

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

February 9, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Bob Bigrigg, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk and Ms. Mary Fergali, WTNS.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Community Room Rental-Gene Swigert

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Gene Swigert, a county employee, the use of the Commissioners Community Room on March 29, 2026, all day for a Coshocton Basketball Banquet.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Community Room Rental-Gene Swigert

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Gene Swigert, a county employee, the use of the Commissioners Community Room on May 24, 2026, all day for a graduation party.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Community Room Rental-Christie Thornsley

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Christie Thornsley, a county employee, the use of Commissioners Community Room on December 11, 2026, all day for a Christmas party, this request also has an alcohol form attached.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Monthly Pay-In Report- January 2026

Received the monthly Pay-In Report for the month of January 2026 from Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts.

Resolution 2026-016, Speed Limit for CR 10

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2026-016, a resolution authorizing Joshua D. Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer, to reduce the current speed limit from 55 MPH to 40 MPH on County Road 10 from mile marker 0.727 to mile marker 1.408.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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Advertise CR 24 Bridge Replacement

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Mr. Joshua D. Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer, to advertise for the County Road 24 Bridge 1 Replacement on February 12 and 19, 2026 with a bid opening to take place on Monday, March 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Coshocton County Commissioners office.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer yea

Airport Grant

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Grant Contract between Coshocton County Regional Airport Authority /Coshocton County Board of Commissioners and Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation for ODOT Project # M26-12 in the amount of \$82,900.00 to construct a taxi lane, reseal south apron, reseal terminal apron, reconstruct PAPI and REIL Runway 22, as requested by Mr. Marty Dobson, Airport Manager.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer yea

Community Room Rental-Board of DD

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Coshocton County Board of Developmental Disabilities use of the Commissioners Community Room on June 17, 2026, all day, for a DD Awareness Luncheon.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer yea

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

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

Table with 5 columns: FROM ACCOUNT, TO ACCOUNT, AMOUNT, APPROVED, AFFIRMED. It lists two items: 1) Transfer from 018-0200-520000 (Sec Supplies) to 018-0200-540000 (Sec Other Expense) for \$1,000.00, approved 2/3/2026, affirmed 2/9/2026. 2) Additional-Board of Elections from 231-0400-526000 (Contract Services) for \$10,000.00, approved 2/5/2026, affirmed 2/9/2026.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer yea

Change Order-Skip's Landing Project

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Change Order #00-008: PCO 024 Portable Toilet in the amount of (\$104,380.00) this change order is a deduct change order to account for the County's direct purchase of one (1) ADA portable toilet unit for the Skip's Landing Project, as requested by Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer yea

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2026 Fair Board Update

At 9:00 a.m., Mr. Ron Seitz, Mr. Robert Buxton, and Mr. Jason Massie attended the Commissioners' meeting to provide updates from the Coshocton County Fair Board, reflecting on the 2025 fair season and plans moving into 2026.

Mr. Buxton reported that fair attendance in 2025 exceeded 40,000, marking an increase from the previous year. He noted that one of the most significant improvements was the Rotary Building.

Mr. Seitz provided an update on the Junior Fair and recent facility improvements. Enhancements included renovations to the interior of the Youth Building to improve livestock showing conditions, installation of new fencing around the racetrack to enhance safety, and the addition of new pens in the goat barn. Sheep pens were removed to allow for additional poultry pens. New fencing will be installed in front of the grandstand this year. An Eagle Scout project is also planned to construct a wash rack for project animals.

Mr. Seitz noted that the 2025 fair will mark the 175th anniversary of the Coshocton County Fair. Commemorative smashed pennies and anniversary calendars will be sold to celebrate the milestone. Additional events an expanded Fourth of July celebration with enhanced entertainment as part of the America 250 festivities.

Mr. Seitz requested the Commissioners' support in establishing a county budget line item for fairs within the state budget to help with facility repairs. He explained that assistance from the Commissioners would be needed for the application process, which is currently under review. Roof repairs were identified as a priority, as many fairgrounds' buildings date back to the 1800s and require significant renovation to preserve the structures beneath them. Mr. Bob Bigrigg emphasized that ongoing building upkeep is imperative and expressed support for securing budget funding for these repairs.

Social media engagement was highlighted, with Mr. Buxton noting that Mrs. Jade Dreher achieved over four million online interactions last year through her work managing fair-related social media. Overall engagement has been very positive.

Mr. Massie discussed plans related to America 250, including expanding the fireworks display and exploring the addition of a drone show. The fireworks company currently contracted can provide a drone show as part of the event, and the Fair Board is actively seeking funding for this enhancement.

Commissioner Shryock suggested that the Fair Board reach out to Senator Brenner regarding legislation, noting that the Senator would likely understand and support the fair's needs. In response to a question about statewide fair attendance trends, Mr. Buxton stated that attendance often depends heavily on weather conditions. Mr. Massie added that the Coshocton County Fair was fortunate to avoid severe weather issues, though drainage concerns remain. He emphasized the need to explore solutions for excess water runoff due to limited ground absorption. Mr. Seitz stated that the fair experienced its best weather in over a decade, and Mr. Bigrigg noted that the fair is blessed with its current timeframe.

Harness racing was discussed as a major highlight of the county fair. Mr. Seitz noted that a gentleman in the past has done an excellent job restoring harness racing, which has helped increase attendance. Harness racing generates significant revenue for the fair, with several local families raising horses, though not all race them locally. Revenue is supported through 50/50 drawings and purse money, both of which contribute to fair funding.

In response to a question regarding alcohol sales, Mr. Massie stated that sales are climbing slightly but not significantly. Approximately 6,000 cups were sold during a five-hour period at Rock Coshocton. Alcohol sales are limited to the county fair and Rock Coshocton events, as smaller events do not justify the effort. Mr. Massie reported that there have been zero issues associated with the beer garden during the fair.

Entertainment costs were also discussed. Mr. Massie noted that Jelly Roll required approximately \$3.5 million, while Jo Dee Masina was \$75,000. A fifth-place American Idol artist costs approximately \$750,000, not including stage and equipment expenses. Due to these costs, the fair cannot afford to bring in certain artists.

Mr. Buxton concluded by thanking the Coshocton County Commissioners for their time and for holding the meeting.

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Mrs. Jillian Flowers, Community Development Block Grant Update

At 9:41 a.m., Mrs. Jillian Flowers attended the meeting to provide updates on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects and related grant activity.

Mrs. Flowers reported that the 2023 FLEX Pickleball Project is expected to be completed once weather conditions allow work to resume, with a projected completion date of July 2026.

For Program Year 2023 (PY23) CHIP funding, she stated that all allocated funds are being spent as planned. The City of Coshocton Wastewater Improvement Project is progressing, though at a slower pace. This grant is currently operating under an extension through September. A new contract has been signed, and supplies are now being procured for the project.

Regarding FLEX pre-applications, Jillian noted that applications have been paused for some time. Proposed projects included River View School ADA improvements and downtown lighting, but funding was exhausted last year. The county is currently awaiting the State to reopen the application process, though no updates have been received yet.

Jillian also provided an update on Program Year 2025 energy and allocation grants. While the grant award date was September 1, grant agreements have not yet been received. Environmental reviews are currently being finalized. She anticipates that grant agreements will be issued but not signed immediately. She noted that reporting requirements and HUD-related documentation involve extensive and often vague language.

Several communities are eager to proceed once approvals are finalized, including Warsaw, West Lafayette, and Virginia Township.

Commissioner Shryock asked for clarification on funding amounts. Jillian reported that:

- Village of Warsaw is receiving approximately \$750,000 for improvements including park upgrades, street and sidewalk improvements, village signage, pedestrian signage, and trail enhancements. This is the first funding Warsaw has received since 2014.
- West Lafayette is receiving approximately \$114,000 to separate sewer and water lines. West Lafayette has previously participated in neighborhood revitalization projects.

Commissioner Shryock expressed appreciation for Jillian's professionalism and her efforts to secure the maximum amount of grant funding possible for the county.

Meetings Attended

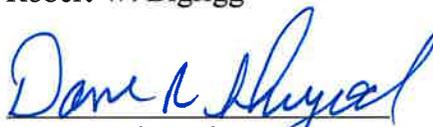
Mr. Bigrigg had a meeting with Mrs. Susan McDonald and Mrs. Tiffany Swigert, Coshocton Port Authority Executive Director on Thursday, February 5, 2026 in regards to the Boy Scout Camp.

Adjourn

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



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Boone Anderson
Clerk