

**COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL**

**Monday**

**Regular**

**March 30, 2026**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 30, 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 and 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- Coshocton County Youth Financial Support Committee**

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Coshocton County Youth Financial Support Committee use of the Commissioner Community Room on March 5, 2027, all day for a Fundraiser-this request also has an alcohol form attached for approval.

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
           Shryock        yea  
           Fischer         yea

**CCAO Group Retro Agreement**

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement between CCAO Service Corporation and The Board of Coshocton County Commissioners, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC), and the rules promulgated thereunder, permit the establishment of employer group retrospective rating plans in order to group the experience for workers' compensation rating purposes, for calendar year 2027.

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
           Shryock        yea  
           Fischer         yea

**Transfers/Additional/Reduction**

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

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
Unappropriated	Additional-Sheriff 150-0200-521000 (EQUIPMENT)	\$1,100.00	3/27/2026	3/30/2026
Unappropriated	Additional-Probate/Juv 211-0300-530000 (TRAVEL)	\$1,000.00	3/27/2026	3/30/2026
Unappropriated	Additional-DJFS 090-0100-582000 (GRANTS)	\$350,000.00	3/27/2026	3/30/2026

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
           Shryock        yea  
           Fischer         yea

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## Then and Now Certificates

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to affirm the following Then and Now Certificates that have been approved by County Administrator Mary Beck and certified by the County Auditor.

Then and Now Certificates					
VENDOR	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
Licking County Coroner	001-0260-526000	\$1,675.00	CCC	3/27/2026	3/30/2026
Phillip A. Wagner Inc.	001-0420-526000	\$5,112.89	CCC	3/27/2026	3/20/2026

Vote: Bigrigg      yea  
 Shryock          yea  
 Fischer            yea

## Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Warden's Report for the week ending March 23, 2026, with 2 dogs picked up by the dog warden, 0 dogs brought in a stray, 3 dogs euthanized, 11 dog licenses sold, 7 dogs sold, 2 dogs redeemed, 10 dogs surrendered by owner, 8 charge filed and 23 calls handled for a total of \$440.00 in fees collected.

## Cindi Herring, CEBCO 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Health Insurance Report

At 10:00 a.m., Cindi Herring, CEBCO Benefit Specialist, attended the Commissioners' meeting to present the Fourth Quarter Health Insurance Reports, noting that portions of the data also reflect trends for 2025. She reported that four claimants exceeded the \$125,000 pooling point, resulting in \$408,494 being removed from the County's experience.

Ms. Herring stated that medical claims totaled \$3,427,437, representing a 21.7% increase from the previous period, while prescription (Rx) claims totaled \$1,436,516, a 31.6% increase. Of the prescriptions filled, 89.2% were generic and 10.3% were brand-name. Overall, the reporting period reflected a 19.2% increase in claims.

In terms of utilization by service setting, inpatient costs increased by 128%, outpatient costs rose by 12%, and professional services experienced the smallest increase at 6.2% compared to the prior period. The loss ratio increased to 110.1, up from 100.7 in the third quarter. Ms. Herring explained that 70% of the County's experience factors into its renewal rates, with the remaining 30% attributed to the overall pool.

She further noted significant increases in both medical and pharmacy costs since the third quarter, highlighted trends among the top ten prescriptions, and discussed utilization across inpatient, outpatient, and professional services. Telehealth usage was also introduced as a new reporting category. Additionally, she reviewed the proportion of generic versus brand-name prescriptions.

Discussion followed regarding high-cost claimants and whether such cases are recurring or one-time occurrences, as well as plan participation trends, including the long-standing PPO plan and newer HSA options. Ms. Herring also noted that diabetes-related medications represent a significant portion of overall prescription spending, a trend observed across all counties participating in CEBCO. Commissioner Bigrigg inquired whether rising costs may also be attributed to increased pricing by healthcare facilities.

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**Updates - Mary Beck, County Administrator**

Mary Beck, County Administrator, reported that she has been in communication with a representative from Creekside regarding the construction of the Skeeley buildings, with work expected to begin in the coming weeks. She also noted that the Board of Elections' early voting room has been completed and will open for early voting next week. Additionally, Ms. Beck discussed the bridge on County Road 1A at Skips Landing, stating that estimates are being obtained for the installation of six additional lights on each side to improve visibility, as well as the addition of a top railing similar in design to that of the Three Rivers Bridge.

**Meeting attended**

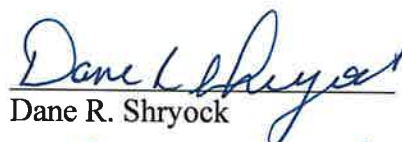
Commissioner Bigrigg reported that he spoke with Emily Marrison, OS regarding the weather station, including associated costs and potential revenue funding. Ms. Marrison will attend a future meeting to provide an update upon completion of her review. He also noted that on Thursday, he participated in a CEO discussion with Kno-Ho-Co in the evening, followed by attendance at the Annual Health District meeting.

Adjourn

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



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk