

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

February 25, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Bob Bigrigg, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director and Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Mary Fergali, WTNS and Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Coshocton Tribune.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Accept-Resignation-Ms. Heather Underwood

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Heather Underwood from her part time driver position at CPT at the request of Valerie Shaw, CTP Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Dog Warden Report

Received the Coshocton County Dog Warden weekly report dated February 17, 2026 to February 23, 2026 with 0 dogs picked up by the warden, 1 dog brought in as a stray, 3 dogs euthanized, 0 dog license sold, 0 late fees paid, 0 dogs sold, 0 dogs redeemed, 2 dogs surrendered by owner, 0 charges filed, and 14 calls handled for a total of \$25.00 in fees collected.

Sign the Management Control Agreement

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to authorize Chad Lawrence, IT Director to sign the Management Control Agreement between the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office and the Coshocton County Information Technology Department for the purpose and authority pursuant to the FBI Criminal Justice Services Security Policy at the request of Mr. Chad Lawrence, Coshocton IT Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Evelyn Morrison-Comprehensive Land Grant Application

Ms. Evelyn Morrison attended the meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Land Grant Application. She explained that the grant focuses on farmland preservation and requires the development of an updated land use plan. Ms. Morrison has met with Mary, OMEGA, and specialists from OSU in Columbus to begin the process. A consulting firm from Bowling Green provided a competitive quote to complete the GIS portion of the land use plan and will handle that component. OSU will serve as the lead agency, facilitating community meetings and compiling the necessary information for the plan. The project must be completed within one year and two months. Mr. Bigrigg asked Ms. Morrison what she expected OMEGA's involvement to be in the process. OSU expressed a preference for working with a GIS consultant that has direct experience, rather than utilizing OMEGA, which does not have technical GIS expertise. OSU is confident it can manage the overall process without OMEGA's involvement, aside from Ms. Morrison seeking input on economic-related questions. It was noted that OMEGA's proposed fees were significantly higher for participation. Ms. Morrison indicated she plans to involve local banks, the Port Authority, and other economic development organizations in the process. Mr. Shryock clarified that the land use plan would serve as a suggestive guideline and would not be zoning-driven. Ms. Morrison emphasized that the plan is intended to be a generational tool to guide decisions for years to come. She also raised the question of how farmland preservation can be effectively addressed long-term without zoning, noting that this may need to be considered in the future.

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Sign Ohio Department of Agriculture Grant

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign grant application with the Ohio Department of Agriculture for the Coshocton County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Meet-Dr. Zeeb-New EMS Medical Director

Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director; Mr. Joe Hunt, Assistant Chief of Operations; Ms. Kayla Wright, Assistant Chief of Administration; and Dr. Paul Zeeb attended the meeting. Mr. Shroyer introduced Dr. Paul Zeeb as the new EMS Medical Director. He explained that in January of 2026, the County entered into a contract with the Metropolitan Emergency Consortium (MEC) to utilize Dr. Zeeb as Medical Director, along with the additional benefits offered through the organization. Mr. Hunt stated that participation in MEC provides Coshocton with opportunities to take part in advanced trials. One example is a blood trial grant that would allow EMS personnel to carry blood in the field. He noted that the sooner patients receive blood, the better their outcomes. He also referenced the TAC Med pilot program currently being assembled, which is expected to be submitted within the next four to six weeks. While funding is not guaranteed, they believe they have a strong chance of receiving it, particularly given the Lieutenant Governor's support of the initiative. Dr. Zeeb explained that MEC serves eight counties and 23 organizations across the state. He described MEC as a regional council that can provide dispatching services, manage emergency telephone calls, and offer on-scene support with established protocols for emergency personnel. Dr. Zeeb noted that he serves as a half-time Medical Director with MEC, which is based in Columbus. The remainder of his time will be as the Medical Director for the Coshocton County EMS. Mr. Shroyer added that membership in the consortium also provides increased purchasing power. Dr. Zeeb further stated that another benefit is the opportunity for chiefs to collaborate and share ideas and best practices. The Commissioners thanked them for attending the meeting.

Meetings Attended

On February 23rd, Mr. Bigrigg attended a meeting Executive Board meeting at Kno Ho Co, Tuesday 24th, Mr. Bigrigg he had a 9:00 A.M. CVB meeting and then at 10:00 Mr. Bigrigg and Mr. Shryock had a zoom meeting with Tim Bigham regarding Capital grant projects.

Mary Beck- Updates

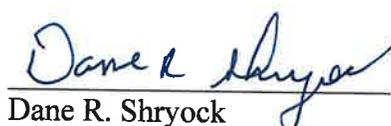
Mary Beck provided the Commissioners with an updated-on Skip's Landing she stated that they are digging holes for the lights at the bridge and also working on burying the electric along County Road 1A. They are also working on the Farmers Market structures.

Adjourn

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



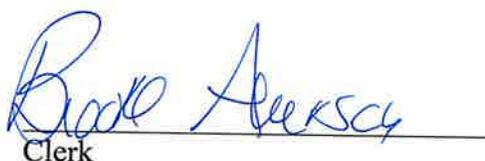
Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk