

**JANUARY 2 – MEETING 1
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, January 2, 2024, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the minutes of the December 26, 2023, meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated December 18 through January 1, 2024, in the amount of \$12,890.00 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. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$137.64 be transferred from account code 420-29-11-7150 Supplies, into account code 420-29-11-7100 travel, per a request of January 2, 2024 from the Ross County Sheriff Task Force.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Samsung Notebook	3692	Surplus Property
1	Server	2606	Surplus Property
2	Lap Tops	2245, 2340	Surplus Property

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

COMMISSIONERS' STAFF MEMBERS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP CHECKS FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE IN 2024

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 2024, 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 2024.

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 2024.

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 Jack Everson, 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 2024.

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 2024.

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.

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

Mr. Lowe moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-24

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 2024; 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 2024, 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.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2024 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 \$7,519.00

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 twenty one (21) bridges in the county road system with spans greater than ten (10) feet, due to safety hazard, according to the following schedule filed January 2, 2024, by Charlie Ortman, Ross County Engineer, pursuant to Section 5543.20 of the Ohio Revised Code:

STRUCTURE #	ROAD NAMES	LIMITS	STRUCTURE #	ROAD NAMES	LIMITS	STRUCTURE #	ROAD NAMES	LIMITS
C-054-0365	Lower Twin Rd. (Covered Bridge)	4 ton				T-0070-0024	McCann Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 ton
C-092-0650	Norman Hill Rd	8 ton	T-249-0050	Chapel Creek Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 Ton 3 Axle - 20 Ton			4 Axle - 25 ton 5 Axle - 27 ton 6+ Axle - 27 ton Tractor Trailer - 40 Ton
C-110-0184	Maple Grove Rd	8 ton			4 Axle - 22 ton 5 Axle - 23 Ton 6+ Axle - 24 Ton Tractor Trailer - 36 Ton	T-0076-0247	Douglas Rd.	Varies - 2 Axle - 15 ton 3 Axle - 23 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-095-0912	Bushmill Rd.	36 Ton			4 Axle - 22 ton 5 Axle - 26 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-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	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-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	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	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
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	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	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-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				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
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						
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						

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on January 2, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance:

RESOLUTION 002-24

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2024.

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Jack A. Everson is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Ross County; now, be it further

RESOLVED, James E. Lowe is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Ross County.

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

REAPPOINTMENT PLEASANT VALLEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appoint Tim Richenderfer to the Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District as representative for Union Township, for a three year term, effective October 31, 2023.

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

GREEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to name Tammy Elleanardo to replace Ben Junk on the Green Township Community Investment Area Housing Council, effective immediately.

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

ONEOHIO FUND ALLOCATION TO REENTRY COALITION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to allocate \$35,000.00 to the Ross County Re-Entry Coalition from the OneOhio Fund, account code 420-01-14-0010.

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

TIME SHEET 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 30, 2023.

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

COLERAIN TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF ADELPHI TRIAL ROAD CLOSURE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to accept the temporary trial closure of a portion of Gay St. serving the Village of Adelphi before doing any permanent construction and vacation. ODOT is cooperating with the trial.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of January 2, 2024, at 11:54 a.m.

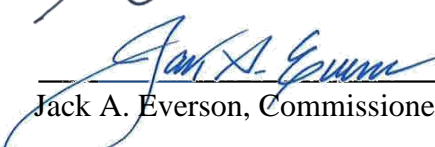
Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner