

**APRIL 1- MEETING 14  
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, April 1, 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 25, 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	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE				
Auditor	2024000182	South Central Power Company	1231	Emergency Management	2024000625	GFC Learning	121.65
Auditor	2024000180	American Electric Power	3520.49	Emergency Management	2024000997	Ohio Treasurer of State	165
Auditor	2024000187	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	71.62	Emergency Management	2024000653	Mark Thompson	62.45
Auditor	2024000173	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	125	Emergency Management	2024000949	B & C Communications	2099
Auditor	2024000171	Clark, John K. Jr.	525	Engineer	2024000882	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	317.21
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	All Signs of Chillicothe Inc	800
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	Bano-Walker Equipment, LLC	369.27
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	Diamond Mauer, Inc	879.3
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	Kenworth Truck Co.	686.9
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	Mateo Tools	92.65
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	The Char E. Phipps Company	577.89
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	Printex Printing	663.19
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	Scioto Shoe Mart	143.03
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000116	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.66
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000069	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	398.66
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Engineer	2024000882	Value Added Business Services	220.63
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Juvenile Court	2024000479	Office City Express	115.92
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75	Juvenile Court	2024000566	Menards	459.88
Automatic Data Processing	2024000995	Amazon Capital Services	141.84	Juvenile Court	2024000558	Hallenrath & Assoc., LLC	117.62
Board of Elections	2024000990	Miller Consultations & Election	221.95	Juvenile Court	2023002478	South Central Ohio Job & Family	12771.07
Board of Elections	2024000989	Jazrica Smith	72.93	Juvenile Court	2024001012	Ohio Dept of Job & Family Serv	134.05
Board of Elections	2024000987	Jazrica Smith	926.21	Juvenile Court	2024000592	Amazon Capital Services	17.89
Board of Elections	2024000987	Jazrica Smith	931.42	Juvenile Court	2024000575	Amazon Capital Services	80.11
Board of Elections	2024000988	Craig Gray	8.84	Lou Library	2024001021	Lexix-Mexix	451.41
Board of Elections	2024000988	Rabin Tirdale	62.4	Planning Commission	2024000249	Glacier Mountain Battled Wat	65
Board of Elections	2024000988	Michael Garrett	42.64	Planning Commission	2024000981	Printex Printing	30
Board of Elections	2024000988	Thamar Hull	63.44	Planning Commission	2024000248	Quill Corporation	118.42
Board of Elections	2024000988	Douglas Blouitt	63.96	Prabate Court	2024000561	Franklin County Prabate Court	27
Board of Elections	2024000991	US Bank Equipment Finance	242.25	Prabate Court	2024000563	Cutright, James K.	400
Board of Elections	2024001007	Office City Express	392.1	Prabate Court	2024000560	Amazon Capital Services	492.93
Building Department	2024000262	David Bitler	21.99	Sheriff	2024000654	Spartan Plur	108
Building Department	2024000895	Amazon Capital Services	38.84	Sheriff	2024000496	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	28
Building Department	2024000894	Amazon Capital Services	65.99	Sheriff	2024000494	Printex Printing	240
Building Department	2024000265	Wex Bank	316.81	Sheriff	2024000551	Trinity Services Group	5982.29
Building Department	2024000267	Quill Corporation	78.57	Sheriff	2024000494	Office City Express	10.92
Commissioners	2024000484	DTB Distributors, Inc.	547.21	Sheriff	2024000496	Hamotaun Auto, LLC	1377.98
Commissioners	2021000486	Elfard, Inc	74288.84	Sheriff	2024000697	Office City Express	11.64
Commissioners	2024001005	Elfard, Inc	539631.17	Sheriff	2024000482	Bab Barker Company	628.16
Commissioners	2024000292	Wex Bank	717.2	Sheriff	2024000258	Adena Health System	284.64
Commissioners	2024000812	Warly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	22.18	Sheriff	2024000510	Ohio Peace Officer Training A	150
Commissioners	2024001004	Dynatec, Inc	11625	Sheriff	2024000813	Ohio Peace Officer Training A	150
Commissioners	2024000904	Fartona Company	170.38	Sheriff	2024000508	South Central Power Company	31
Commissioners	2024000829	State Electric Supply, Inc.	418.47	Sheriff	2024000506	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1848.44
Commissioners	2024000333	Office City Express	88.97	Sheriff	2024000503	American Electric Power	15491.74
Commissioners	2024000532	Marter Locksmith and Safe Ser	6	Sheriff	2024000496	Tim's Tires & Accessories	685
Commissioners	2024000308	South Central Power Company	77	Sheriff	2024000258	Adena Medical Group, LLC	50.12
Commissioners	2024000294	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	858.8	Sheriff	2024000496	Sam's Club Direct	245
Commissioners	2024000293	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	700.4	Sheriff	2024000258	Calumbar Radiology Corp.	158.37
Commissioners	2024000296	American Electric Power	1879.21	Sheriff	2024000504	American Electric Power	224.85
Commissioners	2024000297	American Electric Power	667.35	Sheriff	2024000258	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Commissioners	2024000782	K&K Carpet Care of Chillicothe	250	Sheriff	2024000258	Emergency Professional Servi	254.78
Commissioners	2024000330	State Electric Supply, Inc.	3838.84	Sheriff	2023002534	Adena Medical Group, LLC	15.8
Commissioners	2024000736	Central Auto Parts	24.42	Sheriff	2024000496	Hill's Towing	150
Commissioners	2023000569	Capital One Commercial	765.73	Sheriff	2024000125	American Electric Power	143.19
Commissioners	2024000341	John Deere Financial	1747.24	Sheriff	2024001000	American Electric Power	46.1
Commissioners	2024000295	American Electric Power	34	Sheriff	2024000125	Modern Learning	190.17
Commissioners	2024001013	Sunbelt Rental, Inc	309.4	Sheriff	2024001000	American Electric Power	37.88
Commissioners	2024001014	Sargent's Sales & Rental	168	Sheriff	2024000495	Office City Express	1.7
Commissioners	2024000951	John Deere Financial	1834.98	Veterans Service Commission	2024000986	Freedom Path-Chillicothe	401
Commissioners	2024000735	W. W. Grainger, Inc.	143.9	Veterans Service Commission	2024000523	Stacey Baruff	85.02
Commissioners	2024000532	Marter Locksmith and Safe Ser	137	Veterans Service Commission	2024000201	Columbia Gas of Ohio	65
Commissioners	2024000829	State Electric Supply, Inc.	266.92	Veterans Service Commission	2024000204	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
Common Pleas Court #1	2024001017	Henkle, Haley A.	1177.3	Veterans Service Commission	2024000275	Price, Harold S.	673.77
Coroner	2024000980	Air-Tite Products Co., Inc.	1110.45	Veterans Service Commission	2024000700	Haldren, Greg	494.97
Daq Warden	2024000118	Spartan Plur	27	Veterans Service Commission	2024000276	Ed Secret	495.02
Daq Warden	2024000972	Cavestror North America	685.5	Veterans Service Commission	2024000277	Seward, Randy A.	694.36
Daq Warden	2024000118	Gallr, LLC	378.53	VOCA	2024000921	Treasurer - State of Ohio	250
Emergency Management	2024000282	AT&T Mobility	140.49	Wellness	2024000734	MKDF Enterprise	63
Emergency Management	2024000998	Fire-Safety Services Inc.	517.1				<b>\$711,215.87</b>

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 18 through April 1, 2024, in the amount of \$94,866.55 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, \$210.44 be transferred from account code 420-29-03-7100 Travel into account code 420-29-03-7200 Equipment and \$11,277.46 be transferred from account code 420-29-03-7550 Other Cost into account code 420-29-03-7200 Equipment, per a request of April 1, 2024 from the Ross County US 23 Major Crimes Task Force.

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, to appropriate \$1,862.00 from Litter Control Grant into account code 207-01-00-7110 Ohio EPA Litter Grant, per a request of April 1, 2024 from the Ross County Litter Control.

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

**AMENDMENT 1 TO EXHIBIT A NATURAL GAS PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve Amendment 1 to Exhibit A of the Participation Agreement regarding the various energy purchasing programs of the CCAO Service Corporation. The program term of this exhibit shall end May, 31 2034.

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

**APPROPRIATION FOR COURTHOUSE RESTORATION**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$75,000.00 from General fund into account code 100-01-04-7103 Contract Services for courthouse restoration.

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

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER CORSA SELF-INSURANCE POOL**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the County of Ross, Ohio, enter into a Participation Agreement with the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA), providing for property and liability insurance coverage for the county under the CORSA self-insurance pool, for a period of three (3) years, effective as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024 to and including April 30, 2027.

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

**REQUEST TO CHANGE THE BELL TOWER COLOR**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a request to turn the bell tower blue from 8/16 – 8/31/2024 for Overdose Awareness.

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

**CONTRACT AWARD 2023 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND BATCH 3**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the recommendation of the Ross County Health District and award the contract for the WPCLF 2023 Batch 3 funding, distributed by the Ross County Health District to 18 Home Sewage Treatment System installers currently registered with the department. Bids were opened March 25, 2024 11:00am as advertised in the Commissioner’s office. It is the recommendation of the Ross County Health Department that the lowest bid submitted by Duncan and Daniels Enterprises in the amount of \$25,044.00, be accepted.

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

**AUDITORS VOUCHER BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a voucher, submitted by the Board of Elections to pay poll worker for the 3/19/2024 election for the amount of \$27,179.40.

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

**STANTEC RFQ ACCEPTED FOR AIRPORT CONSULTING SERVICES**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept Stantec's Statement of Qualifications for airport consulting services. The Board requested a fee schedule and contract for the proposed upcoming projects. The board will review the documents and provide feedback.

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

**SEASONAL HELP HIRED**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to hire Mark Shumaker for Seasonal help beginning April 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 at \$14.00 per hour.

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

The following Proclamation was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on April 1, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance:

**CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and  
**WHEREAS**, each child has the right, as a human being, to live and grow in a safe and supportive environment; and  
**WHEREAS**, Ross County is committed to preventing child maltreatment and promoting positive parenting; and  
**WHEREAS**, Ross County and its agency, the Child Protection Center, are hosting public awareness events throughout Ross County during April to coincide with national Child Abuse Prevention Month; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

**CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**

in Ross County, Ohio, and urge all citizens to protect Ohio’s children and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**David Robertson Floral Hills** Memory Gardens provided an update on the court proceedings.

**Bob Neil – Soil & Water** provided information on the Ohio Department of Agriculture H2Ohio Expansion.


**David Tillis – Lucy House**, provided the annual report for the Lucy Webb Hayes house.

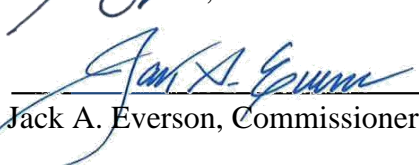
**Sheriff Lavender** – made the Commissioners aware of a credit they have been issued, but they do not believe it belongs to the department. They have deposited the funds but will hang on to the money, until they are sure it belongs to them.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Dwight A. G-arrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of April 1, 2024, at 12:30 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