

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

March 18, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Bob Bigrigg, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Mr. Dean Hettinger and Mary Fergali, WTNS.

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

Title IV-D Contract with Clerk of Courts

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Title IV-D Contract between the Coshocton County Clerk of Courts and the Coshocton County Child Support Enforcement Agency in the amount of \$108,137.54 for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026, as presented by Ms. Jaime Freeman, Assistant DJFS Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Title IV-D Contract with Common Pleas

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Title IV-D Contract between the Coshocton County Common Pleas Court and the Coshocton County Child Support Enforcement Agency in the amount of \$97,183.35 for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026, as presented by Ms. Jaime Freeman, Assistant DJFS Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Title IV-D Contract with Juvenile Court

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Title IV-D Contract between the Coshocton County Juvenile Court and the Coshocton County Child Support Enforcement Agency in the amount of \$205,764.22 for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026, as presented by Ms. Jaime Freeman, Assistant DJFS Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

4-H Proclamation

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the 4-H Week Proclamation, recognizing that the accomplishments and positive contributions of 4-H members reflect the program's motto, "To Make the Best Better," and demonstrate the importance of youth leadership and service within our community.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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Court Square Request-Coshocton United

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Coshocton United use of the Court Square on March 28, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a rally.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Employee Hire, Hayley Ensminger-DJFS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to hire Hayley Ensminger as an Eligibility Referral Specialist 2 with the Coshocton County Department of Job & Family Services, effective March 23, 2026, as requested by Ms. Jaime Freeman, Assistant DJFS Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Employee Hire, Chasity Dreher-DJFS

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to hire Chasity Dreher as an Eligibility Referral Specialist 2 with the Coshocton County Department of Job & Family Services, effective March 30, 2026, as requested by Ms. Jaime Freeman, Assistant DJFS Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Approve Bills

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the bills as presented dated March 18, 2026.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Opposition Letter for House Bills 727 and 728

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a letter of opposition to House Bill 727 and House Bill 728 addressed to both Senator Brenner and Representative Hiner, as the proposed measures would significantly impact the funding structure for juvenile court services, specifically the formulas governing commitments to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) and the resources available for youth maintained at the local level.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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Dog Warden Report

Received the Dog Warden's Report for the week ending March 16, 2026 with 3 dog licenses sold, 1 dog sold, 1 dog redeemed, 1 dog surrendered by owner, 6 charges filed and 36 calls handled for a total of \$105.00 in fees collected.

Tax Increment Financing Cooperative Agreement

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Tax Increment Financing Cooperative Agreement by and between the Coshocton Port Authority and County of Coshocton, Ohio in the amount of \$29,376,252.00 for the Ohio Department of Development All Ohio Future Fund Grant (Conesville Industrial Park Project).

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Ms. Jaime Freeman, 2026 IV-D Contracts

At 9:00 a.m., Ms. Jaime Freeman, Assistant Director of DJFS, presented the Commissioners with the 2026 IV-D contracts. She explained that these agreements are consistent with those executed in prior years and are designed to secure federal participation funds for various county entities. The total funding amount for the county is slightly higher than last year with a total of funding \$411,085.11.

Commissioner Shryock inquired about the contracts being retroactive to the beginning of the year. Ms. Freeman clarified that this is due to the time required by Maximus to gather and compile all necessary information for contract completion.

4-H Week Proclamation

At 9:30 a.m., the Commissioners presented a 4-H Proclamation to Ms. Jenny Strickler in recognition of her contributions and support of the 4-H program.

Meetings Attended

All three Commissioners attended the Ag Day luncheon on Tuesday. Commissioner Bigrigg also attended a Kno-Ho-Co Board meeting on Monday afternoon, and Commissioner Fischer attended the Regional Planning meeting on Monday evening.

Commissioner Bigrigg reported that he spoke with David Marrison and the Ag Day speaker regarding the potential installation of a weather station in Coshocton County, as this would be a great benefit for agricultural purposes within the county. He noted that this could be a worthwhile investment for the county, with the potential for a positive return. Additional details and research will be needed before moving forward. It was also shared that Ohio State University considers Coshocton County to be a strong candidate for such a system, which could support various forms of testing, including soil moisture monitoring. The data collected could be stored for historical reference, aiding in forecasting and improving growing conditions in future years. Given that agriculture is a leading industry in the county, the implementation of this technology could be highly beneficial. Commissioner Bigrigg will follow up with David Marrison for additional information and also identified Evelyn Morrison as a potential contact.

Executive Session-Personnel

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session to discuss employee personnel issues. All Vote Aye. Also in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk and Commissioner Bigrigg. At 11:15 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken

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Mary Beck, County Administrator Updates

Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator updated the Commissioners on designating the park portion from the Skelley family with naming rights, specifically "Wenda and Hilda Skelley Riverside Park." The Commissioners noted that this name could be confusing, as it may imply ownership of the entire park rather than a specific area. The proposed designation is intended for the picnic shelters and swing area. Mary will follow up with Mr. Skelley to discuss revising the name, potentially removing "park" to better reflect the intended scope.

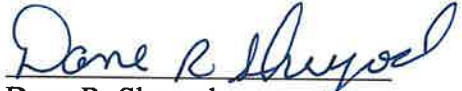
Additionally, the naming of the Farmers Market pavilions was discussed, with "Tuscarawas" and "Walhonding" suggested as possible names for the two structures. The Commissioners liked those names.

Adjourn

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



 Robert W. Bigrigg



 Dane R. Shryock



 Gary L. Fischer



 Clerk