

DECEMBER 29– MEETING 52
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, December 29, 2025, in regular session.

Commissioner Jack Everson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioner James Lowe and David Glass in attendance.

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the December 22, 2025 meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DESCRIPTION	FULL NAME	TOTAL VALUE
utilities	Heather Heshiser	220.07
taxpayer notice	Heather Heshiser	4732.8
CELL PHONE SERVICES	Heather Heshiser	182.97
contract services, annual dues	Heather Heshiser	21.44
various	Heather Heshiser	115.07
Misc Hardware	Andy Wettersten	307.48
2025 Gordon Flesch	Andy Wettersten	94.81
2025 Thinkguard	Andy Wettersten	2444
OTHER EXPENSES	Heather Heshiser	131.41
phone service	Shannon Dennewitz	177.9
		\$8,427.95
DESCRIPTION	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
utilities	Glo Fiber	2331.33
Costs of Utilities	American Electric Power	212.29
		\$2,543.62

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated December 15, 2025 through December 29, 2025, in the amount of \$3,418.46 prepared by the Office of the Ross County Auditor and certified by the auditor as to the appropriation of funds for the purpose of encumbering the sum of the contract(s) or order(s) outlined therein, or the imminent collection of funds for credit to the appropriated fund(s) of the county, and as to the availability of funds for transfer within the appropriate department(s).

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$100,000.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 212-29-00-5901 Correctional & LE, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$160,000.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account 557-01-01-5801 LE Complex, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$458.40 from account code 100-01-04-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 100-01-04-7017 Medicare Maintenance, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$42.40 from account code 207-01-00-7100 Travel into account 207-01-00-7017 Medicare, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$342,104.00 from Road & Bridge Fund, into account code 510-10-00-7204 Contract Projects OPWC, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

DE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to de-appropriate from Senior Citizens Levy, (\$140,648.91) from account code 234-01-50-7103 Contract Services, (\$2,603.21) from account code 234-01-50-7409 Auditor & Treasurer Fees, and (\$76.97) from account code 234-01-50-7700 Refund Downtown Redevelopment District, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to de-appropriate from Sheriff JAG-V Grant, (\$60,040.00) from account code 410-29-10-7104 Confidential Funds, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to de-appropriate from COSSAP Grant – Opiod Abuse, (\$61,179.50) from account code 410-29-25-7001 Salaries Employees, (\$1,871.46) from account code 410-29-25-7100 Travel, and (\$12,898.08) from account code 410-29-25-7103 Contract Services, and (\$2,750.03) from account code 410-29-25-7550 Other Expenses per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to de-appropriate from Small Cities Formula, (\$500,000.00) from account code 420-07-31-7120 Clarksburg CDBG, (\$500,000.00) from account code 420-07-31-7121 Adelphi-CDBG, (\$50,000.00) from account code 420-07-31-7131 CHIP OHTF, (\$86,756.00) from account code 420-07-31-7132 CHIP CDBG, and (\$456,334.00) from account code 420-07-31-7133 CHIP HOME, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to de-appropriate from ACGP/STBG Development Grants, (\$4,500,000.00) from account code 420-07-32-7450 122083 Ross Yoctangee, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to de-appropriate from Juvenile Court Drug Ct. Subsidy, (\$10,000.00) from account code 420-18-14-7103 Contract Services, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to de-appropriate from LE Complex, (\$486,000.00) from account code 557-01-01-7204 Capital Improvements, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to de-appropriate from Residential Services, (\$35,000.00) from account code 420-46-35-7106 Rent Residential Services, (\$42,000.00) from account code 420-46-35-7103 Contract Services Residential, (\$5,000.00) from account code 420-46-35-7554 Residential Facility, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to de-appropriate from VOCA/SVVA, (\$100,000.00) from account code 420-99-39-7001 Salaries Employees, (\$37,000.00) from account code 420-99-39-7014 Group Insurance, (\$16,000.00) from account code 420-99-39-7012 PERS, (\$1,500.00) from account code 420-99-39-7017 Medicare, and (\$1,500.00) from account code 420-99-39-7013 Workers Comp, per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to de-appropriate from 401 Care & Custody per a request of December 29, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

Lighthouse Comm. Juv Justice Serv	420-18-13-7107	(\$ 57,000.00)
Integrated Services for BH	420-18-13-7106	(\$ 41,000.00)
Chillicothe Digital Academy	420-18-13-7119	(\$ 33,000.00)
PV/ADAMH PAX GBG Prevention	420-18-13-7105	(\$ 12,000.00)
Ross County Restitution	420-18-13-7131	(\$ 12,000.00)
Reimb - CASA	420-18-13-7842	(\$ 50,000.00)
Admin Program Costs	420-18-13-7154	(\$ 10,000.00)
Zane Trace Be Here	420-18-13-7114	(\$ 9,000.00)
Keys to Success	420-18-13-7117	(\$ 8,000.00)
Probation Electronic	420-18-13-7110	(\$ 6,000.00)
T.E.A.M	420-18-13-7116	(\$ 6,000.00)
Paper City Mentoring	420-18-13-7118	(\$ 6,000.00)

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

ROSS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CHILD PLACEMENT AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a contract between the Ross County Juvenile Court, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter RCJC whose address is 2 North Paint Street, Ross County Court House, Chillicothe, OH 45601, and Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC, hereinafter PROVIDER whose address is 2775 S/R 39, Shelby, Ohio 44875. This Contract sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement and related services for children who are in the care and custody of RCJC during calendar year 2026.

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

VILLAGE OF BAINBRIDGE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION GRANT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to enter a contract between Ross County Board of Commissioners, Village of Bainbridge, and Brackney, Inc. for the Bainbridge water line replacement project. Partial project funding in the amount of \$720,000 has been secured through a Residential Public Infrastructure Program (RPIG) grant through the Ohio Department of Development' CDBG project and administered by Ross County Planning and Development.

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

AMENDMENT WELSH MUSEUM AT OAK HILL ACGP GRANT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve amendment one o the ACGP grant agreement between Ohio Department of Development and Ross County which provides additional grant funding for the Welsh Museum at Oak Hill. The amendment provides an additional \$83,838 to complete work they had to remove from the original scope due to the bid price as well as to assist with a plumbing issue discovered during the restroom remodeling that was being completed as part of the ACGP award. These additional funds will help ensure the project is transformational as the ACGP set out to do.

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

GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET SUMMARY

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the General Fund Budget Summary for 2026 in the amount of \$39,241,365.51.

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

ALL FUNDS BUDGET SUMMARY

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the All-Funds Budget Summary for 2026 in the amount of \$215,599,371.00.

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

OTHER BUSINESS**ADJOURN**

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of December 29 at 9:52 a.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner