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Wednesday **Regular** **October 28, 2026**

The Coshocton County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Bob Bigrigg, Mr. Dane Shryock and Mr. Gary Fischer. Also, in attendance was Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mr. Chuck Ellis and Leonard Hayhurst, Tribune, Mary Feragli, WTNS.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented.

Vote:	Bigrigg	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Fischer	yea

Dog Warden Report

Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending October 26, 2026, with 4 dogs picked up by the warden, 2 dog licenses sold, 2 dogs sold, 1 dog surrendered by the owner, 2 charges filed and 34 calls handled, for a total of $125.00 in fees collected.

Employee Hire-Denise Smith, CPT

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to hire Ms. Denise R. Smith as a Part-Time Dispatcher with Coshocton Public Transit, effective November 9, 2026, as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CPT Director.

Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Employee Hire-Krystal Hughes, CPT

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to hire Ms. Krystal Hughes as a Part-Time Dispatcher with Coshocton Public Transit, effective November 9, 2026, as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CPT Director.

Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Community Room Rental-Lindsay Phillabaum

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer granting permission to Lindsay Phillabaum use of the Commissioner Community Room on May 22, 2027, all day for a graduation party.

Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

Approve Bills

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to approve the bills per computer printout dated October 28, 2026.

Bigrigg	yea
Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea

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Executive Session, Cameron Tidrick-Employee Compensation

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to go into executive session with Mr. Cameron Tidrick, IT Director, Commissioner Bigrigg, Mrs. Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager, Mrs. Brooke Alverson, Clerk, Mr. Chuck Ellis to discuss employee compensation. All Vote Aye. At 10:10 a.m. Mr. Bigrigg returned the meeting to regular session.

Kelly Hayden, Discussion about OSU Extension Survey at Large

Kelly Hayden from OSU Extension met with the County Commissioners to discuss a land use survey and gather their input on local land use concerns, educational resources, and preferred methods for receiving information. The discussion focused on the following questions and responses.

1. What land use issues have we experienced in the county, and what are our top priorities?

The Commissioners discussed several land use concerns, including data center development, housing affordability, agricultural preservation, and floodplain restrictions.

Commissioner Bigrigg discussed the data center development in Conesville, noting that, from a land use perspective, the site was well-suited for development. He expressed that it was difficult to imagine the site remaining vacant and felt that the development could benefit the community moving forward. He also noted that the project did not require the use of agricultural land, which was a positive consideration.

Commissioner Shryock identified housing affordability as another significant concern. The agricultural community often wants to preserve family farms for future generations and is reluctant to sell productive farmland or existing homes. The Commissioners discussed whether lots could be sold and developed at prices that would make housing more affordable. They noted that this type of development was more common in the 1970s but is not occurring as frequently today. Floodplains were also identified as a challenge, as they can limit where homes may be built.

2. What land use educational tools would you like OSU Extension to develop to assist the County Commissioners?

The Commissioners expressed interest in an AI-based land use tool that could help identify suitable areas for development using topographic maps and other relevant data.

They also discussed the possibility of providing resources and assistance to encourage townships to consider zoning before subdivisions are developed. Another area of interest was exploring the development of zoning at the township level to help guide future growth and land use decisions.

3. How would you prefer to receive land use tools and educational information to make them most useful?

Commissioner Bigrigg suggested that online resources would be a modern and convenient way to provide land use information. However, he also emphasized the importance of in-person discussions, noting that meeting directly with people can provide additional insight and a better understanding of local concerns.

Commissioner Shryock suggested offering a land use education session through the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Winter Conference. This would provide an opportunity for commissioners to attend a class, learn about land use topics, and discuss practical applications with others.

Summary

The discussion highlighted the importance of balancing development opportunities with agricultural preservation, affordable housing, and responsible land use planning. The Commissioners expressed interest in practical mapping and technology-based tools, additional township-level zoning education, and opportunities for in-person training through existing county government conferences.

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Mary Beck, County Administrator/Project Manager Updates

Mary Beck reported during Monday evening's Land Use Plan meeting, all three Commissioners were assigned to the Economic Committee, one of the seven committees. It was also noted that meetings have been moved to the middle of the day rather than being held in the evening.

The estimated cost to replace the carpet in the Title Department is slightly over $7,000. The Commissioners agreed that the Clerk of Courts/Title Department should cover the cost, as funds are available in the budget for this office improvement. Mary will speak with Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts regarding this matter.

Mary reported Austin Savage, Vehicle Maintenance reported that the Sheriff's 2018 Ford Explorer Sport Utility Vehicle is currently broken down and was taken to Jeff Drennen for an estimate on a new engine. The estimated cost for the engine replacement is $16,000, while a fix to issues was roughly $4500.00 while the vehicle's value is estimated to be between $2,500 and $8,000. The Commissioners agreed to proceed with repairs at a cost of $4,500.

Meetings Attended

Commissioner Bigrigg had a Coshocton Visitor's Bureau (CVB) meeting on Tuesday, October 27th.

Adjourn

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

Robert W. Bigrigg

Dane R. Shryock

Gary L. Fischer

Clerk