

**MARCH 25– MEETING 13
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, March 25, 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 18, 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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULED PAY DATE	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULED PAY DATE	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	ATTORNEY FEES- MUNICIPAL	3/25/2024	345	Juvenile Court	CASA Misc. Other	3/25/2024	129.93
Auditor	BCMh Treatments	3/25/2024	5565.1	Juvenile Court	IV-E Misc. Other	3/25/2024	3298.75
Auditor	GAAP CONVERSION	3/25/2024	1100	Law Library	2/24-1/25 OH REVISED COC	3/25/2024	7333.73
Auditor	Utilities	3/25/2024	4534.17	Litter Control	travel	3/25/2024	24
Auditor	Utilities	3/25/2024	580.58	Litter Control	travel	3/25/2024	361.26
Auditor	ATTORNEY FEES- PROBATE	3/25/2024	125	Planning Commission	Expense Planning Commission	3/25/2024	11.5
Auditor	long distance	3/25/2024	47.5	Probate Court	Probate - Misc. Other	3/25/2024	13.5
Auditor	supplies-upstairs	3/25/2024	52.68	Probate Court	Indigent Guardian Attorney F	3/25/2024	600
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Modern Office	3/25/2024	300.3	Probate Court	Probate - Office Supplies	3/25/2024	181.78
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Gordon Flesch	3/25/2024	538.57	Prosecuting Attorney	consumer support, shadow p	3/25/2024	29.99
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	3/25/2024	23.42	Recorder	other	3/25/2024	385
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	3/25/2024	40.18	Ross County Court System	CELL PHONE USAGE FOR P	3/25/2024	88.46
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	3/25/2024	44.97	Ross County Court System	RADIATION-GENERATING E	3/25/2024	120
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	3/25/2024	118.55	Ross County Court System	Chillicothe Gazette-March	3/25/2024	65
Building Department	Other Expenses	3/25/2024	184.8	Ross County Court System	Water delivery Feb. for court	3/25/2024	33.5
Building Department	SAFETY	3/25/2024	185.62	Ross County Court System	Jury snacks, red ink, pens, h	3/25/2024	118.05
Clerk of Courts	APPEALS COURT MAILINGS	3/25/2024	36.89	Ross County Court System	Reinstatement fees for Lako	3/25/2024	475
Clerk of Courts	bottled water	3/25/2024	15.5	Ross County Court System	Reinstatement fees for Jame	3/25/2024	540
Clerk of Courts	contract services	3/25/2024	116.54	Ross County Court System	GPS & SCRAM-FEB. 2024	3/25/2024	1106
Clerk of Courts	APPEALS COURT MAILINGS	3/25/2024	203.74	Ross County Court System	Book bags for DC participant	3/25/2024	209.99
Commissioners	Misc. supplies	3/25/2024	131.31	Ross County Court System	GLOVES FOR DRUG TESTIN	3/25/2024	85.28
Commissioners	TPA Amin Services	3/25/2024	1777	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	1844.8
Commissioners	Claims	3/25/2024	2500	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	160
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies Jail	3/25/2024	204.05	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	320
Commissioners	Janitorial Supplies	3/25/2024	385.59	Sheriff	Contract Service	3/25/2024	440
Commissioners	Misc. supplies	3/25/2024	44.99	Sheriff	SUPPLIES	3/25/2024	140.56
Commissioners	Wastewater Consulting Serv	3/25/2024	1600	Sheriff	jail food contract	3/25/2024	6025.87
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies Jail	3/25/2024	601.02	Sheriff	contract services	3/25/2024	6261.96
Commissioners	Consulting Services EMS As	3/25/2024	84900	Sheriff	Supplies	3/25/2024	225.69
Commissioners	ARPA GRANT-RES 011-24-	3/25/2024	9601417.26	Sheriff	costs of supplies	3/25/2024	61.66
Common Pleas Court #2	travel	3/25/2024	61.36	Sheriff	Supplies	3/25/2024	8.99
Coroner	Cell Phone Service	3/25/2024	102.9	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	383.27
Coroner	Forensic Autopsy Services	3/25/2024	1750	Sheriff	Other Expenses	3/25/2024	995.88
Dog Warden	contract repairs	3/25/2024	59.95	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	59.62
Dog Warden	supplies	3/25/2024	361.93	Sheriff	costs of other expenses	3/25/2024	2529
Dog Warden	supplies	3/25/2024	268.73	Sheriff	medical services	3/25/2024	94.23
Dog Warden	other expenses	3/25/2024	300	Sheriff	medical services	3/25/2024	313.97
Emergency Management	sirens, equipment	3/25/2024	170	Sheriff	Supplies	3/25/2024	20
Engineer	Salt	3/25/2024	55881.05	Sheriff	equipment	3/25/2024	3175.3
Engineer	Uniforms	3/25/2024	415.02	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	972
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	3056.31	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	12319
Engineer	Cleaning office	3/25/2024	625	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	6.22
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	560	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	378.73
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	129.17	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	330.96
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	406.92	Sheriff	Contract Services	3/25/2024	407.28
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	3454.79	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	273.95
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	175	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	30.98
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	880	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	372.93
Engineer	Road Materials, diesel, gas &	3/25/2024	303.8	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	203.69
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	201.88	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	69.99
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	3/25/2024	134	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	303.6
Juvenile Court	GRANT ADMIN	3/25/2024	1014.85	Sheriff	other expenses	3/25/2024	109.98
Juvenile Court	OHMAS OTHER	3/25/2024	254.03	Treasurer	ADVERTISING COST	3/25/2024	2912.16
Juvenile Court	IV-E Office Supplies	3/25/2024	1618.75	Veterans Service Commissio	REIMB	3/25/2024	219.5
Juvenile Court	ATP - Misc. Other	3/25/2024	366.45	Veterans Service Commissio	Electric Assistance	3/25/2024	300
Juvenile Court	Juvenile - Office Supplies	3/25/2024	94.98	VOCA	telephone	3/25/2024	137.06
				Wellness	welness program	3/25/2024	75
							\$9,838,061.75

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, 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 March 11 through March 25, 2024, in the amount of \$14,531.55 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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$539,631.17 be transferred from account code 81G-00-00-7800 Escrow into account code 557-01-00-5200 LE Complex, per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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, \$159,000.00 be transferred from account code 100-00-00-7857 General into account code 557-01-01-5801 LE Complex, per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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, \$607,019.95 be transferred from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS into account code 231-51-00-0010 Children services, per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 transferred from account code 215-15-00-7103 Contract Services into account code 215-15-00-7107 Communications, per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County EMA.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$25,100.00 from General Fund into account code 100-00-00-7136 Election Expense, per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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, to appropriate \$1,400.00 from Children Services into account code 231-51-00-7136 Election Expense, per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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, to appropriate \$1,400.00 from Senior Citizens into account code 234-01-50-7136 Election Expense, per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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, to appropriate \$19,827.45 from 2023-JG-A01-6494 US 23 Major Crimes TF, into account codes 410-29-02-7150 Supplies (\$967.45), account code 410-29-02-7550 Other Costs (\$13,860.00) and account code 410-29-02-7104 Confidential funds (%5,000.00), per a request of March 25, 2024 from the Ross County Major Crimes TF.

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, to appropriate \$25,000.00 from General into account code 100-00-00-7997 Park District, per a request of March 25, 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.

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 March 23, 2024.

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

The following resolutions were 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 016-24

APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

OF THE ROSS PICKAWAY HIGHLAND FAYETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Ross Pickaway Highland Fayette Solid Waste Management District, by its Solid Waste Policy Committee, has adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan for the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.SS(B), the Board of County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation or township under the jurisdiction of the District, must approve or disapprove the Plan by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio have reviewed the Plan and considered it at a duly called meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Plan furthers the public interest; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Ross Pickaway Highland Fayette Solid Waste Management District, adopted by the Solid Waste Policy Committee on March 14, 2024, is hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution of Approval shall promptly be delivered, or caused to be delivered, to the Solid Waste Management Policy Committee of the Ross Pickaway Highland Fayette Solid Waste Management District.

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

ROSS COUNTY RECYCLING OUTREACH PAYMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Commissioner Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, the second quarterly payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Ross County Recycling Outreach made payable to the Ross County Board of Commissioners.

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

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY-WIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to certify that they have reviewed the cost allocation plan prepared by MAXIMUS Inc. and submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief: All costs included in this proposal based on FY 2022 actual costs to establish cost allocations or billings for the year ended December 31, 2024 are allowable in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200, (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), and the Federal award(s) to which they apply. Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated in the cost allocation plan.

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

ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT CLOSE OUT AIRPORT PROJECT 3-39-0017-023-2022

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the close out report for the Ross County Shoemaker Airport project:

Grant Number: 3-39-0017-023-2022

Grant Description: Rehabilitate Runway 5/23 (100' x 5,405') - Design; Conduct Wildlife Site Visit

Grant Amount: \$85,747.00

Federal Grant Participation: 90%

Grant Amend. Participation: 90%

Amendments: \$2,700.00

This project included the design of the Ross County - Shoemaker Airport Runway 5/23 pavement rehabilitation. The project also included a wildlife site visit.

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

CONTRACT SIGNING 2023 WPCLF BATCH 3 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the contract signing of the 2023 Water Pollution Control Loan Batch 3, with Duncan and Daniels Enterprises, LLC to replace two sewer systems at a cost of \$32,124.00.

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

BID OPENING WPCLF 2023 BATCH 2

Sealed bids were opened at 11:00am as advertised for the 2023 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Batch 3. Only one bid was received, Duncan and Daniels Enterprises, LLC, for two home sewage repair/replacement, in the amount of \$25,044.00. Bids will be given to the Planning Department for review and to award the contract.

BID OPENING PAVING STRIPING PLANING VARIOUS COUNTY & TOWNSHIP ROADS IN ROSS COUNTY

Sealed bids were opened at 11:30am as advertised for Paving, Striping (Pavement Marking), Planing (Milling) various County & Township Roads in Ross County. Three bids were received: Shelley & Sands - \$3,628,150.11, G & J Paving - \$3,265,038.31 and Shelley Co. – \$3,710,948.74. Bids were given to the County Engineer Charlie Ortman for review and to award the bid.

PAYMENT FOR EMS CONSULTING SERVICES

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve paying Cambridge Consulting Services from the unanticipated emergencies account in the amount of \$84,900.00

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

PLAN APPROVAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DRY RUN CREEK

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve plans submitted by the County Engineer, from the State of Ohio Department of Transportation to replace superstructure of existing bridge carrying Dry Run Road over Dry Run Creek.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

The Land Bank meeting was held at 10:00am


Auditor Lehner and Treasurer Jeffers discussed their proposal for millage reduction in Ross County for tax year 2025. Present were Curt McAllister, Ross Co. Park District Commissioner, Erin Stanley, Ross Co. Park District, Myranda Vance, Director Ross County Park District, Charlie Ortman, County Engineer, Nancy Ames and Jason Link. The Commissioners will discuss the proposal and make a determination if it is feasible, considering the number of infrastructure projects that are in the works.

Tiffany Baldwin, Downtown Chillicothe presented the idea of putting a multilingual kiosk in front of the courthouse.

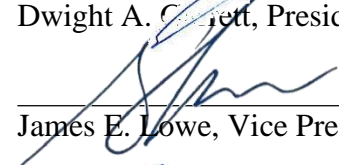
ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of March 25, 2024, at 3:00 a.m.

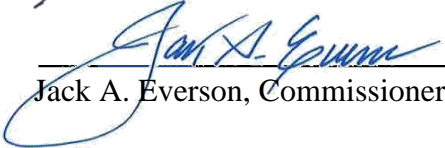
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