

**COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL**

**Monday**

**Regular**

**April 27, 2026**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Robert Bigrigg, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune and Mary Fergi 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-OSU Extension**

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to OSU Extension use of the Commissioners Community Room on June 23, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for a Cloverbud Engineering Challenge.

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
           Shryock        yea  
           Fischer         yea

**Certificate of County Auditor**

Received the Certificate of County Auditor that the Total Appropriations from Each Fund Do Not Exceed the Official Estimate of Resources.

**Amended Certificate #3**

Received Amended Certificate #3 of the Certificate of Estimated Resources dated April 22, 2026 from the Office of Budget Commission, Coshocton County, Ohio.

**Letter of Support to Potential Buyer of Selby Building**

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign a letter of support for the prospective buyer of the Selby Building on Main Street in partnership with Our Town Coshocton, as requested by Mr. Tom Barcroft, Our Town Coshocton.

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
           Shryock        yea  
           Fischer         yea

**Then and Now Certificates**

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

Then and Now Certificates					
VENDOR	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
Dawna F. Walters	030-0100-540002	\$1,568.94	DJFS	4/20/2026	4/27/2026
Jefferson County Educational Service Center	030-0100-540002	\$16,438.24	DJFS	4/20/2026	4/27/2026
Angela L. Cantrell	030-0100-540002	\$2,378.27	DJFS	4/22/2026	4/27/2026
Brandi Custer	030-0101-530000	\$1,662.80	DJFS	4/22/2026	4/27/2026
GovDeals Inc.	001-0110-526000	\$1,513.64	CCC	4/24/2026	4/27/2026
Killbuck Valley Auto LLC	001-0420-520001	\$1,535.41	CCC	4/24/2026	4/27/2026
CDW Government Inc.	001-0430-521000	\$1,613.38	CCC	4/24/2026	4/27/2026

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
           Shryock        yea  
           Fischer         yea

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### Transfers/Additional/Reductions

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to affirm the following Transfers/Additional/Reductions which were approved by County Administrator Mary Beck and certified by the County Auditor.

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
	<b>Transfer-Sheriff</b>			
001-0610-526000 (CONTRACT - SERVICES)	001-0610-521002 (EQUIPMENT - INSURANCE)	\$6,000.00	4/20/2026	4/27/2026
	<b>Additional-Common Pleas</b>			
	009-0100-540001 (TRAINING)	\$3,000.00	4/20/2026	4/27/2026
	<b>Additional-Sheriff</b>			
	159-0100-540000 (Other Expense)	\$24,611.10	4/22/2026	4/27/2026
	<b>Transfer-CCC</b>			
250-0100-526000 (Contract Services)	250-0100-540000 (Other Expense- Sponsored )	\$1,000.00	4/22/2026	4/27/2026

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
                   Shryock        yea  
                   Fischer        yea

### Executive Session, Possible Litigation

At 8:47 a.m. Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to go into executive session with Mr. James Skelton, Assistant – Prosecutor, Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk to discuss possible litigation. All vote Aye. At 9:10 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

### Bid Opening, TR 247 Bridge 1 & CR 367 Bridge 2 Replacement

At 9:13 a bid opening was held with the following people present: Commissioner Bigrigg, Commissioner Shryock, Commissioner Fischer, Mary Beck, County Administrator, Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Josh Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer, Jeff Schlegel, from Buds, Travis McConnell, McConnell Contracting, Chrispen Schlegel, Assistant Coshocton County Engineer and Tom Barcroft, City Councilman. Mr. Kempf stated the Engineers Estimate for the TR 247 Bride 1 and CR 367 Bridge 2 Replacement was \$397,848.00. Mr. Bigrigg read the following bids aloud: McConnell Contracting, Inc. from West Lafayette, Ohio had a total bid of \$383,835.00 and BUDS Inc. from Nashport, Ohio had a bid of \$515,980.00.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to turn over all bids to Mr. Joshua Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer for his review and recommendation.

Vote: Bigrigg        yea  
                   Shryock        yea  
                   Fischer        yea

### Sheriff Walters and Lieutenant Udischas, Jail Staffing

At 9:30 a.m., Sheriff Walters and Lieutenant Udischas met with the Coshocton County Commissioners to discuss jail staffing. They reported positive news regarding housing inmates from Knox County, noting that after more than a week, the number has decreased from 18 to 11 inmates as of today. This arrangement has generated \$715.00 per day for the General Fund, totaling \$7,670.00 to date. Despite the current hiring freeze, Chip explained the need to replace one third-shift female position, address kitchen staffing issues involving one full-time and two part-time employees (two of whom are related, creating complications), and retain a part-time employee with no scheduled hours to serve as needed. He requested permission for these adjustments. Additionally, a previously cut day-shift position has resulted in supervisors spending excessive time on floor duties rather than their primary responsibilities, and Chip expressed interest in rehiring for that role, possibly needing to revisit funding at year's end. The proposed hire would be an entry-level officer. Chip also noted a successful arrangement where a cook worked as an interim for the JVS and expressed interest in repeating this in the future, which Commissioner Bigrigg supported.

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### **Sheriff Walters and Lieutenant Udischas, Jail Staffing-Continued**

Commissioner Shryock acknowledged the benefit of generating revenue from outside the county and inquired about the long-term outlook with Knox County. Chip responded that Knox County's inmate numbers remain high with no foreseeable decline and emphasized the importance of maintaining compliance with housing limits while continuing to market services to other agencies. When asked what was needed moving forward, Chip indicated they may be able to proceed without additional General Fund support for now and requested approval to move forward despite the hiring freeze. Commissioner Bigrigg granted approval.

Chip also presented on opioid grant funding, noting \$50,000 per year is available for program supplies. He introduced wearable devices that monitor inmate vital signs 24/7, which are particularly useful for individuals detoxing and may reduce the risk of severe incidents. The initial purchase of five devices costs \$21,011.72, with additional yearly fees to follow; future costs would be covered through commissary funds once grant funding is exhausted. Commissioner Bigrigg and Commissioner Shryock both expressed support for the program and appreciation for the work presented.

Finally, Commissioner Shryock raised concerns about the current lack of detectives in the county and discussed the need for additional support with Seth, suggesting the position be considered critical. Commissioner Bigrigg agreed, stating that it is a necessary personnel need.

### **Executive Session, Personnel Matters**

At 10:54 a.m. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session with Mr. James Skelton, Assistant – Prosecutor, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk to discuss personnel matters. All vote Aye.  
At 11:21 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

### **Discussion of possible PBS Television Footage**

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Bigrigg, Commissioner Shryock, Commissioner Fischer, Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager Kimberly Schumaker (CVB), Tiffany Swigert, Coshocton County Port Authority, Mark Mills, Mayor-City of Coshocton, Max Crown, Safety Services-City of Coshocton and Sharon Bucey, Executive-in-Residence Roscoe Village Foundation Board Member (via Zoom), attended a discussion regarding a potential PBS feature. Bob convened the meeting to discuss an interview opportunity with the executive producer of *Empower with Meg Ryan*, which could highlight the community in a video segment. Mark explained that there are one-, three-, and five-segment options available, typically used as filler content, and noted the segment could air on networks beyond PBS. The cost for a professionally produced segment is \$30,000, which, according to the Mayor, would support national distribution.

Tiffany clarified that the package would include one production and one narrative piece that could be aired repeatedly if scheduled appropriately, and Mark confirmed this understanding. The segment could focus on either industry or community highlights, with one example cited from a community in Tennessee. Mark suggested seeking funding support through the Foundation or by having multiple entities contribute. Sharon shared feedback from a PBS colleague, indicating the opportunity is largely “pay-to-play,” and questioned the overall goal of the segment. She raised the possibility of pursuing alternative methods to obtain high-quality footage and noted that usage rights would be included, allowing the community to repurpose the content. Mark emphasized that, from the City's perspective, the value lies in achieving national exposure, describing a 10–15-minute professional video as highly beneficial for promoting Coshocton on a broader stage.

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**Discussion of possible PBS Television Footage – Continued**

Further discussion centered on the return on investment, including how and where the segment would air and whether the cost is negotiable. Tiffany highlighted the value of having full usage rights, particularly for social media, eliminating the challenges of independently distributing content. Kimberly noted that

expertise in how to use the video effectively is also a key benefit. Tiffany emphasized the uniqueness of collaboration between the city and county, suggesting a unified message would strengthen the effort. Bob agreed, stressing the importance of presenting a single, cohesive narrative rather than separate messages from Roscoe, the city, or the county.

Participants discussed potential themes for the segment, including outdoor recreation, heritage, and the area's unique history. Tiffany recommended focusing on tourism rather than industry, highlighting assets such as the canal boat, Roscoe Village, Woolly Pig Farm Brewery, and Three Rivers Wine Trail, with the goal of appealing to multiple generations. She noted the significance of the local tourism economy and expressed the Port Authority's support. Sharon emphasized the importance of clearly defining the community's brand and story moving forward and suggested consulting with clients for feedback.

As next steps, Bob indicated that Mark and he would meet with the producer to convey the community's desire to present a unified message, with additional details expected following a meeting the next afternoon. Sharon offered to join Bob and Mark for the discussion and reiterated the importance of understanding when and where the segment would air. Mark described the opportunity as a valuable way to share Coshocton's story both locally and nationally, and Sharon concluded by noting the strength of the collaboration and the importance of retaining the raw footage for future use.

**Meetings Attended**

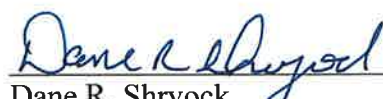
All three Commissioners attended the EODA event in Walnut Creek on Friday, April 24th. Commissioner Bigrigg reported that he attended a scholarship meeting on Wednesday for the Tommy Thompson Scholarship. On Thursday, he participated in a meeting and tree planting ceremony at the Senior Center alongside Dan Schroder, Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Additionally, Bob noted that he attended the America 250 train event on Sunday.

**Adjourn**

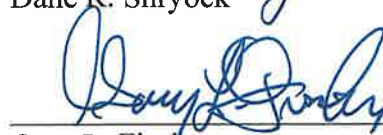
Mr. Bigrigg adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.




Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Brooke Alverson  
Clerk