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Wednesday **SPECIAL** **August 26, 2026**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in Special session on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Robin Schonauer, Budget Director, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager. Mr. Bob Snavely, Palmer Energy, John Leutz, CCAO and Christine Sycks.

Discussion -Electric Aggregation

Mr. Shryock opened the meeting and stated that this was a Special Meeting and that the only matter that could be discussed was the Regional Electric Aggregation Initiative. The following villages and townships were invited to attend the meeting: The Village of Baltic, Village of Nellie, Village of Conesville, Village of Plainfield, Lafayette Township, and Linton Township. Since no representatives from any of these villages or townships attended the meeting, Mr. Shryock asked Mr. Snavely and Mr. Leutz to proceed with their presentation. Mr. Bob Snavely stated that the meeting was held to discuss the possibility of establishing an electric aggregation program involving Coshocton County and its political subdivisions. Ms. Christine Sycks stated that she was attending the meeting as a member of the public. She had seen that the Village of Nellie would be discussed and, since she resides there, was interested in hearing what would be discussed. Ms. Sycks informed the group that the Village of Nellie is currently included in an electric aggregation program through the Village of Warsaw. She explained that, although she lives in Nellie, her mailing address is Warsaw. Ms. Sycks also stated that she had spoken with a resident of Conesville who informed her that the Village of Conesville is currently included in the electric aggregation program established by the Franklin Township Trustees.

Mr. Bob Snavely explained that several political subdivisions do not currently have aggregation programs and would need voter approval to establish an opt-out aggregation program, as required by Ohio law. He discussed the possibility of creating a countywide or regional aggregation pool under the authority of the County Commissioners, combining customers from multiple political subdivisions and potentially neighboring counties to create a larger purchasing pool and improve pricing, particularly for smaller villages and townships. Mr. John Leutz explained that, under Ohio law, aggregation programs are limited to a maximum of 36 months, after which a new RFP and contract are required. Due to current market conditions, some communities are choosing one-year terms. Mr. Snavely stated that current electric aggregation pricing is approximately 10 cents per kilowatt-hour, compared to utility rates of more than 11 cents per kilowatt-hour, although pricing would depend on the size and characteristics of the aggregation pool. He noted that the savings are not as significant as they were several years ago when wholesale prices were substantially lower than utility rates. Based on current market conditions, residential customers participating in electric and gas aggregation could potentially save approximately $100 per year, although actual savings would vary with market conditions.

Mr. Snavely explained that a regional aggregation approach could benefit smaller communities by combining customers from multiple villages, townships, cities, and potentially surrounding counties to create a larger purchasing pool and obtain more competitive pricing. He noted that regional aggregation efforts and RFP processes are currently being pursued in several counties. The County currently participates in an energy purchasing pool for County facilities through the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). County facilities are handled separately from residential aggregation due to their different electricity usage patterns and the fact that some facilities may not legally qualify for residential aggregation. Mr. Snavely explained that countywide aggregation can be more difficult in areas with a high percentage of electric cooperative customers. He recommended reviewing each municipality and township based on the percentage of customers served by cooperatives before determining whether to pursue voter approval for aggregation. The group also discussed existing aggregation programs and the possibility that some communities are already included in another political subdivision's program. It was noted that residents generally must reside within the political subdivision that approved the aggregation to participate, regardless of their mailing address. Franklin Township and the possibility that certain areas are already included in its aggregation program were also discussed. Due to limited attendance, no immediate action was taken. Mr. Snavely indicated that further discussions with individual municipalities and townships may be appropriate to determine their interest, existing aggregation arrangements, cooperative service areas, and potential for voter approval. If sufficient interest exists, the County could explore combining interested political subdivisions into a countywide or regional aggregation pool and pursue the necessary steps to place an opt-out aggregation issue on the ballot. Mr. Shryock thanked them for coming.

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Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Absent
Robert W. Bigrigg

Dane R. Shryock

Gary L. Fischer

Clerk