

**JANUARY 3 – MEETING 1  
VOLUME 26**

**MEETING**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, January 3, 2023, in regular session.

Commissioner Dwight A. Garrett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioners James E. Lowe and Jack Everson in attendance.

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, the minutes of the December 27, 2022, meeting, be approved as submitted.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

PAY TO NAME	CURRENT QUEUE	SCHEDULED PAY DATE	TOTAL VALUE
Scioto Valley Guardian	Commissioners Approval	1/3/2023	3040.00
			\$3,040.00

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes.. Motion carried.

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$1,890,000.00 be appropriated from Board of DD Insurance Fund into account code 233-46-92-7014 Insurance Fund Expenses, per a request of January 3, 2023 from the Ross County Board of DD.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$720.00 be appropriated from Small Cities into account code 420-07-33-7219 Program Income HOME, per a request of January 3, 2023 from the Ross County Auditor.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**ASSET DISPOSAL**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Engineer for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Bradco Post Driver	N/A	Surplus Property
1	2020 Cat Skid loader	CW904150	Surplus Property
1	1978 Michigan Clark Loader	433B-804CAC	

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**TIME SHEETS APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending December 31, 2023.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**2022 HOLDOVER PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, all purchase orders issued in calendar year 2022 be cancelled and monies returned to the appropriate fund(s) of the county, except those that various offices and agencies have requested be carried over into the year 2023 for encumbrances of various materials, supplies and services and have been itemized on a holdover list prepared by the county auditor and re-certified by him for use in 2023, in the sum of \$27,056,520.28.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS' STAFF MEMBERS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP CHECKS FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE IN 2023**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, commissioners' staff members, Bradford M. Cosenza and Cathy Primer be authorized to sign for and pick up all checks during the calendar year 2023, from the county auditor's office for delivery back to the commissioners' office.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Commissioner James E. Lowe, be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Ross County Community Action Commission, as a representative for the Ross County Board of Commissioners, for the year 2023.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, Commissioner Jack Everson, be appointed to the Executive Committee of the South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center, as a representative of the Ross County Board of Commissioners for the year 2023.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, that Commissioner Dwight Garrett, be appointed to the Executive Board of the Ross County Emergency Management Agency, as a representative of the Ross County Board of Commissioners for the year 2023.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED TO THE ROSS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that Commissioner Jack Everson, be appointed to the Ross County Law Library Resources Board, as a representative of the Ross County Board of Commissioners for the year 2023.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE RE-APPOINTMENT TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, re-appoint Commissioners Dwight A. Garrett and James E. Lowe and appoint Jack A. Everson, to the Ross County Tax Incentive Review Council for the Enterprise Zones: according to the provision of Section 5709.85(a)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**APIARY INSPECTOR REAPPOINTED 2021**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Bill Huhman, be re-appointed as the Ross County Apiary Inspector for the 2023 apiary season, at a salary rate of \$15.00 per hour, plus \$.52 per mile travel allowance and an allowance of \$300.00 for miscellaneous expenses and a cap of \$3,000.00.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT AGREEMENT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, the application for the CEBCO Wellness Grant for administrative funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 and program funds in the amount of \$13,200.00, for calendar year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**PAY REQUEST HARRIS & LEACH INC**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a pay request from Harris & Leach Inc., for AWOS maintenance February 2023 – January 2024 in the amount of \$2,400.00.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED – AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED BY FORCE ACCOUNT 2023**

Mr. Lowe moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-23**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Ross County Board of Commissioners that the health, welfare and safety of the people of Ross County, Ohio, can best and most efficiently be served by force account in matters pertaining to the maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of roads, bridges and culverts in Ross County, Ohio; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Charlie Ortman, Engineer of Ross County, Ohio, be and he hereby is authorized to employ labor and proceed by force account in matters pertaining to the maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of roads, bridges and culverts in Ross County, Ohio during the calendar year 2023; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, reserves unto itself the right and authority to make all purchases of materials and equipment required in the maintenance, repair or construction of roads, bridges and culverts in Ross County, Ohio, during calendar year 2023, except under certain circumstances when the Board may, from time to time by resolution, delegate such purchasing authority to the Ross County Engineer.

Mr. Everson seconded the motion and result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**PAY REQUEST OHIO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAD FUND BATCH 1H2OHIO GRANT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, a pay request from the H2Ohio Septic Grant, for 3 septic replacements, 1749 Spargursville Road, 3391 Waugh Road, and 3340 1<sup>st</sup>. Street, Roxabel, with 3% for the Health District for a total of \$29,000.30.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**PROPOSAL ACCEPTED SOS ELECTRIC INC**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a proposal from S.O.S. Electric, Inc. for labor and material to perform maintenance on the medium voltage transformer locates in the Ross County Jail at a cost of \$4,888.00 to be paid from Capital Improvements.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**PROPOSAL ACCEPTED WORLY SUPPLY**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to accept two proposals from Worly Supply, one for repair of leaks in the tamp valves on the hot water boiler located in the basement of the LEC, at a cost of \$8,461.31 and the second one to repair leaks in the tubing of the hot water boiler at a cost of \$7,327.48 to be paid from Capital Improvements.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT VA MEDICAL CENTER**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to provide a letter of support for the full funding of the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**2023 GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners enter into a General Services Agreement for the Ross County Shoemaker Airport, with Stantec Consulting Services Inc., for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**FISCAL YEAR 2023 OHIO AIRPORT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, the Fiscal Year 2023 Ohio Airport Matching Grant between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Transportation, for General Aviation Airport Acquire Land, Runway 5 Protection Zone (RPZ) at Ross County Airport. Total project cost \$96,395.00, total local share \$4,820.00 total federal share \$86,755.00 and total ODOT share \$4,820.00.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2023 COST PROJECTION JFS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio and South Central Ohio Job & Family Services (SCOJFS) primary contact for claims management of Ross County's Workers' Compensation. South Central Ohio Job & Family Services will serve as the primary contact for the TPA (Comp management) for Ross County's Workers' Compensation program. SCOJFS will work with the TPA and the Board of Commissioners of Ross County on certification problems and appeals that require in depth investigation at a projected cost of \$6,995.10.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**LOAD LIMITS REDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED ON VARIOUS BRIDGES IN COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, that load reductions be authorized on ten (10) bridges in the county road system with spans greater than ten (10) feet, due to safety hazard, according to the following schedule filed January 3, 2023, by Charlie Ortman, Ross County Engineer, pursuant to Section 5543.20 of the Ohio Revised Code:

<u>STRUCTURE #</u>	<u>ROAD NAMES</u>	<u>LIMITS</u>	<u>STRUCTURE #</u>	<u>ROAD NAMES</u>	<u>LIMITS</u>
C-054-0365	Lower Twin Rd. (Covered Bridge)	4 ton	T-249-0050	Chapel Creek Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 Ton 3 Axle - 20 Ton 4 Axle - 22 ton 5 Axle - 23 Ton 6+ Axle - 24 Ton Tractor Trailer - 36 Ton
C-092-0650	Norman Hill Rd	8 ton	T-095-0912	Bushmill Rd.	36 Ton
C-222-0383	Charleston Pike	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 18 ton 5 Axle - 16 ton 6+ Axle - 9 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 ton	T-1256-0001	Cemetery Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 Ton 3 Axle - 22 Ton 4 Axle - 24 ton 5 Axle - 25 Ton 6+ Axle - 26 Ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton
C-060-0446	Westfall Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 6 Ton 3 Axle - 8 Ton 4 Axle - 10 ton 5 Axle - 11 Ton 6+ Axle - 13 Ton Tractor Trailer - 15 Ton	T-0130-0202	Andersonville Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 17 ton 4 Axle - 18 ton 5 Axle - 20 ton 6+ Axle - 22 ton Tractor Trailer - 29 Ton
C-213-0781	Musgrove Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 25 ton 5 Axle - 27 ton 6+ Axle - 28 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 ton	C-0035-0850	Old Route 35 E	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 27 ton 5 Axle - 31 ton 6+ Axle - 35 ton Tractor Trailer - 38 Ton
T-046-0116	Edgington Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 11 Ton 3 Axle - 12 Ton 4 Axle - 13 ton 5 Axle - 13 Ton 6+ Axle - 14 Ton Tractor Trailer - 22 Ton			
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T-0070-0024	McCann Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 25 ton 5 Axle - 27 ton 6+ Axle - 27 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton	C-0233-0444	Walnut Creek Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 27 ton 5 Axle - 31 ton 6+ Axle - 31 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton
T-0076-0247	Douglas Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 22 ton 5 Axle - 26 ton 6+ Axle - 26 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton	T-0245-0054	Miller Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 27 ton 5 Axle - 30 ton 6+ Axle - 30 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton
T-0101-0048	Lowery Lane	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 20 ton 4 Axle - 22 ton 5 Axle - 24 ton 6+ Axle - 24 ton Tractor Trailer - 37 Ton	C-0600-0002	Massieville Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 27 ton 5 Axle - 31 ton 6+ Axle - 31 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton
T-0144-0344	Polk Hollow Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 22 ton 4 Axle - 22 ton 5 Axle - 24 ton 6+ Axle - 26 ton Tractor Trailer - 39 Ton	20 Bridges with Posted Reduced Load Limits on County Road System, out of 430 Bridges.		
C-0159-0421	Bishop Hill Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 27 ton 5 Axle - 30 ton 6+ Axle - 30 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton			
C-0213-0013	West Junction Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton 4 Axle - 27 ton 5 Axle - 31 ton 6+ Axle - 32 ton Tractor Trailer - 30 Ton			

**BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT ROSS COUNTY OHIO CONVENTION FACILITY AUTHORITY**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to reappoint Ms. Sue Ott to the CFA board, representing a county township, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026 and to reappoint Commissioner Dwight A. Garrett, representing the Ross County Board of Commissioners, with an effective term beginning April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2027.

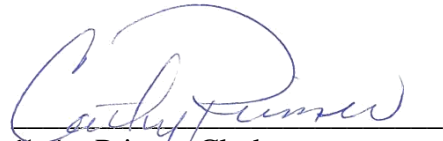
On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.


**OTHER BUSINESS**

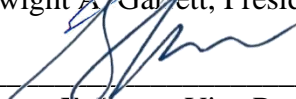
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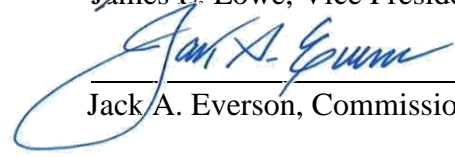
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, January 3, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

  
Cathy Primer, Clerk

  
Dwight A. Garrett, President

  
James F. Lowe, Vice President

  
Jack A. Everson, Commissioner