

**MARCH 4 – MEETING 10
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, March 4, 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 February 26, 2024, 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. Everson seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE			
Auditor	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	4200	Engineer	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	1105.42
Auditor	Treasurer, State of Ohio	9066.25	Engineer	Ohio Machinery Co	137.84
Auditor	City of Chillicothe Auditor's Office	54340.83	Engineer	Principal Truck Supply	326.58
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1035	Engineer	Resource International, Inc.	815
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	Engineer	Cheryl DuBois, Fiscal Officer	4786.13
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	Engineer	Vermeer of Southern Ohio, Inc.	56.44
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	Engineer	Huntsman Market LLC	827.74
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1387.5	Engineer	John Deere Financial	9.98
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	2280	Engineer	Cassie L. Long, Fiscal Officer	1549.13
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1627.5	Engineer	Cassie L. Long, Fiscal Officer	6331.17
Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	1357.5	Engineer	Lacal Equipment Co.	1380.32
Auditor	Bevins, Walter A.	450	Jury Commission	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	76.6
Auditor	Barrington, James E.	1102.5	Jury Commission	Printex Printing	820
Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	832.5	Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	465
Auditor	Stebelton Snider LPA	1912.5	Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	7414.86
Auditor	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	71.62	Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	205.78
Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	1218.77	Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	45.97
Automatic Data Processing Board	Charter Communications	610	Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	228.72
Automatic Data Processing Board	Modern Leasing	190.82	Juvenile Court	Ohio Association of Magistrates	125
Board of Elections	Go2ITGroup	300	Litter Control	Wex Bank	350.1
Board of Elections	Office City Express	48.98	Litter Control	Earth Gathering	25
Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software, Inc.	1560	Litter Control	Amazon Capital Services	83.38
Board of Elections	Swango Cabling and Trenching, LLC	2467.9	Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development Corp	14280
Building Department	Wex Bank	348.5	Planning Commission	BJ's Electric Inc	23248.92
Building Department	Josh Hettinger	20	Planning Commission	Ross County Health District	753.72
Building Department	David Bitler	31.07	Planning Commission	Duncan and Daniels Enterprises LLC	11162
Clerk of Courts	UPS	19.64	Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	22.99
Clerk of Courts	CDW Government, Inc.	355.71	Prosecuting Attorney	GFC Leasing	106.33
Clerk of Courts	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	62	Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	438.96
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	157.9	Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	510
Commissioners	TL Doors LLC	650	Prosecuting Attorney	GFC Leasing	247
Commissioners	South Central Power Company	90.25	Prosecuting Attorney	GFC Leasing	0.07
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	1240.69	Prosecuting Attorney	GFC Leasing	0.11
Commissioners	Chillicothe Gazette	892.94	Prosecuting Attorney	GFC Leasing	7.5
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	6233.85	Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5
Commissioners	Wex Bank	547.29	Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	1488.93	Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5
Commissioners	American Electric Power	34.96	Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	510
Commissioners	John Deere Financial	1103.04	Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	404.03
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	236.96	Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	416.2
Commissioners	Advanced Services	7000	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	247
Commissioners	American Electric Power	1629.2	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57
Commissioners	Foulke Block/Althoff	27000	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	247
Commissioners	CORSA	4002.15	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57
Commissioners	Speer Mechanical	1384.31	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	11.1
Commissioners	Menards	349.99	Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	29.99
Commissioners	Cathy Primer	30.45	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	106.33
Common Pleas Court #2	Supreme Court of Ohio	50	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	106.33
Common Pleas Court #2	Office Depot Inc.	92.64	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	904
Coroner	Mocassin Creek Tactical	99	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	2060
Coroner	FedEx	305.93	Recorder	Office City Express	593.6
Dog Warden	Wex Bank	959.32	Ross County Court System	Amazon Capital Services	286.6
Emergency Management	GFC Leasing	121.65	Ross County Court System	Meachem, Chelsea	375.1
Emergency Management	AT&T Mobility	140.49	Ross County Court System	Amazon Capital Services	2830.84
Engineer	Advanced Hydraulics and Hoses	304.5	Ross County Court System	Printex Printing	219
Engineer	Bane-Welker Equipment, LLC	1775.47	Sheriff	Modern Leasing	190.17
Engineer	Cooper Glass Service	11	Sheriff	Emergency Professional Services, In	157.14
Engineer	D. Brad McCorkle, Fiscal Officer	11929.76	Sheriff	Ohio Dept of Natural Resources	3115.48
Engineer	D. Brad McCorkle, Fiscal Officer	2919	Sheriff	Trinity Services Group	11482.45
Engineer	Bell, Larry L.	155.8	Sheriff	Emergency Professional Services, In	188.46
			Sheriff	Bob Barker Company	924.6
Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	157.5	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	367.32
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	277.2	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	122.42
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	199.98	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	306.1
Sheriff	Apogee Medical Group, Ohio, Inc	67.66	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	61.22
Sheriff	Adena Health System	644.42	Sheriff	Nourse Family of Dealerships	1663.82
Sheriff	Collision, Paint & Restoration	5000	Sheriff	Purchase Power	76.6
Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	173.86	Sheriff	American Electric Power	341.29
Sheriff	Josh Shears	151.55	Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	2367.29
Sheriff	US Safety Gear, Inc.	54.99	Sheriff	Master Locksmith and Safe Service,	213
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	378.73	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	276.48
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	330.96	Sheriff	Johnna Remy	39.52
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	407.28	Sheriff	American Electric Power	183.42
Sheriff	Evident Crime Scene Products	844.12	Sheriff	American Electric Power	35.74
Sheriff	LCNB National Bank	67.5	Sheriff	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	4000
Sheriff	DanCo Lettering	244	Treasurer	Huntington National Bank	400.31
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	305.53	Veterans Service Commission	ComDoc, Inc.	93.52
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	492.08	Veterans Service Commission	Sewards, Randy A.	735.62
Sheriff	Law Enforcement Risk Management	550	Veterans Service Commission	Price, Harold S.	1127.53
Sheriff	Adena Health System	48	Veterans Service Commission	Holdren, Greg	254.38
Sheriff	South Central Power Company	31	Veterans Service Commission	Ed Secrest	281.88
Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	3459.91	Veterans Service Commission	T-Mobile USA Inc	72.69
Sheriff	American Electric Power	15679.17	VOCA	Office City Express	179.51
Sheriff	Atwood Autobody, LLC	13635.85	VOCA	First Communications, LLC	4.79
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	215.27	Wellness	Amazon Capital Services	225.46
Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police Sup	242.95			
Sheriff	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	385.63			
Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	128			
Sheriff	P&R Communications Service, Inc	450			
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	70.48			
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	67.4			
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	26.59			
					\$323,161.90

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 February 19 through March 4, 2024, in the amount of \$12,500.48 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$20,000.00 be appropriated from OneOhio into account code 420-01-14-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of March 4, 2024 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$1,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-21-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of March 4, 2024 from the Ross County Coroner.

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 Planning Department for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	5 drawer file cabinet	00328	Surplus Property

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

PERMIT APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNTUY COURTHOUSE STEPS/PORTICO

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a request from Lynne Bunstine for use of the courthouse steps and portico for the Yellow Day Celebration, May 3, 2024 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

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

LEASE AGREEMENT SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an agreement, between the County of Ross, Ohio, a county and political subdivision of the State of Ohio duly and lawfully created and existing under the State of Ohio, as Lessor, and South Central Ohio Job and Family Services, as Lessee. The term of this lease shall be five (5) years commencing on January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2028, both dates inclusive, unless sooner terminated as herein provided.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the invoice from JDC for February services rendered at a cost of \$56,365.72.

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on February 12, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance:

**RESOLUTION 011-24
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GRANT
AWARDS - STANDARD ALLOWANCE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND**

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, March 4, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance.

WHEREAS, in response to the economic fallout caused by the COVID19 pandemic, Ross County had previously received American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARP A) for 2021/2022, and said funds were distributed to local entities to provide relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all options from the January 6, 2022, publication from the U.S. Treasury regarding the Final Rule for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), which took effect on April 1, 2022, this Board had made a determination to move forward by taking advantage of its flexibilities and simplifications at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ross County Commissioners has previously adopted the U.S. Treasury's Final Rule and choose the Standard Allowance for revenue loss up to \$10 million for ARPA funds pursuant to Resolution 015-22, adopted on April 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ross County Commissioners, upon the adoption of Resolution 015-22, caused \$10 million in SLFRF monies to be set aside for such revenue loss in the Grant Awards - Standard Allowance fund; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to use the balance of that \$10 million revenue loss allocation for the specific purpose of funding the State Route 104 Sewer Project, said balance being \$9,601,417.26 million; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 5705.15 provides for the transfer of funds from one fund to another, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Ross County Board of Commissioners, that the Ross County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer the \$9,601,417.26 million balance currently located in the Grant Awards - Standard Allowance fund, to the general fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said \$9,601,417.26 million is being transferred to the general fund for the specific purpose of being used for the State Route 104 Sewer Project.

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

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO MODERN OFFICE METHODS SIU

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an agreement, with Modern Office Methods for a Canon copier for the SIU at a monthly fee of \$166.10 for 60 months.

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

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING CONVENTION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a travel request from EMA Director Mark Thompson and EMA Deputy Director Joshua Garrett to attend the Homeland Security/ILO meeting Region 7 held in Jackson Ohio on March 7, 2024 at no cost to the county.

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

LEGAL NOTICE PAVING STRIPING (PAVEMENT MARKING) PLANING (MILLING) COUNTY & TOWNSHIP ROADS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the legal notice for Sealed bids to be received by the Ross County Commissioners at the Board of Ross County Commissioners, 2 North Paint St., Suite H, Court House, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601, Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., until Monday, March 25, 2024, 11 :30 A.M. and opened at that time for Paving, Striping (Pavement Marking), and Planing (Milling) various County and Township Roads in Ross County. Project to be managed by the Ross County Engineer.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

County Engineer Charlie Ortman discussed the possibility of using Bid Express to streamline construction bidding and general procurement.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of March 4, 2024, at 11:28 a.m.

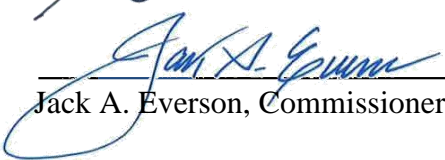
Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



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