, which have been widely reported in the news.

Mr. Snavelly noted that during a day this past winter, PJM had to borrow electricity to avoid a blackout. He further explained that data centers are now required to provide their own power supply for approximately 80% of their usage. As a result, many data centers are constructing on-site natural gas generation facilities, sized not only for current needs but also for future growth, with the potential to sell excess power back to the grid. He acknowledged that the speed of this development is uncertain and that political challenges also affect the process.

Mr. Snaveley emphasized that proximity to data centers does not impact local pricing, as all facilities draw from the same grid. Consequently, electricity rates are increasing statewide regardless of where data centers are located.

Commissioner Shryock asked about costs and the RFP results. Mr. Snavely explained that counties were divided into groups based on size and kilowatt-hour usage. Group 1 consists of 66 counties. Group 2 consists of 48 counties and represents the majority of usage, while the largest group, group 3 includes 10 counties. Group 1 was awarded to Dynegy, while Groups 2 and 3 were awarded to CPD Energy. The larger groups benefited from efficiency projects and real-time usage adjustments, making them more competitive.

Mr. Snively stated that Coshocton County's usage is relatively straightforward, with no single meter exceeding 7,000 kilowatt-hours. As a result, all county accounts will be billed at a rate of \$0.08 per kilowatt-hour. The County's current contract expires in May 2026, and the new rate will take effect at that time.

Commissioner Shryock asked about the County's current rate, which Mr. Snavely confirmed is \$0.06 per kilowatt-hour.

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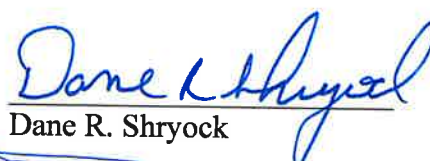

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Meetings Attended

All three (3) Commissioners attended the LEPC meeting on Tuesday, Jan 6th.

Adjourn

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


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