

August 17, 2026

Received Amended Certificate #9 of the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated August 12, 2026 from the Office of Budget Commission, Coshocton County, Ohio.

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Resolution 2026-044

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign Resolution 2026-044, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	absent

Then and Now Certificates

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

Then and Now Certificates		AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	APPROVED	AFFIRMED
VENDOR					
Centralsquare Technologies, LLC	100-0100-526000	\$9,360.00	CCC	8/10/2026	8/17/2026
Pitney Bowes Inc.	001-0420-526003	\$1,407.84	CCC	8/10/2026	8/17/2026
Mount Vernon Nazarene University	030-0100-540000	\$5,000.00	DJFS	8/11/2026	8/17/2206
Hahn Oil Inc.	088-0100-540005	\$5,458.24	CPT	8/11/2026	8/17/2026
JD Johnson Sales & Service LLC	050-0200-540001	\$2,507.00	Engineer	8/13/2026	8/17/2026
Treasurer, State of Ohio	001-0270-550400	\$3,766.80	CCC	8/13/2026	8/17/2026
Motorola Solutions Inc	100-0100-540000	\$132,206.00	CCC	8/13/2026	8/17/2026

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	absent

Transfers/Additional/Reductions

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg 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
Unappropriated	Additional-BOE 231-0500-521000 (Equipment- Office Security Grant)	\$10,000.00	8/10/2026	8/17/2026
088-0100-510201 (Salaries - Drivers (5011))	Transfer-CPT 088-0100-510204 (Salaries- Washer (5013 CM))	\$5,000.00	8/11/2026	8/17/2026
001-1410-511200 (UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION)	Transfer-CCC 001-0270-550400 (EXPENSE ACTING JUDGE)	\$3,766.80	8/11/2026	8/17/2026
Unappropriated	Additional-CCC 250-0100-526000 (Contract Services) 250-0100-521000 (Equipment)	\$10,000.00 <u>\$40,000.00</u> \$50,000.00	8/12/2026	8/17/2026
Unappropriated	Additional-CCC 100-0100-526000 (Contract Services)	\$64,000.00	8/12/2026	8/17/2026
Unappropriated	Additional-JFS	\$20,000.00	8/13/2026	8/17/2026
Unappropriated	Additional-Probate/Juv 001-0230-540001 (Guardian Ad Litem Fee)	\$27,000.00	8/14/2026	8/17/2026

Vote: Bigrigg yea
 Shryock yea
 Fischer absent

Resignation-Hunter Gonter

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to accept the resignation of Mr. Hunter Gonter from his position as a custodian with the Coshocton County Commissioners effective August 28, 2026, as requested by Mr. Ike Reger, Maintenance Supervisor.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	absent

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Plat of BMosholder LLC & Owen Miller Private Road Subdivision

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Plat of Bmosholder LLC & Owen Miller Private Road Subdivision, the creation of a 2-lot private road subdivision located on US 36 in Newcastle Township on property owned by Bmosholder, LLC, Parcel Number 027-00000259-01 and Owen D. and Elsie A. Miller, Trustees of the Miller Family Revocable Living Trust, Auditor Parcel Number 027-00000229-00, as requested by Ms. Kiana Bradford, Coshocton County Regional Planning.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	absent

Plat of Hillside View Private Road Subdivision

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Plat of Hillside View Private Road Subdivision, the creation of a 3-lot private road subdivision located on Township Road 53 in Newcastle Township on property owned by John M. and Laura L. Reichelderfer, Parcel Number 027-00000802-11 and Laura L. Lepley, Auditor Parcel Number 027-00000802-08, as requested by Ms. Kiana Bradford, Coshocton County Regional Planning.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	absent

July 2026 Bank and Investments Statements

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to receive and review the July 2026 Bank and Investments Statements as presented by Mrs. Lori Patterson, Deputy Treasurer.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	absent

Sheriff Walters and Flock Camera Discussion

At 10:00 a.m., Sheriff Walters attended the Commissioners' meeting to discuss the Flock camera system. Commissioner Bigrigg opened the discussion by stating that the Commissioners understand the cameras fall under the authority of the Sheriff's Office and that Sheriff Walters made the decision to remove the cameras and make them unavailable. The cameras were originally purchased with drug forfeiture funds through the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Bigrigg stated that, personally, he would have preferred to see additional collaboration and discussion before action was taken and asked Sheriff Walters to explain the reasoning behind his decision.

Sheriff Walters explained that he had received concerns about the Flock cameras from members of the community for several months. He said he had reviewed those concerns and also researched information and national news reports regarding the cameras. Among his concerns were privacy, mass surveillance, the ability to track the movements of everyday citizens, potential misuse by officers, and liability to the County. He stated that he does not want to expose Coshocton County to potential lawsuits. Although the cameras may be operated appropriately under his leadership, he expressed concern about how they might be used by a future sheriff. He also noted that there has been significant public pushback against Flock cameras in other communities.

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Sheriff Walters further explained that Flock cameras are not always accurate when reading license plates. He referenced an incident involving an elderly couple whose license plate was reportedly misread, illustrating the potential for innocent individuals to be incorrectly identified. He also discussed the volume of public records requests associated with the cameras. He stated that his office receives daily requests for records, requiring communication with both the Sheriff's Office and the companies involved. The volume of requests has taken personnel away from investigating and working on criminal cases. He noted that some law enforcement agencies have discontinued Flock cameras following public concerns, while other communities have chosen not to renew their contracts.

Sheriff Walters also cited the financial cost of the system as a concern. He estimated that continuing the system could cost approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 and questioned where the funding would come from. He noted that the Commissioners had reduced his budget by approximately 4.5% for the current year, while fuel and other operating costs have increased. He stated that he has to prioritize available funding to keep deputies working and maintain essential law enforcement services.

Commissioner Bigrigg asked whether removing the cameras would compromise public safety. Sheriff Walters responded that he did not believe it would. He stated that, during the time the cameras had been in use, they had been helpful in one stolen-vehicle case, but he did not believe their removal would prevent the Sheriff's Office from effectively protecting the community.

Mayor Mark Mills questioned why the cameras had been installed in the first place if they were now considered problematic. He referenced a case in which the system was used to track a vehicle and determine that it had traveled toward Columbus. He explained that one benefit of the cameras was that, in cases involving a child abduction or stolen vehicle, law enforcement could potentially determine the direction in which a vehicle traveled and then request assistance from neighboring agencies that shared similar systems. Mayor Mills acknowledged the concerns regarding the tracking of citizens but stated that the technology can be a useful investigative tool and can help protect innocent members of the community.

Mayor Mills also stated that if funding is an issue, he would encourage the Sheriff to bring funding concerns to the City because the City provides approximately 40% of the Sheriff's budget. He noted that, from the Mayor's perspective, there are concerns about maintaining public safety and that many members of the public want the cameras to remain in place. He also pointed out that the City has more than 100 cameras throughout the community and questioned why an additional tool that could assist law enforcement in solving crimes should be removed if it can be properly managed.

The Mayor stated that he had concerns about how the decision was communicated to the public. He referenced a previous conversation with Sheriff Walters when the cameras were initially installed and said that Sheriff Walters had indicated that he was comfortable with their installation. The Mayor acknowledged that any technology can potentially be misused, but stated that there had been no known misuse of the Flock cameras in the local community. He questioned why a tool that can assist law enforcement and help solve crimes would be removed based primarily on concerns that had not occurred locally.

The Mayor also expressed concern about information being shared on social media rather than being discussed through public meetings. He referenced a Sheriff's Office social media post that reportedly received approximately 700,000 views and said that the post could give the impression that local law enforcement was no longer equipped or willing to use certain tools to solve crimes. He further stated that a prosecutor in a neighboring county had made a personal social media post suggesting that people could come to Coshocton to commit crimes because the community had announced the removal of tools used to solve crimes. The Mayor said he disagreed with that message and emphasized that government decisions should be addressed through public meetings rather than social media.

The Mayor also stated that people are routinely tracked through various forms of technology, including cell phones, vehicle systems, laptops, and other devices. He noted that individuals generally have no expectation of privacy while in public. He expressed the view that the focus should be on protecting the community while ensuring that technology is used appropriately.

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Commissioner Bigrigg asked whether Sheriff Walters would reconsider using the cameras if the technology changed or improved in the future. Sheriff Walters responded that he would be open to revisiting the decision. He suggested that, moving forward, obtaining public input could be beneficial and stated that the issue could potentially be placed on the ballot for voters to decide.

The Mayor stated that the community had already expressed its opinion and noted that only one person had attended a meeting to discuss the issue, both locally and in the City. He asked whether Sheriff Walters had received emails expressing concerns. Sheriff Walters responded that he had not received emails but stated that he had been approached by numerous people in the community while shopping locally and in other settings.

The Mayor reiterated that large businesses, including Walmart, use extensive camera systems and other technology. He expressed concern that members of the public may have conflicting views about surveillance technology, particularly when something goes wrong and law enforcement is expected to solve the problem. He stated that the government should be governed through public meetings rather than social media discussions. He also questioned whether the Sheriff's Office could continue to use Flock information from other agencies even if the local cameras were no longer operational.

Sheriff Walters explained that he no longer has direct access to the Flock system. He also reiterated that Lt. Andrews has received a significant number of public records requests related to the system, which has required considerable time and effort.

Commissioner Shryock stated that the County signed the Flock contract in January and asked whether anyone had reviewed the contract to determine if there was an early termination provision or other way to avoid the next payment. He noted that the County is currently paying for the system through March and stated that he did not want the County to continue paying for a service that was not being used.

The Mayor again asked Sheriff Walters if there was anything the City or Commissioners could do to change his mind. Sheriff Walters reiterated that he believed the matter could ultimately be put before the voters.

The Mayor stated that there are innocent members of the community who support having the cameras available to law enforcement. He also referenced information indicating that the rate of misuse of such cameras nationwide is very low. He emphasized that the goal should be to provide law enforcement with effective tools while addressing legitimate concerns regarding their use.

Chuck Ellis discussed the public records issue and stated that Lt. Andrews has received numerous records requests related to the Flock system on a daily basis. He noted that responding to those requests has taken Lt. Andrews away from other law enforcement responsibilities and criminal investigations.

The Mayor asked whether Lt. Andrews supported eliminating the cameras. Sheriff Walters responded that Lt. Andrews sees both sides of the issue.

Commissioner Bigrigg summarized the discussion by stating that, from his perspective, the County should review the contract and carefully consider the Sheriff's concerns. He noted that the County has learned more over time about potential misuse of technology and stated that the Commissioners should not ignore those concerns. At the same time, he emphasized the importance of using the best available technology to enforce laws and protect the public. Commissioner Bigrigg asked Sheriff Walters whether he would remain open to reconsidering the use of Flock cameras as the technology evolves.

Commissioner Bigrigg further stated that, if his granddaughter were ever abducted or a family member's vehicle were stolen, he would want law enforcement to have access to the best technology available to locate them and bring them home safely. Sheriff Walters agreed, stating that he would want the best available resources for anyone in that situation.

Mary Beck, County Administrator asked how the Flock system differs from LEADS. Sheriff Walters explained that Flock allows law enforcement to place vehicles on a "hot list." When a vehicle on the list is detected by a Flock camera, the system can notify law enforcement. He stated that LEADS provides some similar capabilities, although the systems perform the functions in somewhat different ways.

The discussion concluded with the understanding that the County should review the existing Flock contract, including its term, payment obligations, and any available provisions regarding termination or renewal. Sheriff Walters indicated that he would remain open to reconsidering the use of Flock cameras in the future, particularly as technology changes and as additional public input is received.

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Meetings Attended

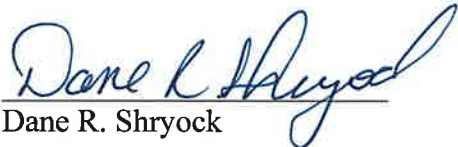
No meetings were attended by any Commissioners.

Adjourn

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



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer


Clerk