

## COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

**Monday**

**Regular**

**June 15, 2026**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Robert Bigrigg, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director, Mrs. Mary Beck, Administrator/Project Manager, Mr. Chuck Ellis and Ms. Mary Fergali, WTNS.

### Approve Minutes

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

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	abstain
Fischer	yea

### Permission to Use Community Room-Mandy Brenly

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to granting permission to Mandy Brenly, county employee, use of the Commissioners Community Room on April 3, 2027 for the ASK Conference.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

### Hire-Part-time Driver/Operator-CPT-Douglas Prince

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to hire Mr. Douglas R. Prince as a Part-Time Driver/Operator with Coshocton Public Transit, effective June 16, 2026, as requested by Ms. Valarie Shaw, CPT Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

### Received Certificate of County Auditor that the Total Appropriations

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

### Received Amended Certificate #5

Received Amended Certificate #5 of the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated June 10, 2026 from the Office of Budget Commission, Coshocton County, Ohio.

### Hire-Part-time Driver/Operator-CPT-Michael Daugherty

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to hire Part-Time employee, Michael E. Daugherty to be employed at the Coshocton Richard Downing Airport with hours not to exceed 59.5 in a pay period at the request of Mr. Marty Dobson, Airport Administrator.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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### Transfers/Additional/Reductions

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

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
	<b>Transfer-Probate/Juv.</b>			
001-0230-540000 (Attorney Fees)	001-0230-540001 (Guardian Ad Litem Fee)	\$30,000.00	6/8/2026	6/15/2026
	<b>Transfer-Clerk of Courts</b>			
012-0100-540000 (OTHER EXPENSES)	012-0100-520000 (SUPPLIES)	\$650.10	6/9/2026	6/15/2026
	<b>Transfer-Engineer</b>			
050-0200-526501 (SPRAYING)	050-0200-540000 (OTHER EXPENSE)	\$5,000.00	6/11/2026	6/15/2026

### Courthouse Illumination-Senior Project

Miss. Addison Alverson attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Commissioners. Mrs. Mary Beck explained that River View High School requires seniors to complete a senior project, which is then passed on to an upcoming senior. Ms. Hallie Wallace project was the Courthouse Illumination Project and she has gifted the project to Miss Addison Alverson. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Alverson for continuing the project.

### May Investment and Bank Statements

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to receive and review the May Investment and Bank Statements as presented by Mrs. Lori Patterson, Coshocton County Treasurer.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

### Department of Job and Family Services Update

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Jed McCoy, Director of Job and Family Services (DJFS); Mr. Jon Piper, DJFS Fiscal Administrator; Mrs. Kathy Art, Children Services Administrator; and Mrs. Cortnie Jamison, Assistant Budget Director, attended the Commissioners' meeting to provide departmental updates. Mr. McCoy reported that two adoptions were finalized during the month and that the agency's custody count has decreased to 86 children. He stated that the agency is moving in a positive direction and believes the increase in the foster care per diem rate effective April 1, 2026, has contributed to this progress. Mr. McCoy further noted that the number of children in congregate care has decreased to 12 and that several foster parent recruitment events are planned in the coming months. Mrs. Art reported that a child currently placed in the State of Washington will be returning to Ohio, with hopes of placement with a parent. She also advised that a child currently residing in a developmental disability facility under a shared-cost agreement will be returning to congregate care due to the facility's closure. As a result, congregate care numbers may increase. Mrs. Art further stated that six children have recently achieved successful reunification with their families. Currently, 23 children remain in kinship placements while under the custody of DJFS. Commissioner Shryock inquired about children placed with grandparents and whether those placements fall under the kinship program. Mrs. Art explained that grandparents providing kinship care may receive medical assistance and assistance with clothing expenses. Additional support may also be available if needed. She noted that children remain in the custody of DJFS for six months following placement with a

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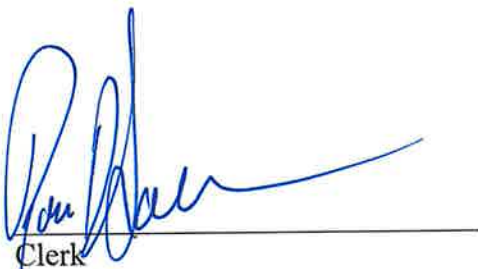
grandparent. Once legal custody is obtained, grandparents may become eligible for additional financial assistance. Mrs. Art also stated that some states require grandparents to become licensed foster parents before a kinship placement can occur. Mr. Piper reported that May foster care expenditures totaled approximately \$371,500. Costs were slightly higher due to the month containing 31 days; however, overall expenses appear to be leveling off compared to the increases experienced since December. He further reported that Title IV-E reimbursement revenue was approximately \$12,000 less than anticipated for the month and that he has requested an explanation from the State regarding the discrepancy. Mr. McCoy noted that while the number of children in agency care is higher than the previous year, overall costs remain lower. Mr. Piper advised that approximately \$200,000 in additional funding would be needed from the Commissioners during the month. Commissioner Bigrigg asked about the status of a potential levy request for the fall ballot. Mr. McCoy responded that discussions regarding a levy will need to occur soon. Commissioner Bigrigg stated that it appears a levy may be necessary and noted that the filing deadline is August 4, as confirmed by Mrs. Mary Beck. Commissioner Bigrigg inquired about a sustainable funding level for Children Services. Mr. McCoy stated that the agency has already expended as much funding in 2026 as it did during the entirety of 2023. Mrs. Beck asked what the average monthly funding request from the Commissioners had been during 2026. Mr. Piper responded that the average request has been approximately \$150,000 per month. If that trend continues, total foster care expenditures for the year are projected to be approximately \$1.5 million. The County budgeted \$1.7 million for foster care expenditures in 2026. Discussion followed regarding the Children Services levy. It was noted that voters approved the renewal levy last year; however, the levy continues to collect at valuation rates established approximately 30 years ago and generates only about \$486,000 annually. Mr. McCoy informed the Commissioners that the agency is completing the One Ohio Grant application to fund the Connect-A-Family position. The Commissioners thanked Mr. McCoy for his continued efforts to identify additional funding sources. Commissioner Bigrigg thanked the DJFS staff for the update and suggested meeting again prior to the July Commissioners' meeting to further discuss the possibility of placing a levy on the ballot. Commissioner Shryock requested that an Auditor's Certification be obtained so that the exact cost impact to property owners can be determined and reviewed before the next meeting.

## Meetings Attended

Mr. Bigrigg met with Heinz Reisser on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Bigrigg attended the hospital board meeting.

## Adjourn

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



Clerk



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer