

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Wednesday

Regular

April 15, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mr. Chuck Ellis.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Approve Bills

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the bills per computer printout dated April 15, 2026.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Resignation-Dawn Gustafson, DJFS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to accept the resignation of Dawn Gustafson from her position at the Department of Job and Family Services effective April 10, 2026, as requested by Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Community Room Rental-Mary Beck

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Mary Beck, a county employee, use of the Commissioners Community Room on May 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a going away party.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Retirement-Todd Shroyer, EMS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to accept the retirement of Mr. Todd Shroyer from his position as Director at the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Service (CCEMS), effective June 30, 2026.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Retirement-Carolyn Barr, EMS

Mr. Shryock made motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to accept the retirement of Carolyn Barr from her position as office clerk at the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Service (CCEMS), effective June 30, 2026.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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Resolution 2026-026, Change Title Director to Chief

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Resolution 2026-026, a resolution authorizing the change of the title "Director" of Coshocton County EMS to "Chief" of Coshocton County EMS.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Resolution 2026-027, Administrative Task Allowance

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2026-027, a resolution authorizing a change to Chief of Coshocton County EMS to complete administrative tasks related to managing the Coshocton County EMS DEA licenses.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending April 6, 2026 with 1 dog picked up by the warden, 3 dogs brought in as strays, 6 dog licenses sold, 3 dogs sold, 2 dogs redeemed, and \$205.00 in fees collected.

Dog Wardens Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending April 13, 2026 with 1 dog picked up by the warden, 2 dogs brought in as strays, 3 dogs euthanized, 2 dog licenses sold, 2 dogs sold, 1 dog redeemed, 1 dog surrendered by owner, 2 charges filed, and 18 calls for a total of \$115.00 in fees collected.

Employee Hire, Landon Morris-Maintenance

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to hire Landon Morris, as a part-time seasonal maintenance employee, not to exceed 40 hours a week, effective April 20, 2026, as requested by Mr. Ike Reger, Maintenance Supervisor.

Vote: Bigrigg	absent
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Updates - Mary Beck, County Administrator

County Administrator Mary Beck and Maintenance Supervisor Ike Reger provided several updates regarding ongoing and upcoming projects. The replacement of lights on the court square is scheduled for next week and will be completed by Wagner's, and Cox's should begin work on the front side of Court Square. Ike also addressed the courthouse bunting, recommending that it be removed rather than replaced due to the potential for damage to the lawn and new sidewalks caused by the use of a bucket truck. He suggested utilizing the County Engineer's truck to remove the bunting now and not reinstall it. Mary will discuss this recommendation with Judge Batchelor, including the challenges associated with reinstalling the bunting, and consider replacement at the time of removal if necessary.

Additional discussion included maintenance along the riverbanks at Skip's Landing, where Cox's had proposed spraying services at a cost of \$2,200. However, Ike noted that he is licensed to perform the aquatic spraying, and will do this himself, which will reduce the need for extensive weed trimming throughout the summer.

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Updates - Mary Beck, County Administrator (Continued)

Eric Skelley's proposed river swings with pergolas near the path, emphasizing the need for a walkable area overlooking the river and cleared banks. Due to current workload constraints, Ike indicated his team may not be able to complete the initial clearing, and it was suggested that outside assistance be used for the first phase. Mary agreed this work should be completed in preparation for the America 250 Celebration. At Skip's Landing, a 20-inch water line will remain in place, and two valves will be installed for the City's use, resulting in an estimated cost savings of \$100,000, Mary stated as good news during her updates.

Facility maintenance updates included concerns with the County Barn roof, which has missing slate and requires repair. Estimates will be obtained for both metal and slate options, and the Commissioners plan to visit the barn next week. Rusty Dreher also noted he has contact with an Amish contractor who may be able to complete the slate work at a reasonable cost and will provide that information to Ike for an estimate. Additional infrastructure updates included a section of the walking path where the City removed a 2x4 and did not replace it due to the presence of a valve beneath the surface, Mary will work with Safety Service Director Max Crown for a remedy for this situation.

Mary also reported that she was scheduled to be on the radio with Tom Edwards to discuss the IT wish list funding, as well as planned decorative additions including 10-foot animated trees and a roof outline with a star at the gazebo, that monies raised during the Kentucky Derby Fundraiser will pay for. Finally, Ann Cornell has applied for grant funding through the Schooler Foundation to support a play based on Dr. Butler's book, *Here We Turn Up River*, which is expected to kick off during the America 250 Celebration.

Meetings Attended

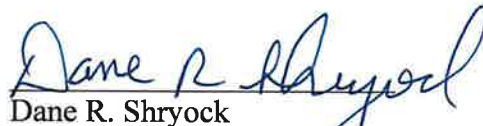
Commissioner Shryock reported that he had an in-depth discussion with Greg Cox regarding the scope of work planned for the front lawn of the courthouse on Monday, April 13th. Additionally, Commissioner Shryock participated in a Soil and Water planning session at Wills Creek Dam on Tuesday, April 14th, working to develop a plan giving their board direction. Commissioner Fischer attended Lower 40 Taxidermy's ribbon cutting on Tuesday, April 14th.

Adjourn

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



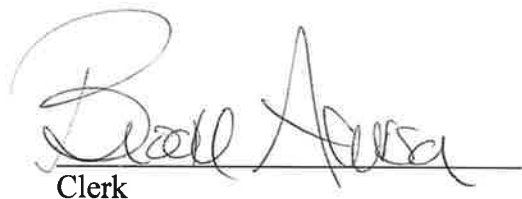
Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk