

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

Monday

Regular

May 18, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Robert Bigrigg, Mr. Gary Fischer and Mr. Shryock (late). Also, in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mr. Chuckie Selders, Mr. Chuck Ellis, Mary Fergali and Mr. Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune.

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	abstain

Community Room Rental-Township Association

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg granting permission to the Coshocton County Township Association use of the Commissioners Community Room on September 18, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a banquet.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	absent
Fischer	yea

Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Development Request for Release of Funds

Mr. Bigrigg made motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the State of Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Development Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certificate for Federally Funded State Projects for PY 24 Allocation - Village of West Lafayette in the amount of \$118,422.00; PY24 Allocation - Virginia Township in the amount of \$25,378.00; and PY25 Neighborhood Revitalization Program - Warsaw in the amount of \$700,000.00, as requested by Mrs. Jillian Flowers, CDC of Ohio

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	absent
Fischer	yea

Race Night Contract, Courthouse Downs

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the contract between the Coshocton County Commissioners and Race Night, LLC., in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the Courthouse Downs to be held on May 1, 2027, as requested by Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	absent
Fischer	yea

Change Order-Skips Landing

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-010: PCO 032, CR 1A Decorative Bridge Railing Installation in the amount of \$171,187.50. This change order is for the installation of the decorative bridge railing along COS-CR-1A bridge located in Tuscarawas Township. The scope of work includes removal, prep, installation, and painting of the new railing system. The work will be performed concurrently with the schedule for the Skip's Landing Project, and the associated road or path closures will be coordinated and scheduled with the Coshocton County Engineer's Office, as requested by Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	absent
Fischer	yea

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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

Received the Amended Certificate #4 of the Official Certificates of Estimated Resources dated May 13, 2026, from the Office of Budget Commission, Coshocton County, Ohio.

Schindler Repair Contract for DJFS Elevator

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to approve the Schindler Repair Offer 156955872 in the amount of \$74,918.00 for the elevator located at 635 Pine Street, Coshocton, Ohio – to replace the Power Unit, as requested by Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director

Vote: Bigrigg yea
 Shryock absent
 Fischer yea

Community Room Rental

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Ryan Greten, county employee, use of the Commissioners Community Room on June 20, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for a birthday party.

Vote: Bigrigg yea
 Shryock absent
 Fischer yea

Then and Now Certificate

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

VENDOR	Then and Now Certificates ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
Argent Institutional Trust Company	261-0100-540001	\$66,857.27	EMS	5/15/2026	5/18/2026
Argent Institutional Trust Company	353-0100-540001	\$14,136.48	EMS	5/15/2026	5/18/2026
		\$80,993.75			

Vote: Bigrigg yea
 Shryock absent
 Fischer yea

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

Mr. Bigrigg 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
080-0100-526000 (CONTRACT SERVICES)	Transfer-Hopewell	\$7,845.62		
083-0100-520000 (SUPPLIES)	080-0100-511100 (WORKER'S COMPENSATION)	\$487.75		
	083-0100-511100 (WORKERS COMP)	\$8,333.37	5/11/2026	5/18/2026
	Transfer-Sheriff			
150-0100-526000 (CONTRACT - SERVICES)	150-0100-511100 (WORKER'S COMPENSATION)	\$758.01	5/11/2026	5/18/206
	Transfer-Commissioners			
001-1510-500901 (Misc. Transfer Out)	090-0100-499900 (Transfer in Children Services)	\$120,500.00	5/12/2026	5/18/206
	Additional-EMS			
	353-0100-540001 (Debt Retirement EMS Building)	\$185,130.00	5/14/2026	5/18/2026
	Transfer-EMS			
120-0100-590000 (Transfer Out)	353-0100-400900 (Transfer in)	\$185,131.00	5/15/2026	5/18/2026
	Additional-Engineer			
	050-0300-526500 (CONTRACTS - PROJECTS)	\$1,200,000.00	5/15/2026	5/18/2026

Vote: Bigrigg yea
 Shryock absent
 Fischer yea

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County Administrator/Project Manager Mary Beck reported that Mr. Josh Kempf, County Engineer contacted her regarding a routine review of the sidewalks at Court Square that were completed last year and should still be covered under warranty, that he feels need some minor repairs. Commissioner Bigrigg stated that if the repairs are covered under warranty and there is no cost to the County, the issue should be reviewed and addressed. Mr. Kempf recommended having the contractor return to seal the cracks and complete any necessary repairs to the extent possible.

Mary also shared that the CCAO contacted her regarding a breakfast meeting scheduled for Tuesday morning, June 2, the Commissioners and Chuck Ellis.

Mary met with the Soil and Water Conservation District to discuss the current status of the USDA office relocation. Mary has reportedly been waiting on information from USDA since January, and neither Mary nor Mr. Ryan Medley, SWCD Director has received further communication despite outreach attempts. Ryan expressed concerns regarding the lack of office space and the need for additional room. Mary plans to visit the Services Building with the Commissioners to review Ryan's proposal for reorganizing office space. If renovations are completed, Soil and Water would be responsible for the bond payment associated with the improvements.

Discussion was also held regarding surrounding counties that currently operate regional USDA offices, although it remains unclear whether a similar regional approach may eventually occur in this area. Ryan plans to speak with the Board regarding potential funding for remodeling needs. Commissioner Bigrigg requested that Mary notify FCFC that relocation may become necessary, as the County is exploring possible office space adjustments.

Lastly, Mary reported that she and Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director will attend mandatory OARC grant training on Wednesday at Kent State University

Mrs. Jennifer Austin, Library Levy Discussion

At 9:00 a.m., Mrs. Jennifer Austin, Library Director met with the Commissioners to discuss the upcoming library levy. Mrs. Austin explained that the library will be seeking renewal of the existing half-mill levy originally passed in the fall of 2017. The County Auditor estimates the levy would generate approximately \$420,036 annually. She noted that the Library Board is scheduled to meet the following evening at 4:00 p.m. to pass the final resolution requesting the County Commissioners place the levy on the ballot. Mrs. Austin stated that the cost to the owner of a \$100,000 home would be approximately \$17.50 annually.

Commissioner Bigrigg asked what she anticipated the outcome of the levy would be. Mrs. Austin stated that it is difficult to predict due to current discussions surrounding the possible elimination of property taxes. She explained that aside from state library funding, the levy is the library's only other source of revenue and accounts for approximately 20% of the library's budget. Mrs. Austin emphasized that failure of the levy would be devastating to the library's operations. Commissioner Bigrigg commented that there remains significant uncertainty regarding the future of real estate taxes but stated that the library must continue to move forward regardless of the ongoing discussions. Mrs. Austin agreed, noting that these are certainly interesting times, but the library must continue its work and hope for the best.

Discussion also included the challenges libraries face at the state level, with Mrs. Austin noting that state funding formulas are based on figures established approximately 25 years ago. Commissioner Bigrigg commented that the local library system remains very vibrant within the community. Mrs. Austin stated that the library has a dedicated team that works hard to remain relevant and responsive to the needs of the community. She also discussed the aging condition of the facility, noting that beyond cosmetic improvements, there are significant infrastructure updates needed to modernize the building and better adapt it to current community needs. Commissioner Bigrigg stated that the library is a vital part of any community and thanked Mrs. Austin for her efforts and presentation.

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Mr. Grant Daugherty, Coshocton County Auditor- GAAP Extension

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Grant Daugherty, County Auditor attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss the need for an extension related to the County's GAAP reporting requirements. The Commissioners signed the extension letter last year requesting additional time to complete the GAAP submission through the end of June. Mr. Daugherty stated that the Julian & Grube accounting group had originally hoped to complete the report by the end of the month; however, that timeline is no longer expected to be feasible.

Mr. Daugherty reported that approximately 98% of the necessary information has been returned and compiled, but additional time is needed due to extenuating circumstances related to staffing shortages and ongoing transitions within the County Auditor's Office, including the onboarding of a new Chief Deputy Auditor. He explained that the extension will allow sufficient time to ensure that all financial calculations, reconciliations, and supporting documentation are completed accurately and thoroughly before submission.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the GAAP 2025 Extension letter, as requested by Mr. Grant Daugherty, Coshocton County Auditor.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	absent
Fischer	yea

Meetings Attended

Commissioner Bigrigg reported that he attended the Coshocton Regional Medical Services hospital employee picnic on Thursday, May 14th. He also attended the Coshocton High School awards ceremony, where Kathy, his wife, presented a scholarship in honor of her father.

Adjourn

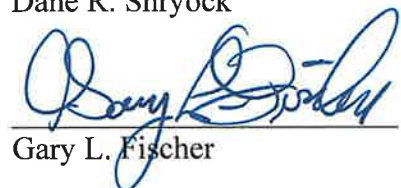
Mr. Bigrigg adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk