

September 16, 2026

Approve Minutes

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

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Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Subgrant Agreement between The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services and Kno-Ho-Co- Ashland CAC not to exceed \$9,060.00 effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, at the request of Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

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	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Subgrant Agreement between The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services and Kno-Ho-Co- Ashland CAC not to exceed \$17,664.00 effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, at the request of Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

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	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Subgrant Agreement between The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services and Coshocton County Juvenile Court not to exceed \$142,627.00 effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, at the request of Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Subgrant Agreement between The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services and First Step Family Violence Intervention Services, Inc. not to exceed \$25,546.08 effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, at the request of Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Subgrant Agreement between The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services and Family PACT of Coshocton County, Inc. not to exceed \$84,927.00 effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, at the request of Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

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Contractual Agreement between The Department of Job and Family Services and All Nation Home Healthcare LLC

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign the Contractual Agreement between The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services and All Nation Home Healthcare LLC, effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, at the request of Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

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Employee Resignation – Lucy Baylor, EMS

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to accept the resignation of Lucy Baylor from her position with the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services effective September 14, 2026, as requested by Joe Hunt, Chief of Coshocton County EMS.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Employment Change – Cord McKenzie, EMS

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to move Cord McKenzie from intermittent part-time to full-time employment with the Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services effective October 3, 2026, as requested by Joe Hunt, Chief of Coshocton County EMS.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Contract Addendum between The Department of Job and Family Services and Family PACT

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Contract Addendum between The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services and Family PACT for the mediation and supervised visitation services to increase the FFY26 contract by \$21,500.00, as requested by Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Dog Warden Report

Received the Dog Warden’s Report for the week ending September 14, 2026 with 2 dogs picked up by the warden, 1 dog euthanized, 2 dog licenses sold, 2 dogs sold, and 41 calls handled for a total of \$50.00 in fees collected.

Community Room Rental-Coshocton Chamber

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock granting permission to the Coshocton Chamber use of the Commissioners Community Room on September 9 & 10, 2027 for the Annual Awards Dinner.

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At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Jed McCoy, DJFS Director, Mr. Jon Piper, Fiscal Administrator DJFS, Ms. Denise Nelson, Intake Supervisor DJFS and Ms. Laura Martin, Ongoing Supervisor DJFS Supervisor provided the monthly update from DJFS. It was reported that the past month has been particularly challenging, with 84 reports involving abuse cases received in August alone. Current concerns include domestic violence, mental health issues, and substance abuse. When children are present during situations involving domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances, they may need to be removed from the home for their safety. With the start of the school year, DJFS has also seen an increase in reports as children are back in school and there are more adults, including teachers and school personnel, observing and interacting with them.

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The Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services Monthly Update, Continued

Denise reported that there are currently 96 children in custody, including 31 children in kinship placements and 16 children in residential or group-home settings. This is an increase from the 82 children in custody reported the previous month. There have been 59 court cases filed so far this year, which Denise noted is not typical and reflects the significant increase in activity. The group discussed the fact that the current situation is part of a broader crisis affecting child welfare intake units across the state. Commissioner Shryock asked how many cases may be going unreported or unidentified, and Denise indicated that there are likely many. Denise also noted that the cases being seen today appear to be more severe than those encountered in the past.

Laura provided an example from a recent trial involving an infant who had 13 broken bones and whose case dated back approximately two years. She noted that physical abuse is affecting older children as well as younger children. The group discussed the increasing complexity of the cases and the effects of generational trauma on families. There was also discussion regarding situations in which parents are unwilling or unable to care for their children. Laura explained that when parents permanently surrender their parental rights, they may no longer be responsible for child support, and the group discussed the importance of enforcing child support obligations when appropriate.

Commissioner Bigrigg asked whether the increase in cases was specific to the county or whether it was occurring statewide. Denise stated that the increase is being seen throughout the state. She also discussed the difficulty DJFS is experiencing in recruiting and retaining employees due to the trauma associated with the work. There is currently a vacancy in an intake position, and although three interviews have been conducted, the position remains unfilled. Denise emphasized that the mental and emotional stress associated with the job is significant for staff as well.

Denise explained that a typical family assigned to one caseworker may involve numerous people who must be accounted for on a monthly basis. For example, a case may involve a mother, four to six children, and three fathers, requiring the caseworker to monitor and coordinate services for multiple individuals. Regulations require caseworkers to make at least one home visit each month, and overtime has been increasing due to the amount of travel required and the number of monthly visits that must be completed. Denise reported that adoptions and kinship placements are both increasing and that cases are continuing to move through the system.

The group discussed the importance of coordination among the various agencies and professionals involved in these cases. When determining whether a child can safely return home, the Guardian ad Litem (GAL), Prosecutor's Office, DJFS, and other involved parties must work together and be in agreement regarding the services and requirements necessary for reunification. Commissioner Shryock asked whether law enforcement pursues criminal charges when parents fail to provide required services or when neglect may constitute a criminal offense. Denise stated that she has not seen criminal charges filed for neglect in these circumstances. She noted that other counties have had success with such cases, while the county has not seen the same results, and indicated that additional follow-through among the offices involved may be necessary. The group also discussed concerns regarding children and toddlers repeatedly testing positive for substances.

Commissioner Bigrigg asked Jon how much additional funding would be needed. Jon reported that no additional funding is being requested this month. Approximately half a year's tax revenue was received and will pay for half a month, and the department remains on track with the funding projections established at the beginning of the year. The group discussed the significant cost associated with placing children in care, noting that taking in a new child can cost more than \$900 per day, with no reimbursement available for some of these expenses. Staffing costs are also increasing, and the wages necessary to attract new employees are contributing to the difficulty in filling open positions. The group discussed the broader economic and societal factors contributing to the challenges currently facing the child welfare system.

Overall, the discussion highlighted the significant increase in child abuse and neglect reports, the growing number of children in custody, the increased severity and complexity of cases, staffing shortages, rising overtime, and the financial challenges associated with providing care and services. DJFS continues to work with the GAL, Prosecutor's Office, law enforcement, and other partners to address these challenges and ensure that children receive appropriate care and services.

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Christine Fleming Property Viewing – Tree/Mowing

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Bigrigg, Commissioner Shryock, Commissioner Fischer, Brooke Alverson, Clerk, and Ike Reger, Maintenance Supervisor, met at the residence of Christine Fleming to discuss trees located on the Commissioners' property behind her residence. Christine expressed concern that the trees could potentially fall and cause damage to her home. The group also discussed the mowing of the Commissioners' property, which Christine is currently maintaining.

After reviewing the property and discussing the concerns, the Commissioners determined that the trees and stumps will be removed after the mowing season. Christine will continue to mow the area until that time. Following the removal of the trees and stumps, if Christine would like the County Maintenance Department to assume responsibility for mowing the area, she will need to remove any small trees, plants, garden items, and other personal property from the area. The Maintenance Department will only be able to provide routine mowing and will not be responsible for maneuvering around or maintaining individual plantings or garden items.

Meetings Attended

Commissioner Bigrigg attended the Friends of the Park meeting on Monday afternoon. All three Commissioners attended the Land Bank meeting on Monday afternoon.

Adjourn

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



Robert W. Bigrigg



Dane R. Shryock



Gary L. Fischer



Clerk