

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

January 7, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 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 and Mr. Chuck Ellis.

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

Appoint President-Mr. Robert W. Bigrigg

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to appoint Mr. Robert W. Bigrigg as President of the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners for calendar year 2026.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	abstain

Appoint Vice-President-Mr. Dane R. Shryock

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to appoint Mr. Dane R. Shryock as Vice-President of the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners for calendar year 2026.

Vote: Shryock	abstain
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Appoint Administrator/Project Manager-Mrs. Mary Beck

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to appoint Mrs. Mary Beck as County Administrator/Project Manager for the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners for calendar year 2026

Vote: Shryock	abstain
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Appoint Budget Director-Mrs. Robin Schonauer

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to appoint Mrs. Robin Schonauer as Budget Director for the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners for calendar year 2026.

Vote: Shryock	abstain
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Appoint Clerk-Mrs. Brooke Alverson

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to appoint Mrs. Brooke Alverson as Clerk to the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners for calendar year 2026.

Vote: Shryock	abstain
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association 2026

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to set the following as member representatives to the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association for 2026.

OMEGA Membership

Dane R. Shryock, Commissioner
 Robert W. Bigrigg, Commissioner
 Gary L. Fischer, Commissioner-Alternate
 Tiffany Swigert, Coshocton Port Authority Director

Executive Board

Tiffany Swigert, Coshocton Port Authority Director
 Robert W. Bigrigg, Commissioner-Alternate

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

2026 Apiary Inspector Agreement

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the 2026 Coshocton County Apiary Inspector Agreement with Mr. Larry Meherg in the amount of \$4,200.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Community Room Rental-Ali Bates, FCFC

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Ali Bates, FCFC, use of the Commissioners Community Room on January 20th, April 21st, July 21st and October 20th, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. for a Full Council Family Children First meeting.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Community Room Rental-Austin Savage

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Austin Savage, a county employee, use of the Commissioners Community Room on March 7, 2026, all day for a birthday party.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Community Room Rental-Red Cross

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to the Red Cross use of the Commissioners Community Room on January 20, 2026, from 11:45 a.m. until 7:45 p.m. for a blood drive.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Resolution 2026-007, Auditor Certification for 1.0 mill Children Services Levy

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign Resolution 2026-007, a resolution requesting auditor certification for a 1.0 mill Additional Children Services Levy.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Approve Bills

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

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Community Room Rental-Randy Walsh

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to Randy Walsh, a county employee, use of the Commissioners Community Room on January 24, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a birthday party.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Commissioners 2026 Board Appointments

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.

Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC)

Dane Shryock, Commissioner
Robert Bigrigg, Commissioner
Gary Fischer, Commissioner

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Dane Shryock, Commissioner

Homeland Security - Threat Risk Needs

All Three Commissioners

Family Services Planning

Robert Bigrigg

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Robert Bigrigg, Commissioner

County Investment Policy Board

Dane Shryock, Commissioner
Robert Bigrigg, Commissioner

Coshocton/Fairfield/Licking/Perry Solid Waste District

All Three Commissioners
Robert Bigrigg-Policy Committee

OSU Extension - Advisory Capacity

All Three Commissioners

Airport-Advisory Capacity

Gary Fischer, Commissioner

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)

Gary Fischer, Commissioner

Family Children First

Robert Bigrigg, Commissioner

Coshocton Land Bank

Dane Shryock, Commissioner
Robert Bigrigg, Commissioner-President
Gary Fischer, Commissioner

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)

Robert Bigrigg, Commissioner

One Ohio Region 12

Dane Shryock, Commissioner

Regional Planning

All Three Commissioners

Regional Planning Executive Board

Dane Shryock, Commissioner

Vote: Shryock	yea
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Fischer	yea
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Bigrigg	yea
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Monthly Pay-In Report, December 2025

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

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Probate/Juvenile Court Budget

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.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Bob Snavely-Palmer Energy

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

Mr. Snavely 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. Snavely 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. Snavely 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. Snavely 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. Snavely 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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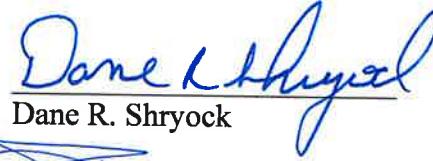
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Meetings Attended

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

Adjourn

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



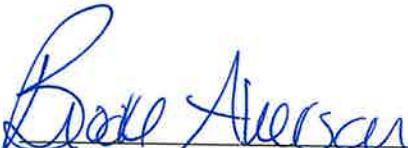
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Bobbie Alesan
Clerk