

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

May 11, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Robert Bigrigg and Mr. Dane Shryock. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mr. Chuck Selders, Mr. Chuck Ellis and Ms. Mary Fergali, WTNS.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	absent

Change Order # 00-040: PCO 030 Additional CR 1A Bridge Lighting Installation

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign Change Order # 00-040: PCO 030 Additional CR 1A Bridge Lighting Installation in the amount of \$0.00, this change order includes labor and bracket material required for Phillip Wagner to install lighting poles along the bridge. The cost and material for the additional light poles is not included, this change order will be funded from Allowance #4 (Electrical) for the Skip's Landing Project, as requested by Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	absent

FFY2026/SFY 2027 Certification and Assurances for the Ohio Department of Transportation Division of Planning

Mr. Shryock made motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign FFY2026/SFY 2027 Certification and Assurances for the Ohio Department of Transportation Division of Planning for any and all awarded grants received by the Board of Coshocton County Commissioners DBA Coshocton Public Transit, as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CPT Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	absent

Notice of Termination of Tower Site Agreement

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Notice of Termination of Tower Site Sublicense Agreement between the Coshocton County Commissioners and Digital Network Solutions, Inc. effective May 11, 2026, as requested by Mr. Rusty Dreher, Coshocton County Commissioners Office.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	absent

CDBG Participation Agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Coshocton County, Ohio and the Village of West Lafayette

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the CDBG Participation Agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Coshocton County, Ohio and the Village of West Lafayette for the PY 2026 CDBG Allocation Grant in the amount of \$114,422.00, the funds will be used to remove and replace a 12" sanitary storm sewer pipe, as requested by Mrs. Jillian Flowers, CDC of Ohio.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	absent

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

May 11, 2026

Permission to Advertise FDR Sealing-Engineers Office

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Mr. Joshua Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer to advertise the 2026 Sealing, FDR Project on March 15th and 22nd with a bid opening on June 1, 2026 at 10:00 in the Coshocton County Commissioner's Office.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer absent

Coshocton County - Ohio Department of Development's Required Risk Assessment for Distribution of Federal Funds

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Coshocton County - Ohio Department of Development's Required Risk Assessment for Distribution of Federal Funds, as requested by Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer absent

Contract between Commissioners and McConnell Contracting

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the contract between The Coshocton County Commissioners and McConnell Contracting in the amount of \$366,255.00 for the TR 247 Bridge 1 & CR 367 Bridge 2 Replacements, as requested by Mr. Joshua Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer absent

Monthly Prisoner Food Cost-April 2026

Received the Monthly Prisoner Food Cost for the month of April 2026 from Sheriff Christopher Walters.

Then and Now Certificates

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

Table with 6 columns: VENDOR, ACCOUNT, AMOUNT, DEPARTMENT, APPROVED, AFFIRMED. Lists various vendors and their associated amounts and dates.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
Shryock yea
Fischer absent

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

May 11, 2026

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

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

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
	Additional-BOE			
	312-0312-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE)	\$180.00	5/4/2026	5/11/2026
	Additional-Probate/Juv			
	211-0350-510200 (Salaries)	\$1,017.00		
	211-0350-511000 (OPERS)	\$130.00		
	211-0350-511500 (Medicare)	\$15.00		
	211-0350-540000 (Other Expense)	\$450.00		
		\$1,612.00	5/6/2026	5/11/2026
	Transfer-CCC			
140-0100-521000 (EQUIPMENT)	140-0100-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE)	\$800.00	5/6/2026	5/11/2026
	Transfer-Sheriff			
160-0100-526000 (Contract Services)	160-0100-540001 (Training)	\$4,000.00	5/8/2026	5/11/2026
	Additional-Sheriff			
	151-0100-526000 (CONTRACT SERVICES)	\$3,500.00	5/8/2026	5/11/2026
	Additional-CCC			
	001-0610-510200 (SALARIES - EMPLOYEES)	\$23,000.00	5/8/2026	5/11/2026
	Transfer-Engineer			
050-0100-511100 (WORKER'S COMPENSATION)	050-0100-540003 (BUILDING FUND)	\$5,000.00		
050-0200-511100 (WORKER'S COMPENSATION)	050-0200-510201 (SALARIES - SUMMER HELP)	\$10,000.00		
		\$15,000.00	5/8/2026	5/11/2026

Vote: Bigrigg yea
 Shryock yea
 Fischer absent

Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts – Bell/Bell Tower Discussion

At 9:00 a.m., Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts, and Ms. Arica Mills, Deputy Clerk, attended the Commissioners meeting to express their appreciation for the work being completed at the courthouse and on the courthouse grounds. Ms. Graham discussed the historic courthouse bell that had been removed for safety reasons, noting that the bell is an important part of the county’s history. She explained that the bell was forged in Troy, New York, transported to Coshocton by canal boat, and installed in the courthouse in 1875. Ms. Graham stated that she would like to see the bell placed on public display, possibly in the courthouse courtyard, where residents and visitors could safely view and appreciate it. Commissioner Bigrigg commented that the connection to the canal boat heritage makes the bell especially meaningful to the community’s history. Commissioner Shryock asked Ms. Graham if she had any ideas for a display location, and she suggested the open area near where the Sheriff parks on the side of the courthouse. Commissioner Shryock stated that he would like the bell displayed in a manner that draws attention to it and complements the appearance of the courthouse.

Ms. Graham also informed the Commissioners that on January 9, 2026, Peoples Bank notified her office that two fraudulent checks had been presented against the Clerk of Courts legal office checking account after individuals obtained the routing and account numbers. She stated that she contacted Kurt Frazee from Marietta regarding implementing a Positive Pay process as an additional safeguard to better protect the office’s banking information. Ms. Graham explained that both she and Ms. Mills now receive notifications regarding suspicious activity and that during the first quarter of 2026 there were numerous fraudulent attempts involving the account. She further advised that Eric DeMatteo has been assisting the office with investigating the fraudulent claims and attempts to link the account to outside banks and accounts. Ms. Graham stated that she wanted to make the Commissioners aware of the ongoing issue.

Commissioner Bigrigg suggested that, due to the continued fraudulent activity, the office may want to consider opening a new account and closing the current account. Mrs. Mills stated that this possibility had already been discussed with the bank. Ms. Graham explained that the office regularly issues checks for restitution payments, unused case deposits, and refunds, resulting in a large volume of checks being mailed. She also noted that fraudulent checks had been created using both her name and Mrs. Mills’ name. Although the office still has approximately a box and a half of checks remaining, Ms. Graham stated that the office has begun marking every check as either “paid” or “return” as an added precaution.

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL**Monday****Regular****May 11, 2026****Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts – Bell/Bell Tower Discussion-Continued**

Commissioner Bigrigg commented that the risk of fraud will continue to exist even if account numbers are changed, as criminals continue to find new ways to target businesses and government offices. Commissioner Shryock asked how many other county departments maintain separate bank accounts and suggested that other departments should also be made aware of the situation. Commissioner Bigrigg noted that the Positive Pay system has been available for some time and stated that it is currently one of the best defenses against fraudulent activity. Commissioner Shryock suggested that County Administrator Mary Beck send an email to county departments advising them of the situation at the Clerk of Courts Office so they can remain vigilant. Commissioner Bigrigg concluded by emphasizing the importance of due diligence and stated that the county's best defense against fraud is continued vigilance and awareness.

Mary Beck, County Administrator/ Project Manager

Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager, provided several updates to the Commissioners. She reported receiving numerous public records email requests from Darrell Latham. Additionally, per Ms. Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts request, Mary stated that she would speak with Judge France regarding the placement of pots at the Title Office for beautification purposes. Mary also discussed conversations with the Health Department concerning the use of Enterprise through the Health Department. She noted that if the Health Department were to default, the liability would return to the Commissioners, and the Health Department wanted the Commissioners to be aware of this matter.

Mary requested that the Commissioners walk Skip's Landing with her later in the day to review and approve the river clearing project, stating that she would like the Commissioners to have input in the decision. She also discussed the possibility of placing sod between the two farmer market buildings so the grass would be well established by July 3rd. Don Wells has agreed to oversee the installation and watering of the sod twice daily to ensure proper establishment. Commissioner Bigrigg asked about the cost comparison between installing sod and planting grass seed, and Mary stated she would obtain that information for the next meeting. Commissioner Shryock expressed concerns that sod is typically bluegrass, which can be prone to insects, and suggested using a turf-type tall fescue grass due to its durability and drought tolerance.

Mary also reported on the playground area project, stating that instead of using poured-in-place surfacing, she has requested an estimate for stamped concrete near the two Boy Scout pavilions. She indicated that she believes stamped concrete would be a more durable option and is currently working to obtain pricing to bring back to the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Bigrigg stated that he preferred this option over poured-in-place surfacing, and Mary agreed that it would likely provide greater durability.

Lastly, Mary advised that demolition work at Chestnut Street locations was scheduled to begin that day, starting with Family Pact, followed by the Prosecutor's Office, and then the jail. She also reminded everyone that there would be no parking in the area during the week and stated that all affected parties had been notified.

Executive Session-Personnel Issues

At 10:30 Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, also in the executive session were Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator and Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk. All vote aye. At 10:50 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg returned the meeting to regular session. No action taken.

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

May 11, 2026

Meetings Attended

Commissioner Shryock reported attending the Region 12 Opioid Board meeting via Zoom on Friday, where discussions continued regarding grant funding, with final award determinations expected by the end of May.

Commissioner Bigrigg shared that he participated in CEO interviews with Kno-Ho-Co Ashland on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday, he attended the National Day of Prayer event at Court Square. He also attended the Kiwanis social gathering Friday evening at Woolly Pig Brewery.

Adjourn

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



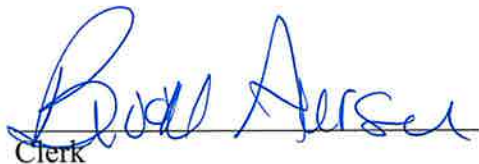
Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer


Clerk