

## COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

**Wednesday**

**Regular**

**April 8, 2026**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 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, Dean Hettinger, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune and Mary Feragli, 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

### Community Room Rental-McKenna Franks

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to McKenna Franks, a county employee, use of the Commissioners Community Room on October 24, 2026, all day for a birthday party.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

### Court Square Request-Veterans Office

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to the Coshocton County Veterans Service Commission use of the Court Square on May 25, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Coshocton Memorial Day Parade and Service.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

### Change Order #00-009: PCO 009 CR 1A Bridge

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-009: PCO 009 CR 1A Bridge Parapet Wall Restoration in the amount of \$196,865.63 for the restoration of the concrete parapet walls on the COS-CR-1A bridge located in Tuscarawas Township. The scope of the work included restoration of the interior and top surfaces of both existing exterior concrete parapet walls, as well as both sides and the top of the interior concrete wall, to be done concurrently with the schedule for the Skip's Landing Project, as requested by Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

### Resolution 2026-023, ODOT Salt Contract

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Resolution 2026-023, a resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contract awarded in 2026.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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**Monthly Prisoner Food Cost-March 2026**

Received the monthly prisoner food cost for the month of March 2026 from Sheriff Christopher Walters.

**Mr. Tom Rager, Chestnut Street Property Line Discussion**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met with Ms. Hannah Gallagher, Economic Development Specialist Coshocton Port Authority, Mr. Joshua Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer and Mr. Tom Rager, business/property owner and had a discussion regarding property line considerations associated with the former Old Prosecutors office and Mr. Rager's building at the corner of Third and Chestnut Streets. Adjacent property owner Tom expressed concerns after first learning of the project when trucks appeared in his parking lot, noting he had not previously been informed of planned activity on or near his property. While he was aware at the time of purchase that surrounding structures might eventually be demolished, he did not anticipate the use of heavy equipment on his lot. His primary concerns involve the property boundary, including a wall believed to extend approximately two feet onto his property and a chimney located near or on the property line, as well as the potential impact demolition could have on existing structures and his parking lot.

Tom also requested to review engineering and demolition plans, stating that, based on conversations with the contractor, none had been provided. He questioned the overall purpose of the demolition, noting prior understanding that the space might become green space, and expressed concern about the value of the property as commercial land. Hannah clarified that the current plan includes a combination of green space and additional parking, with drainage already factored into the design, though she acknowledged that plans have evolved in recent weeks. Tom further raised concerns related to potential sinkholes and emphasized that proper procedures must be followed, referencing his background as an engineer and surveyor.

Commissioner Bigrigg emphasized the importance of maintaining a positive neighborly relationship and noted that all work would follow proper bidding and regulatory processes. Hannah added that bids are currently open and have not yet been awarded, and that the project will adhere to strict standards set by the Ohio Department of Development. She reassured that contractors are bonded and insured, held to high standards, and required to correct any issues that arise. She also offered to share bid documentation with Tom for transparency. Tom indicated he is willing to cooperate but does not want the retaining wall or sandstone blocks disturbed and does not want heavy equipment on his property. He also expressed interest in being listed on contractor bonds as an added precaution.

Further discussion addressed preservation of certain features, including a concrete monument at the front of the property, and the importance of clearly establishing property lines. Commissioners confirmed their intent to respect these concerns and ensure contractors operate strictly within project boundaries unless otherwise agreed upon. Hannah stated she would seek an access agreement with Tom if needed, and reiterated that she would oversee contractor accountability. Additional comments highlighted that demolition could be staged to minimize impact, potentially beginning with structures farther from Tom's property, and that improvements such as grading and grass installation may improve drainage conditions.

Tom reiterated that he supports community improvement efforts and is willing to work collaboratively, provided the project is completed responsibly and without damage to his property. The Commissioners affirmed their commitment to being good neighbors and conducting the project professionally. It was noted that demolition is expected to begin within approximately 30 days, with an estimated 60-day completion timeline. Tom concluded by expressing appreciation for the opportunity to share his concerns and participate in the discussion.

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## Updates - Mary Beck, County Administrator


County Administrator/Project Manager Mary Beck provided updates on several ongoing and upcoming projects. Decorative lighting for the CR 1A bridge will include flower pots, consistent with the design used on the Three Rivers Bridge. The playground project is scheduled to begin on April 20th and is expected to take approximately five to six weeks to complete; additional drainage improvements will be included as part of the project.


At Skip's Landing, Frontier will dig holes for three flag poles to help reduce costs. The installation will include one 60-foot pole and two 30-foot Clow pipe flag poles, positioned in the center of the roundabout, displaying the American, Ohio, and Coshocton flags. The Maintenance Department will also install an additional Skip's Landing sign on the back side of the roundabout. The ice rink was dismantled by the Maintenance Department yesterday.

Further discussion included proposed upgrades at the courthouse, such as lighting improvements, a potential bell tower, and landscaping enhancements including new trees. The Commissioners indicated they are not in favor of attaching holiday lights to the flag poles. In recognition of Public Government Month, the Commissioners will continue creating informational reels, with upcoming topics focusing on internet access and the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF).

Adjourn

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


  
Robert W. Bigrigg


  
Dane R. Shryock


  
Gary L. Fischer


  
Clerk