

**APRIL 24 – MEETING 17  
VOLUME 26**

**MEETING**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, April 24, 2023, in regular session.

Commissioner Dwight A. 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 April 17, 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.

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE						
2023000519	Airgas Great Lakes	600.8	2023000587	Pike Co. Recovery Council	600			
2023000285	Zane Trace Local School District	2961.01	2023000270	Hamilton County Probate Court	516	2023001136	DaNite Holdings, Ltd	1315
2023000918	Elan Corporate Payment Systems	1249.72	2023000523	King, Kristen	1020	2023001134	Oakland Nursery Inc	1195.39
2023000335	Fayette County Commissioners	4350.29	2023000070	First Communications, LLC	46.64	2021001663	Carpenter Marty Transportation	10359.2
2023001175	Avertest, LLC	2356	2023000971	Cummins Inc	2037.14	2023000256	Paul Minney	25
2023000549	Shelley, Joshua	944.75	2023000137	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	667.58	2023000971	Eastern Ave. Lumber Company	11
2023001163	Shelley, Joshua	8805.25	2023000971	SouthAg Distributing Inc	280.02	2023001133	Nutrien Ag Solutions	6377
2023000724	Wex Bank	331.34	2023000972	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	1036.02	2023000983	Southeastern Equipment Co.	4334.08
2023000982	Tow Path Materials	583.8	2023000657	Child Protection Center of Ross Cou	1796.23	2023000284	Office City Express	51.17
2023000299	Sprint PCS	62.91	2023000971	Advance Auto Parts	493.96	2023000273	Cutright, James K.	400
2023000345	Adena Health System	257.79	2022000473	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	3290.84	2023000267	Government Forms and Supplies, L	797.5
2023000069	South Central Power Company	1221	2023000525	Modern Leasing	164.71	2022000478	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	821.8
2023001176	Sports Plus	75	2023000553	Uno Mas Enterprises, LLC	1250	2023000332	Greene County Career Center	1000
2023000074	American Electric Power	1899.37	2023000894	Central Auto Parts	266.77	2023000632	Grigsby Environmental Consulting S	1600
2023000348	Galls, LLC	44.5	2023000894	Amazon Capital Services	67.46	2023000652	Modern Leasing	89.12
2023000316	Ohio Peace Officer Training Academ	2175	2023000266	Amazon Capital Services	33.99	2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	721.03
2023000583	Office City Express	43.59	2023000894	Amazon Capital Services	106.8	2023001132	Eli Martin Surveying, LLC	600
2023000345	Emergency Professional Services, In	118.7	2023000266	Amazon Capital Services	588.84	2023000142	Melvin Stone Co.	263.94
2023001171	The Water Express	40.25	2023000306	Purchase Power	348.11	2023000177	Fallis, Linda L.	277.5
2023000345	OSU Radiology, LLC	728.37	2023000341	Purchase Power	257.3	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	405
2023000345	OSU Emergency Medicine LLC	88.9	2023000324	Purchase Power	802.15	2023000177	Barrington, James E. CO, LPA	1140
2023001155	PDK Construction	5425.5	2023000331	Purchase Power	105.94	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	652.5
2022002149	PDK Construction	28078.75	2023000513	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	113.6	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	742.5
2023000342	Trinity Services Group	23079.64	2023000567	Sedgwick Claims Management Serv	4625	2023001147	Hometown Apparel & Screen Printi	35
2023000829	Quill Corporation	204.53	2023000981	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	2324.87	2023000321	Treasurer of State	37
2023000986	Parcel N Post Express	48.49	2023000534	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	20.27	2023000302	Modern Leasing	416.62
2023000681	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	31	2023000971	Old Canal Stop	62.5	2023000337	Modern Leasing	624.93
2023000971	Treasurer, State of Ohio	46.38	2023000971	Ross Auto Parts	189.51	2023000322	Modern Leasing	416.61
2023000829	Quill Corporation	184.91	2023000100	Ross Co. Water Company	170	2023000079	Quill Corporation	159.75
2023001151	Media Network of Central Ohio	796.4	2023000320	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	20	2023000571	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	29
2023000912	Treasurer, State of Ohio	2523.68	2023000313	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	3111.55	2023000971	Printex Printing	479
2023000276	Abraxas Ohio	5513.04	2023000328	Office City Express	206.8	2023000272	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	8.75
2023000669	Dwight Fowler	24.43	2023000317	Printex Printing	219	2023001159	McKee Door Sales of Columbus, Inc	390
2023000271	Peachtree Electronic Monitoring, LL	1276	2023000326	Printex Printing	250	2023000268	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	18.75
2023000587	Build a Home Inc	940	2023000320	DTB Distributors, Inc.	616.13	2023000546	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	8.5
2023001140	Sports Plus and Parcel-N-Post	35.09	2023000348	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1453.83	2023001174	Amazon Capital Services	240.11
2023000455	CORSA	353020	2023000327	DTB Distributors, Inc.	95.84	2023001109	CDW Government, Inc.	120.24
2023000596	Johnson, Jonina	540	2023001137	B & B Roofing, Inc.	432	2023001101	CDW Government, Inc.	73.52
2023000597	Cottrill, Treiva J.	1720	2023000971	Advanced Hydraulics and Hoses	251.85	2023001011	CDW Government, Inc.	348.29
2023001132	CTL Engineering, Inc	1423.1	2022002104	Eaton Construction Co., Inc.	8739.5	2023000885	CDW Government, Inc.	28.63
2023000500	CTL Engineering, Inc	536.15	2023000971	Fastenal Company	124.39	2023000701	CDW Government, Inc.	267.59
2023000320	Downtown Auto Body Repair, Inc.	436	2022001982	MD Solutions	20480	2023000638	State Electric Supply, Inc.	127.94
2023000551	Scioto Shoe Mart	143.98	2023000159	AT&T Mobility	97.52	2023000685	Sherwin Williams Company	39.82
2023000068	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1112.59	2023000320	Amazon Capital Services	20.86	2023000971	Matthew Francis	254.17
2023000508	B & C Communications	232.46	2023000320	Master Locksmith and Safe Service,	230	2023000180	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	125
2023000140	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	169.3	2023000348	Red Diamond Uniform & Police Sup	292.03	2023000179	Clark, John K. Jr.	260
			2023001138	K&K Carpet Care of Chillicothe	8500.8	2023000806	Angela Richards	444.87
						2023000533	Kofile Technologies	2966.4
						2023000072	Jason Gannon	42.77
						2023000488	Hart, Linda	500
						2023000487	Manson, Wanda	500
						2022002181	Light Up Columbus, LLC	14600
						2023000255	Richards, Angela	833.33
						2023000103	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
						2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	321.68
						2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	538.57
						2023000595	Welch, David Michael	800
								<b>\$585,139.68</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. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated April 10, 2023 through April 24, 2023, in the amount of \$30,978.05 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. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**TIME SHEETS 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 April 22, 2023.

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, \$593,825.32 be transferred from account code 231-51-00-7103 Children’s Services into account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS Children’s Services, per a request of April 24, 2023 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$3,000.00 be transferred from account code 100-00-00-7013 Workers Comp into account code 100-00-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of April 24, 2023 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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, \$5,398.00 be appropriated from the following accounts, per a request of April 24, 2023 from the Ross County Commissioners.

ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT
Willow Creek	239-01-06-7201	\$150.00
Arrow head	239-01-18-7201	\$555.00
Slate Creek Cove	239-01-09-7201	\$750.00
Golfview Estates	239-01-13-7201	\$675.00
Northview Estates	239-01-01-7201	\$345.00
Creek View Estates	239-01-10-7201	\$300.00
Executive Center/Autumn Woods	239-01-07-7201	\$195.00
Crosscreek	239-01-17-7201	\$300.00
Teays Valley Phase 1	239-01-03-7201	\$425.00
Teays Valley Phase 2	239-01-05-7201	\$425.00
Teays Valley Phase 3	239-01-11-7201	\$425.00
Scenic Acres	239-01-04-7201	\$615.00
Clayton Mills Dist A	239-01-15-7201	\$125.50
Clayton Mills Dist B	239-01-19-7201	\$112.50

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, \$5,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-52-61-7101 Outreach & Advertising, per a request of April 24, 2023 from Ross County Veterans Services.

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Metal Desk	N/A	Surplus Property
1	Executive Chair	12095	Surplus Property

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

**PAYMENT REQUEST OHIO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a pay request for the WPCLF Batch 2 H2Ohio grant for two septic upgrade/replacements at 7081 St. Rt. 180, Kingston and 287 Seney Road, Chillicothe for the amount of \$800.00.

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

**REQUEST FOR USE**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request for use of the Courthouse steps and portico, Thursday May 4, 2023 from 10:00am – 2:00pm and again at 5:00 pm - 10:00pm, for National Day of Prayer

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

**ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a hangar lease at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport with Dr. Dan Madsen for hangar 39, effective May 1, 2023 thru July 31, 2023 for \$135.00 per month. If Dr. Madsen does not have his aircraft in the hanger by July 31, 2023 he will forfeit the hangar.

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

**TARGETED COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON (T-CAP) GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to confirm Ross County wishes to participate in the FY2024/2025 T-CAP Grant Program. T-CAP funding is intended to provide funding for community correction alternatives, not to solely provide funding to incarcerate offenders. As such, County plans should not expend more than 50% of the grant allotment on jail incarceration. If a County indicates that more than 50% of the grant allotment will be spent on jail incarceration, the County must indicate and justify why it believes it must spend the level of funding on incarceration and indicate what other alternatives were considered and why those alternatives were not selected.

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

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT PHASE ONE PAVING STRIPING MILLING VARIOUS COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to sign the contract, at the recommendation of the County Engineer, with Shelly & Sands Inc., for Phase One; 2023 Paving (including milling and striping) of Various County and Township Roads Project according to a bid proposal submitted March 27, 2023, for a cost of One Million Eight Hundred Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eight dollars and 64/100 (\$1,845,908.64) with a total completion date of 10-14-2023.

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

**APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING CONVENTION**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, to approve two requests from Commissioner Everson, to attend the CCAO Policy and Legislative Update, 1901 Champions Gateway, NW Canton, Ohio 44708, on May 5, 2023, and the Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference, Ohio University, Athens Ohio, May 22-23, 2023, at no cost to the County.

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

**CHILLICOTHE ROSS CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU WAYFINDING**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to fund \$200,000.00 of the Comprehensive Wayfinding Program for Ross County through the Chillicothe Ross Visitors Bureau. The total cost for the design and implementation is \$682,139.00, with the CVB, Ross County and the City of Chillicothe providing \$200,000.00 each toward the goal.

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

The following proclamation was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on April 24, 2023, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance:

**BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS MUSEUM  
NATHANIEL CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
HONORING BOSTON TEA PARTY PARTICIPANT  
NATHANIEL WILLIS  
MAY 7, 2023**

**WHEREAS:** December 16, 1773, 100-150 colonists changed the course of history by destroying 340 chests of East India Company tea; and  
**WHEREAS:** this act of defiance became known as the “Boston Tea Party” and propelled American down the road to Revolution; and  
**WHEREAS:** the Boston Tea Party Ships Museum and Revolution 250 are working together to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events that led to the American Revolution; and  
**WHEREAS:** their goal is to locate the final resting place of the Boston Tea Party Participants and place commemorative markers at their graves; and  
**WHEREAS:** Nathaniel Willis, one of the younger patriots who participated in the Boston Tea Party, is interred in the Bainbridge Ohio Cemetery; and  
**WHEREAS:** Nathaniel Willis was a publisher by trade and published Boston’s patriot newspaper called Independent Chronicle, from the same building in which Benjamin Franklin also worked; and  
**WHEREAS:** Willis lived quite an active life, in addition to joining his compatriots in the Boston Tea Party he was a distinguished horseman and served the military; and  
**WHEREAS:** after the Revolutionary War he sold his interest in the Independent Chronicle and become one of the pioneer journalists in the unsettled west; and  
**WHEREAS:** in 1796 he moved to Chillicothe, Ohio, bought and cultivated a farm and established the Scioto Gazette, the first newspaper in what was then known as the Northwestern Territory; and  
**WHEREAS:** Nathaniel Willis passed away on April 1st 1831, in Chillicothe, Ohio, and was buried in the Bainbridge Cemetery, Ohio, where a stone marker notes his participation with the Massachusetts Militia during the Revolutionary War, marks the grave; and  
**THEREFORE,** the Ross County Board of Commissioners along with the Boston Tea Party Museum and Nathaniel Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution honor Boston Tea Party Participant Nathaniel Willis for his patriotism and love of journalism.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

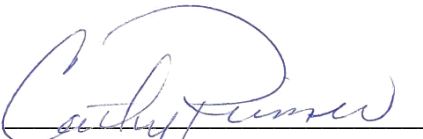
**Branson Leasure, Bainbridge Village Fire Chief** discussed how the Bainbridge Village Fire/EMS Department has been able to contract with Paxton, Twin and Perry Townships to provide services. He has taken the model from the Paint Creek Fire District and now have 2 paid part time staff that work 7:00am – 7:00 pm as well as volunteers that are paid \$35 per run. Mr. Leasure believes this model would work well for most townships and would like to see more of them follow this path.

**Eric Braunlin and Josh Bramley, CORSA representatives** discussed the 2023 program summary and coverage enhancements for the county.


**Auditor Lehner** provided updated information for three townships that have CRA’s in place that have been there for years. Ms. Eallonardo will make contact with the township trustees to let them know they exist and how they can benefit from them. Mr. Lehner also mentioned an EZ Zone that was missed during the earlier Enterprize Zone meeting and will make contact with them to set up another meeting.

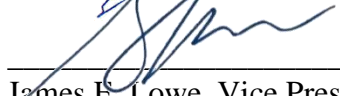
**ADJOURN**

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, April 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

  
Cathy Primer, Clerk

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

  
Dwight A. Garrett, President

  
James E. Lowe, Vice President

  
Jack A. Everson, Commissioner