

COMMISSIONER'S JOURNAL

~~Monday~~
Wednesday

Regular

June 17, 2026

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 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, Mr. Leonard Hayhurst and Ms. Mary Fergali, 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

Permission to Use Court Square-Soil and Water

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to grant permission to Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District to use the Court square on Friday, August 7, 2026 from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. for First Farm Friday Event.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Receive Monthly Transport

Received the monthly transport expense report for the month of May 2026 from Sheriff Chris Walters.

Sign Outlay Reimbursement for USDA Funds

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Outlay report and request for reimbursement for construction programs for the USDA funds in the amount of \$345,866.00 at the request of Robin Schonauer, Budget Director.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Sign Contract-Ms. Laura Martin

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the contract for Ms. Laura Martin, JFS employee to utilize the Coshocton County Commissioner's Community Room for a staff training meeting for Job and Family Services employees of Coshocton on September 25, 2026 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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Sign Resolution-2026-032

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2026- 032 whereas the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office will receive donations and grants for the Special Response Team and these donations and grants are not part of the County's general fund, and therefore the Coshocton County Commissioners authorize the establishment of an agency fund to be known as Fund #161 Special Response Team within the County financial records and the fund will be administered by the Sheriff's Office and County Auditor will be the fiscal officer.

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Transfer

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the following Transfer that has been certified by the County Auditor Grant Daugherty.

To	From	Amount
090-0100-4999.00 Transfer In Children Services	001-1510-5009.01 Misc. Transfer out	\$200,000

Vote: Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

EMS Levy Discussion

Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director; Mr. Joe Hunt, Chief; and Mrs. Kayla Wright, Assistant Chief of Administration, attended the meeting to discuss placing an EMS levy renewal on the November ballot. Mr. Hunt stated that EMS is requesting the renewal of its existing 3.0-mill operating levy for the November election. Mr. Shroyer discussed House Bill 778, which, if enacted, would protect certain fire and EMS levies from losing revenue due to CRA and TIF agreements. He noted that the bill is currently under consideration in the Ohio House of Representatives. Mr. Shroyer also stated that, following his retirement, he intends to continue advocating for EMS funding reform. Commissioner Shryock asked Mr. Hunt if the 3.0-mill levy was the only levy supporting EMS operations. Mr. Hunt responded that EMS currently has two additional 1.0-mill operating levies, both of which are scheduled to expire in 2028. Mr. Shroyer stated that the current 3.0-mill levy is projected to generate approximately \$1.7 million annually and that all three levies support EMS operations. Mr. Shroyer stated that without levy funding, EMS would be unable to continue providing services. He noted that the estimated annual cost to staff two EMS crews is approximately \$800,000. He further reported that, through the end of May, call volume had increased while transports had decreased; however, overall revenue has remained stable. Mrs. Wright reported that the EMS annual budget is approximately \$5.3 million, with primary revenue sources consisting of property tax levies and Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements. Mr. Shroyer stated that, if enacted, the federal "One Big Beautiful Bill" could negatively impact EMS operations due to proposed changes in Medicaid reimbursement rates, which he estimated could reduce reimbursements by approximately 40 percent. Commissioner Shryock inquired whether EMS could attach its billing system with the State's system. Mrs. Wright stated that EMS is currently working through that process. Mr. Shroyer explained that EMS maintains a Compassionate Care Policy. Under this policy, patients whose only insurance coverage is Medicare are not required to pay their patient responsibility amount, and EMS writes off that portion of the bill. Commissioner Bigrigg asked how eligibility is determined. Mrs. Wright explained that eligibility is based on State poverty guidelines and that applicants must provide proof of income to qualify. Mr. Shroyer reported that EMS currently operates four crews working 24-hour shifts and employs a total of 55 individuals, including administrative staff and part-time employees. Commissioner Shryock stated that he was in favor of placing the 3.0-mill levy renewal on the November ballot. Commissioner Bigrigg and Commissioner Fischer also expressed their support. The Commissioners agreed to request certification from the County Auditor.

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Executive Session-EMS Complaint

At 9:27 a.m. Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into Executive Session with Mr. Todd Shroyer, EMS Director and Mr. Joe Hunt, Chief to discuss complaint that was received at EMS. All vote aye. At 9:45 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg returned the meeting to regular session. The following action took place.

Meetings Attended

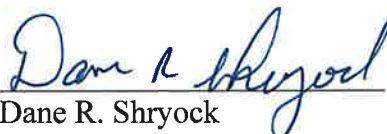
Mr. Bigrigg went to the selection committee meeting for the Coshoctonian on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Adjourn

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




Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk