

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

March 25, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 25, 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, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune and Ms. 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

SFY 2026 RECLAIM OHIO and Youth Services Subsidy Grant #2 Amendment

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the SFY 2026 RECLAIM OHIO and Youth Services Subsidy Grant - Amendment #2 for the realignment of funds from "unallocated" to the Transportation Program, as requested by Mr. Doug Schonauer, Court Administrator.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Change Order-Skips Landing

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Change Order #00-033: PCO: 028 City Electrical Lines and Pole Relocation in the amount of \$0.00 for the Skip's Landing Project, as requested by Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Change Order-Skips Landing

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-008: PCO: 024, Unused GMP Funds returned to County in the amount of (\$104,380.00) for the Skip's Landing Project, as requested by Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Advertise for Bid-Engineers Office

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Mr. Joshua D. Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer, to advertise for the Adams Township TR 247 Bridge 1 & Newcastle Township CR 367 Bridge 2 Replacements on April 2 and 9, 2026 with a bid opening to take place on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Coshocton County Commissioners Office.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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MOM Agreement with Commissioners

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Document Management Agreement between Modern Office Methods (MOM) and The Board of Coshocton County Commissioners in the amount of \$492.25 monthly for a term of 60 months for the Commissioner's office copy/scanner machine, as requested by Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

January and February Bank and Investment Statements

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to receive and review the January and February Bank and Investment Statements as presented by Mrs. Lori Patterson, Deputy Treasurer.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Cassie Springer, Community Engagement & Crisis Services for MHRS Board – Introduction

At 9:00 a.m., Ms. Cassie Springer, Director of Community Engagement & Crisis Service for the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board introduced herself to the Coshocton County Commissioners and provided an overview of her role and responsibilities. She explained that she works across multiple counties, including Coshocton, and emphasized the importance of building relationships and connecting faces to names within the communities she serves. Ms. Springer noted that she recently assumed responsibilities previously held by Carl Hoop, who is now the Director of Hickory in Cambridge.

Discussion followed regarding additional funding support for higher-cost foster care placements. It was noted that, due to budget constraints, the board has committed to providing additional financial assistance for three children with higher placement costs. These funds are reimbursed through allocations already generated by local levy dollars. Commissioner Shryock the local kinship coordinator with DJFS, confirmed that these services are provided locally and expressed appreciation for the board's commitment to supporting children and families in need. She also indicated a willingness to collaborate, brainstorm solutions, and pursue additional funding opportunities to further benefit the county.

Ms. Springer further outlined services provided through her role, including support for criminal justice liaisons, mental health liaison services, and the operation of an adult mobile crisis unit. She also highlighted advocacy efforts and training opportunities offered to law enforcement, jail staff, and dispatchers, noting that much of the program's funding is derived from levy sources.

Commissioner Bigrigg acknowledged the importance of these initiatives and commended Ms. Springer for taking the time to attend and present. He noted that addressing these issues has been a top priority for the Commissioners over the past three months.

Mr. Joshua Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer 2025 Annual Report

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Joshua D. Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer, presented the Commissioners with his 2025 Annual Report. Mr. Kempf noted that the final six months of the report reflect his tenure following his transition from former County Engineer Fred.

Mr. Kempf highlighted a new addition to this year's report detailing the Engineer's Office funding sources. He emphasized that the office receives no property tax revenue for its operations. Funding sources included \$1,379,468.68 from license taxes, \$3,956,771.80 from gas taxes, and \$774,182.48 from permissive taxes.

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Mr. Joshua Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer 2025 Annual Report- Continued

During 2025, the office issued 565 access management permits, generating \$12,099.00 in revenue. A total of 147 property splits were reviewed for the Coshocton County Regional Planning Commission, and 101 new addresses were assigned.

The Engineer's Office added five vehicles to its fleet and removed two. The office also remained actively involved in improvements at Skip's Landing. Additionally, staff administered all aspects of the OPWC Round 39 resurfacing projects, including design, cost estimation, bid and contract preparation, and construction inspection. Total resurfacing expenditures for 2025 amounted to \$3,526,505.00.

County crews completed 25 installations on the county road system at a total cost of \$130,711.08. For the 2024–2025 winter season, the Engineer's Office responded to 12 snow events, logging 1,258 regular hours and 880 overtime hours, traveling 30,224.70 miles. Materials used included 801.45 tons of salt and 1,156.35 tons of salt/grit mix, for a total material cost of \$77,523.73.

In 2025, the office conducted routine roadway repairs and responded to pothole reports. Crews worked 1,164 hours applying cold patch at a cost of \$52,077.05 and an additional 729.5 hours using Durapatch, totaling \$70,574.94.

Deputy Chris Johnson conducted weight enforcement activities, weighing a total of 846,100 pounds in overweight loads. He made 235 traffic stops, including 151 related to weight enforcement, weighed 78 trucks, issued 93 citations, 61 written warnings, and 18 verbal warnings. He also assisted the Sheriff's Office on 82 calls while maintaining his regular duties.

The Engineer's Office reported zero workplace injuries in 2025. The office completed the replacement of four bridges using grant and local funding, with total expenditures of \$935,682. Mr. Kempf noted several road and bridge projects are planned for 2026.

Additionally, the office reviewed 137 Regional Planning applications, resulting in 370 parcel creations and 10 private road submissions.

Mr. Kempf commented on the effectiveness of a new mower, noting improved reach and overall roadside appearance, despite increased time requirements. He also discussed factors impacting road conditions, including harsh winters, wet spring conditions, and subsurface water movement, all of which contribute to roadway deterioration. He concluded by emphasizing that the Engineer's Office remains significantly underfunded relative to its responsibilities.

Updates - Mary Beck, County Administrator

County Administrator Mary Beck provided updates to the Coshocton County Commissioners regarding several ongoing projects and initiatives. She reported that the pots purchased for Skip's Landing are currently being held at the Garden Patch. Concrete has been poured for the second building at the site, and with both building foundations now complete, vertical construction is expected to begin soon. Work continues on addressing a previously identified water line, with efforts underway to relocate it. Mary noted that the restroom facilities at Skip's Landing will include timed door locks. She also shared that she spoke with Eric Skelley about naming the area "Wendell and Hilda Skelley Riverside," which would include four small pavilions and six river swings. Plans are in place for a grand opening celebration for the farmers market, with details to be determined. Additionally, the America250 celebration is scheduled for mid-July and part of this celebration will take place in the Skip's Landing area, featuring a historical character presentation. Stuart Clark has expressed interest in dedicating a bench or tree in memory of a friend, with a decision likely to be made upon project completion. Lastly, Mary met with The Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce to discuss creating an educational Facebook post highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the CCCs.

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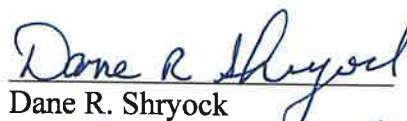
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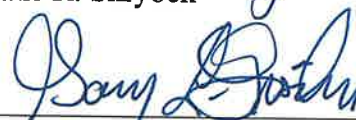
All three Commissioners attended the OMEGA meeting in New Philadelphia on Tuesday, March 24th. Commissioner Bigrigg also reported attending a CVB meeting on Tuesday morning.

Adjourn

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



Robert W. Bigrigg

Dane R. Shryock

Gary L. Fischer

Clerk