

**MARCH 11- MEETING 10  
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, March 11, 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 March 4, 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:

PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE			
2024000191	Google, Inc.	2094.71	2024000422	Central Center Hardware	112.14
2024000167	Ross County Humane Society	10000	2024000421	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.35
2024000434	Appraisal Research Corp.	10217.7	2024000904	Fastenal Company	141.98
2024000164	Fairfield Computer Services, LLC	165	2024000291	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	202.37
2024000298	CEBCO	1021943.87	2024000923	Henkle, Haley A.	1079.7
2024000232	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	42.5	2024000377	Clevenger, Leah	36
2024000757	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	300	2024000238	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	300
2024000185	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	582.18	2024000842	All Signs of Chillicothe Inc	75
2024000173	Newman, Steven C.	125	2024000243	Westside Media	30
2024000172	Weckbacher, Joseph H.	60	2024000299	Thomas, Jodi L.	140
2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	450	2024000119	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	134.08
2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	600	2024000466	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	149.51
2024000170	Falls, Linda L.	525	2024000698	US Bank NA	108.57
2024000170	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	630	2024000693	Amazon Capital Services	1151.18
2024000170	Barrington, James E.	922.5	2024000653	Mark Thompson	72.9
2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	450	2024000620	B & C Communications	184
2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	750	2024000620	Carter Lumber	90.58
2024000173	Benson, Melinda J	125	2024000620	Capital One Trade Credit	299.99
2024000187	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	5627.88	2024000106	Cintas Corporation # 530	424.46
2024000180	American Electric Power	929.19	2024000620	Dexter Company	299.28
2024000186	Ross Co. Water Company	104.69	2024000620	Eitel's Towing Service Inc.	647.9
2023002464	Amazon Capital Services	125.49	2024000620	Fastenal Company	543.33
2024000104	Westside Media	291.5	2024000620	Lowe's	640.12
2024000864	Amazon Capital Services	111.21	2024000620	Matco Tools	1522.15
2024000246	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	4031.84	2024000620	Office City Express	36.44
2024000884	The Water Express	40.25	2024000108	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	495
2024000885	Office City Express	145.83	2024000620	Scioto Shoe Mart	121.48
2024000886	Triad Governmental System	328	2024000069	Tow Path Materials	712.6
2024000912	Office City Express	54.51	2024000620	US Safety Gear, Inc.	62
2024000914	Election Systems & Software, Inc.	1975	2024000621	Robin L. Snyder, Fiscal Officer	14288.15
2024000264	Treasurer, State of Ohio	1.7	2024000622	Robin L. Snyder, Fiscal Officer	3496.05
2023001230	Treasurer, State of Ohio	148.35	2024000620	Central Auto Parts	1166.01
2024000264	Treasurer, State of Ohio	826.26	2024000116	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.66
2024000480	City of Chillicothe Building Dept.	1632.34	2024000620	Value Added Business Services	46.67
2024000260	Shelley, Joshua	8100	2024000882	Riffle & Son Machine Works	430
2024000578	Office City Express	85.28	2024000620	Advance Auto Parts	604.35
2024000578	Office City Express	144.96	2024000620	Airgas Great Lakes	545.86
2024000330	State Electric Supply, Inc.	50.74	2024000568	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	23.5
2024000532	Master Locksmith and Safe Service,	12	2024000592	Amazon Capital Services	119.98
2024000736	Central Auto Parts	490.36	2024000570	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	32.25
2024000877	Willoughby Industries, Inc.	2752	2024000576	Make Paper Digital, LLC	10000
2024000878	Coppel Coal & Supply Co.	30.15	2024000558	Schutt, Adelina	150
2024000330	State Electric Supply, Inc.	63.76	2024000568	Amazon Capital Services	128.94
2024000702	Integrated Protection Services	381	2024000592	Amazon Capital Services	59.98
2024000328	Juvenile Detention Center	56365.72	2024000592	Amazon Capital Services	779.7
2024000898	Integrated Protection Services	378	2024000568	Amazon Capital Services	17.35
2024000709	Integrated Protection Services	102	2024000719	Westside Media	18.75
2024000408	Waste Management of Ohio	424.38	2024000253	Quill Corporation	80.58
2024000410	Waste Management of Ohio	242.99	2024000248	Quill Corporation	39.47
2024000409	Waste Management of Ohio	921.26	2024000563	Hill, Laura J.	200
2024000449	Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning LLC	500	2024000561	Cutright, James K.	200
2024000897	Hope Partnership Project	20000	2024000561	Franklin County Probate Court	1448.5
2024000289	Ross Co. Water Company	88.91	2024000561	THOMAS HUNTER	52
2024000286	Ross Co. Water Company	26.87	2024000560	Amazon Capital Services	285.78
2024000288	Ross Co. Water Company	25.77	2024000871	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57
2024000343	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	389.2	2024000871	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	247
2024000412	Lowe's	400.5	2024000856	Lexis-Nexis	510
2024000412	Lowe's	197.54	2024000856	Lexis-Nexis	688
2024000413	Lowe's	601.05	2024000806	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	1775
2024000420	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	63.5	2024000854	Lexis-Nexis	833.53
			2024000855	Microsystems Inc	416.2
2024000871	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	106.33	2024000551	Trinity Services Group	5660.3
2024000725	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	20.64	2024000643	Cottrill-Baskerville, Treiva J.	1844.8
2024000739	Kofile Technologies	2145.6	2024000642	Escamilla, Vanessa	340
2024000740	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	31	2024000550	Office City Express	597.34
2024000906	GFC Leasing	365.12	2024000258	Apogee Medical Group, Ohio, Inc	52.6
2024000905	GFC Leasing	1270.87	2024000258	Columbus Radiology Corp.	144.16
2024000902	Charter Communications Holdings,	139.98	2024000548	Ratcliff, Roger	136.3
2024000901	US Bank Equipment Finance	847.27	2024000482	Amazon Capital Services	393.41
2024000918	Nourse Family of Dealerships	107.12	2024000258	Allen's Pharmacy	1145.67
2024000917	The Water Express	45	2023002534	Adena Medical Group, LLC	149.16
2024000417	Thomson Reuters - West	302.84	2024000496	DTB Distributors, Inc.	536.4
2024000285	Child Protection Center of Ross Cou	2221.45	2024000482	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1401.96
2024000507	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	182.95	2024000654	DTB Distributors, Inc.	83.45
2024000507	Horizon Network Partners	511	2024000922	Jim Shorkey Auto Group	124002
2024000125	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	71.51	2024000737	Office City Express	587.48
2024000125	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	262.33	2024000463	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	24.25
2024000123	Wex Bank	1296.11	2024000203	Fawcett, Oliver, Glass & Palmer Fur	1000
2024000494	Printex Printing	657.9	2024000194	Save-A-Lot	5515.27
2024000510	APCO, AFC, Inc.	976	2024000196	The Corner Market	942.37
2024000771	Wex Bank	15670.6	2024000181	American Electric Power	300
2024000495	Insight Public Sector, Inc	123.94	2024000630	Horizon Technology	9.95
2024000496	Sparkle Cleaners	44.7	2024000630	Horizon Technology	137.06
2024000502	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5	2024000916	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	249.95
2024000494	Office City Express	244.62	2024000745	T-Mobile USA Inc	23.93
2024000252	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	4079.87	2024000921	Ohio Vcltirn Witness Association, In	100
2024000496	Amazon Capital Services	310.86	2024000734	Explorer Yoga, LLC	65
2024000547	Sparkle Cleaners	20.8	2024000734	Sarah Wood	30.36
2024000922	Office City Express	1807.81			
2024000550	Office City Express	1807.81			
2024000644	Welch, David Michael	480			
2024000645	Jonina Johnson	520			
2024000258	MobileXUSA	345			
2024000258	MOBILEXUSA	715			
					<b>\$1,391,576.08</b>

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 26 through March 11, 2024, in the amount of \$50,380.07 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, \$3,500.00 be transferred from account code 100-07-00-7001 Salaries - Employees into account code 100-07-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of March 11, 2024 from the Ross County Planning Department.

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 EMA for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Dell Laptop	4687	Stolen

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

**TIME SHEET APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending March 9, 2024.

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

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT RE-ENTRY COALITION**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an independent contract agreement between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Ross County Re-Entry Coalition to engage the contractor as an independent contractor to perform the work set forth as stated in the contract.

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 March 11, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance:

**RESOLUTION 013-24**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ROSS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**TO SUPPORT A RURAL INDUSTRIAL PARK LOAN PROGRAM APPLICATION**  
**FOR THE BENEFIT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Ross, Ohio, met in regular session on March 11, 2024 to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio, is supportive of the development and submission of a Rural Industrial Park Loan Program application, in accordance with Section 122.24 of the Ohio Revised Code, to promote economic development in eligible rural areas and promote the economic welfare of Ross County and the State of Ohio.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** The Board acknowledges the project site, Parcel 140109269000, is located at 5495 SR 159 which is located in Ross County, Ohio, and that Ross County, Ohio, has been identified as an eligible county in accordance with Program guidelines.

**Section 2:** The Board acknowledges that no existing industrial park located in the county would compete against the industrial park that would be developed and improved through the use of financial assistance provided to the applicant under the Rural Industrial Park Loan Program.

**Section 3:** The Board recognizes the applicant for the Rural Industrial Park Loan Program assistance to be Buckeye Land Holdings, LLC, is an eligible applicant in accordance with the Program guidelines.

**Section 4:** The Board recognizes the applicant has the capacity to undertake and successfully oversee the project.

**Section 5:** The board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of the Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

**Section 6:** This Resolutions shall be in force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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 March 11, 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**  
**A WARDS - STANDARD ALLOWANCE FUND TO THE 104 SEWER PROJECT 650-01**

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 104 Sewer Project fund 650-01, for the specific purpose of being used for the State Route 104 Sewer Project.

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

**RESOLUTION 011-24 RESENDED**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve resending resolution 011-24 until several questions, regarding the creation for a stabilization fund, can be addressed.

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

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PAY REQUEST**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a pay request from the WPCLF grant for two sewage systems and two sewage system repairs, for \$38,423.04 with 3% going for administrative services.

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

**BID OPENING WPCLF 2023 BATCH 2**

Bids were opened at 11:00am as advertised for the 2023 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Batch 2. Only one bid was received, Duncan and Daniels Enterprises, LLC, for two home sewage repair/replacement, in the amount of \$32,134.00. Bids will be given to the Planning Department for review and to award the contract.

**T HANGAR VIOLATION LETTER ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to send a letter to all t-hangar lessees at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport, to remind them of the rules and regulations set forth by the County Commissioners and the FAA, regarding using hangars as storage facilities.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mr. Phil Dysard** met with the Commissioners to discuss the natural gas purchasing program contract which will be up for renewal in a couple of months.

**Senior Planner Devon Shoemaker** introduced Mr. Mike Mendenhall from MCS & Associates. MCS does project management of grant projects. If the county is awarded ACGP funds, it may be necessary to hire a firm to help with administration of the grant.

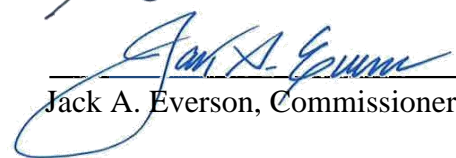
**ADJOURN**

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of March 11, 2024, at 11:26 a.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

  
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Dwight A. Garrett, President

  
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James E. Lowe, Vice President

  
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Jack A. Everson, Commissioner