

July 15, 2026

Approve Minutes

Vote:	Bigrigg	absent
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

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Change Order Skip’s Landing

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Change Order #00-016, PCCO 016, PCO 042, Painted Bridge Brackets, in the amount of \$1,693.78. This change order captures the work done to brush blast the galvanized bridge brackets and apply epoxy primer and a satin black topcoat at Skip’s Landing, as requested by Ms. Christine Anderson, Granger Construction.

Vote:	Bigrigg	absent
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Court Square Request-Brad Collmar

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to Brad Collmar use of the Court Square on September 11, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for an event commemorating the 25th anniversary of September 11th.

Vote:	Bigrigg	absent
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Tuscarawas and Walhonding Pavilion Rental-Eva Moon

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Eva Moon, Blue Sky Voice and Opportunity, use of the Tuscarawas and Walhonding Pavilions on August 29, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for an Overdose Awareness event.

Vote:	Bigrigg	absent
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Re-Aligned Energy Drive

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Re-Aligned Energy Drive Dedication Plat 0.248 acres, part of the lands of Conesville Industrial Park, LLC., PID 010-00000806-00 (Part), O.R. Volume 778, PG. 5262 (Part) Part of Lands of Aligned Data Centers (Conesville) Propco, LLC., PID 010-00000806-09 (Part), O.R. Volume 805, PG. 4560 (Part), Quarter Township 3, Township 4, Range 6, U.S.M.L. Franklin Township, Coshocton County, Ohio on July 16, 2026, as approved by Mr. Joshua D. Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer.

Vote:	Bigrigg	absent
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Transfers

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the following transfer.

FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
001-1510-500901 (Misc Transfer Out)	090-0100-499900 (Transfer In Children Services)	\$140,000.00
Vote:		
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	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

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Mr. Jed McCoy-DJFS Update

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director, Mrs. Kathy Art, Children Services Administrator and Mr. Jon Piper, DJFS Fiscal Administrator met with the Commissioners for their monthly update. Kathy reported that it has been a busy month, with a significant number of placements, including both kinship and residential placements. She noted a major success with one local child being placed in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) through the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DD).

Jon reported that June placement costs totaled approximately \$344,800, the lowest monthly cost since April 2025. However, he cautioned that costs are beginning to trend upward again. One child has been successfully placed with their father and is no longer in a group home that had been costing approximately \$23,000 per month, with that rate expected to increase to \$30,000 per month if the child had remained there. In addition, several placement providers have requested rate increases.

Commissioner Shryock asked whether providers can increase rates at their discretion. Jed explained that while providers may request increases, the agency works daily to negotiate and push back on those requests whenever possible to help control costs. Kathy shared an example involving a seven-year-old child who has been through numerous placements. After only two weeks in the current group home, the provider requested additional funding because the child's behaviors require one-on-one supervision.

Commissioner Shryock referenced discussions from a conference held last winter regarding the State's implementation of standardized rate cards, which are intended to improve pricing transparency and reduce provider rate increases. The rollout, originally anticipated for August, has now been delayed until December.

Jon also reported that cost reports for Title IV-E reimbursements are behind schedule, resulting in the department temporarily losing reimbursement revenue for certain months. He explained that several newer facilities have not yet become eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement, although they are currently among the few providers able to accept children in need of placement. Those facilities are working toward eligibility.

The agency currently has 86 children in care. Jed noted that the caseload had remained in the 90s for an extended period and exceeded 100 children in mid-March. Commissioner Shryock asked how current expenditures compare to the budget. Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director reported that, based on current spending trends, the department remains on track with the 2026 budget. If expenditures continue at the current pace, the budgeted funds should be sufficient, and any remaining funds could potentially be used for other county needs.

Kathy concluded by sharing that staff are actively working to place one child with their grandfather and are pursuing kinship placements in Florida for several other children. Residential placement numbers have remained relatively stable at approximately 14 to 15 children. Total placement costs last year were approximately \$4.4 million, and spending during the first half of this year is averaging at a similar level. Reimbursements are also trending consistently with the previous year.

Jed stated that the monthly updates serve as an educational opportunity for everyone involved, providing a better understanding of the needs of children in care while also reviewing the fiscal impacts and identifying opportunities to help offset costs whenever possible. Kathy added that increased communication and collaboration among Children Services, DJFS, the courts, and the County Commissioners has been extremely beneficial. She noted that the educational discussions have been tremendously helpful and that the level of collaboration among all parties is significantly improved, creating a much more positive working relationship than in the past. Kathy also reported that a Connect Family worker is now in place to further support families.

Jed also provided a playground update, stating that with a budget of \$50,000 or less, the department would be able to complete all of the playground improvements and purchase the equipment and items needed for the project.

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Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager Updates

Mary provided the Commissioners with an update on the park improvement projects, including receipt of the substantial completion letter from Granger Construction. She noted that several items remain to be addressed, including drainage concerns and other unfinished work.

Mary reported that approximately \$113,000 remains from the Senator Brenner and USDA funding. Those remaining funds are being considered for several park improvements, including an additional restroom, a water bottle filling station, paving, lighting at the Don Wells Pavilion, fencing around another restroom, and a water hookup.

Mary also shared that she has spoken with Mr. Josh Kempf, Coshocton County Engineer about installing a radar speed sign that would both display vehicle speeds and record traffic counts.

Mary met with Mr. Ryan Medley from the Soil and Water Conservation District to discuss installing riprap along the riverbanks to address erosion. Ryan explained the permitting requirements, noting that work would extend approximately 500 feet below the established high-water mark, which is determined by the river's natural flow and vegetation line. During their site visit, Ryan identified an additional area near the beer dock where erosion has significantly undermined the riverbank, leaving portions of the walking path within approximately three to four feet of the bank's edge. He recommended that repairs be completed as soon as practical. Josh has agreed to provide the necessary materials at no cost, leaving only labor expenses. Because lower water levels will provide better working conditions, the project will be scheduled after the river recedes further. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$30,000, which could be funded from the remaining project balance.

Mary also reported that Bob Pell has received an additional \$50,000 to complete further lighting improvements around Courthouse Square and the courthouse, including work in the clock tower area. She has been coordinating with Dave Wagner regarding the need for an electrical service upgrade. The permanent upgrade will require the courthouse to be closed for several days while AEP and Wagner's complete the work. In the meantime, Dave is able to provide a temporary solution until the full upgrade can be scheduled. Capital funds remaining from last year will be used to pay for the project. The Foundation has requested that the lighting improvements be completed by November in preparation for the Christmas Parade, and Mary indicated that timeline is achievable.

Mary also addressed concerns expressed by several members of the public regarding the playground entrance gates. Some have requested self-closing, self-latching gates; however, Mary explained that this style of gate could increase the County's liability. Despite those concerns, she reported receiving numerous calls expressing appreciation for the playground improvements and overall upgrades to the park.

Finally, Mary shared that Cathy and Brad Fuller have discussed the possibility of developing a dog park in the CR1A area. Cathy also expressed interest in including a Rainbow Bridge memorial within the park for community members wishing to honor deceased pets.

Meetings Attended

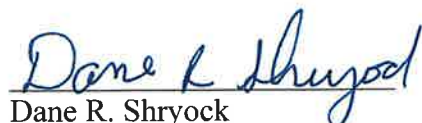
Commissioner Shryock reported that he participated in a deposition on Tuesday.

Adjourn

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



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk