

**JUNE 26 – MEETING 26
VOLUME 26**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 26, 2023, in regular session.

Commissioner James E. Lowe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioner Jack A. Everson, in attendance and Dwight A. Garrett absent.

Commissioner Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the minutes of the June 20, 2023, meeting, be approved as submitted. On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, absent. 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			
2023000320	Ernie's Foreign & Salvage, Inc.	700	2023000983	Southeastern Equipment Co.	236.62
2023001483	Brandy Morris-Hafner	123.8	2023000895	Joe Glandon	150.8
2023000686	Sherwin Williams Company	23.19	2023000160	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1200
2023000345	Adena Medical Group, LLC	140.55	2023000334	H-M Company	322.11
2023000285	Zane Trace Local School District	1603.33	2023000159	AT&T Mobility	97.52
2023000372	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	2151.17	2023000320	Max Adair	283.36
2022002113	Henderson Products-OH	80053.75	2023000341	PTS of America, LLC	2202.5
2023000635	GFC Leasing	1.61	2023000925	Central Auto Parts	8.32
2023001216	CDW Government, Inc.	1189	2023001460	Coppel Coal & Supply Co.	541.1
2023000294	Paper City Mentoring Project	2500	2023001458	OPG-3, Inc	1660
2023001487	Avertest, LLC	2348	2023000133	Kleem, Inc.	155.58
2023000650	Lexis-Nexis	510	2023001354	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	165.3
2023001485	Verizon Wireless	88.18	2023000272	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	15.5
2023000299	Sprint PCS	62.91	2023001475	Election Systems & Software, Inc	532.93
2023000069	South Central Power Company	798	2023000348	Dustin Hayburn	55.63
2023000648	Lexis-Nexis	823.91	2023000345	Stericycle, Inc.	157.5
2023000648	Lexis-Nexis	156.43	2023000324	Wheeler, Carissa L.	660
2023000307	American Electric Power	14482.11	2023001483	Amazon Capital Services	159.12
2023000335	Fayette County Commissioners	1363.38	2023001144	Advanced Hydraulics and Hose	12.6
2023000074	American Electric Power	2374.98	2023001354	Motion Industries, Inc.	34.07
2023001457	Ohio Mechanical Inc	1714.83	2023001354	Sutherlands Radiator Service	300
2023000342	Trinity Services Group	16814.38	2023000302	Modern Leasing	416.62
2023001478	Cummins Inc	927.12	2023000337	Modern Leasing	624.93
2023000320	DTB Distributors, Inc.	853.49	2023000322	Modern Leasing	416.61
2023000348	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1320.63	2023000630	State Electric Supply, Inc.	222.29
2023000327	DTB Distributors, Inc.	132.77	2023001459	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	700
2023001451	Media Network of Central Ohio	31.6	2023000689	Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning LLC	500
2023001486	Avertest, LLC	4092	2023001202	The Ohio State University	630
2023000634	Microsystems Inc	404.03	2023000348	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	23.84
2023000963	Houser & Son Farm Equipment	19.62	2023000317	Office City Express	41.31
2023001261	JSL Home Repair LLC	3360	2023000348	Office City Express	44.05
2023000289	Integrated Services of Appalachia	5500	2023000326	Office City Express	6.43
2023000345	Columbus Radiology Corp.	265.5	2023001461	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	181.02
2023001484	Horizon Network Partners	1426.36	2023001354	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	528.1
2023000255	Richards, Angela	833.34	2023000560	American Electric Power	2062.41
2023000065	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	70.94	2023001479	Speer Mechanical	3030
2023001262	Dale Throckmorton	10600	2023000635	GFC Leasing	378.57
2023000581	Verizon Wireless	61.36	2023000635	GFC Leasing	224
2023000320	Larry Bamfield	395.2	2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	598.39
2023000345	Adena Health System	415.62	2023001288	CDW Government, Inc.	663.09
2023000465	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	4450	2023001263	CDW Government, Inc.	277.66
2023001453	B & C Communications	1514.38	2023001289	CDW Government, Inc.	64.93
2023000068	Columbus Gas of Ohio, Inc.	539.02	2023000510	Latham Limestone, LLC	1694.94
2023000645	GFC Leasing	106.33	2023001165	Melvin Stone Co.	437.56
2023000267	Office City Express	28.3	2023001356	Melvin Stone Co.	4835.76
2023000486	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	2670.52	2023000348	Downtown Auto Body Repair,	50
2023001450	Modern Leasing	164.71	2023001469	Michael R Ratliff	989.82
2023000994	Cintas Corporation # 530	341.9	2023000632	Grigby Environmental Consulting	1600
2023001144	Claudia Cockrell	20.36	2023001471	Seth Frizzell	110
2023001473	Office Depot Inc.	67.32	2023000272	Staples Advantage	71.4
2023001121	Ed Secret	357.52	2023000133	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	679
2023000296	Sewards, Randy A.	770.03	2023001472	Chillicothe Gazette	60
2023001490	Cathy List	31.04	2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	538.57
2023001488	Eric Barbee	63.4	2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	321.69
2023001498	Josie Simmons	18.02	2023000474	Office City Express	596.49
2023001499	Casey Oates	56.31	2023000488	Hart, Linda	625
2023001500	Catsya Ratliff	39.85	2023000487	Manzon, Wanda	250
2023000633	Ag-Pro Ohio, LLC	2429.85	2023000295	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	500
2023000981	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	212.88	2023000846	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	7579.69
2023001354	Old Canal Stop	55	2023001482	Dept of Veterans Affairs	3809
2023001492	Troy Netter	34.34	2023001378	Pam Longlott	83.7
2023000298	Price, Harold S.	495.01	2023000261	Dakota Tucker	29.81
2023001491	Brandon Puckett	30	2023001378	Dakota Tucker	15.2
2023000626	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	488.38	2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	719.36
2023000509	G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc.	423.23	2023000078	CovertTrack Group, Inc.	1136.22
			2023000253	GFC Leasing	121.65
					\$223,586.46

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated June 12 through June 26, 2023, in the amount of \$12,966.95 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, absent. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$18,204.00 be transferred from account code 100-00-00-0010 General into account codes 420-20-19-0010 ATP Grant (\$5,026.00), into account code 420-20-15-0010 Drug Court Subsidy (\$3,193.23) and account code 420-20-18-0010 TCAP Grant (\$9,985.57), per a request of June 26, 2023 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$9,767.07 be appropriated from Magistrate/General Fund into account codes 100-11-54-7001 Salaries (\$8,460.00), 100-11-54-7012 PERS (\$1,184.40), and 110-11-54-7017 Medicare (\$122.67), per a request of June 26, 2023 from the Ross County Common Pleas General Division Court.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$7,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-01-04-7103 Contract Services, per a request of June 26, 2023 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$10,000.00 be appropriated from Marriage License Fund into account code 216-19-00-7127 Shelters, per a request of June 26, 2023 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$30,045.75 be appropriated from Jail Diversion Fund into account code 420-29-07-7001 Salaries, \$37,081.38 be appropriated into account code 420-29-07-7103 Contract Services, \$764.00 be appropriated into account code 420-29-07-7150 Office Supplies, \$1,000.00 be appropriated into account code 420-29-07-7151 Educational Supplies and \$1,000.00 be appropriated into account code 420-29-07-7757 Electronic Monitoring, per a request of June 26, 2023 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM AGREEMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Commissioner Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioner behalf, the appointment, made by Judge J. Jeffrey Benson, of Ms. Ciera Raypole, to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem in the Juvenile Division of the Ross County Court of Common Pleas, Ross County, Ohio.

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

PAY REQUEST WPCLF 2022 GRANT FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Lowe be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, the pay request for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund to Dan's Excavating for 4 design layouts, 1138 Cooks Hill Rd., 874 Moss Hollow Rd., 287 Seney Rd. and 7081 St. Rt. 180, for a cost of \$6,500.00.

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

CONTACT ENTERED INTO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND 2022 BATCH 3

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract for the WPCLF 2022 Batch 3 funding with Duncan and Daniels Enterprises. The bid was awarded May 30, 2023, at the recommendation of the Ross County Health Department, for the amount of \$15,171.00, for 3 sewer system repairs.

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

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES SUB GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ross County Juvenile Court, and the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Medicaid is created pursuant to the Subgrant awarded by ODJFS to SUBGRANTEE. SUBGRANTEE hereby accepts the Subgrant and agrees to comply with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. The total amount of the Subgrant is \$800,000.00. ODJFS will provide SUBGRANTEE with funds in an amount up to \$400,000.00 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 and up to \$400,000.00 for SFY 2025 expressly to perform the Subgrant activities. A. This Agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2023, or upon signature of the ODJFS Director, whichever is later, through June 30, 2025, unless this Agreement is suspended or terminated prior to the expiration date.

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

PAY REQUEST BRICKER GRAYDON

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve invoice 2001534 from Bricker Graydon for legal services rendered through May 31, 2023 for the Ross County Jail Renovation Project, in the amount of \$4,143.75.

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

MEDIATION BETWEEN OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY AND THE ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the contract for two-party mediation between Ohio Farmers Insurance Company (as Surety for its Principal, Palmetto Construction Services, LLC) and the Ross County Board of Commissioners that will take place at a time and location to be agreed upon at a pre-mediation conference to be scheduled immediately upon execution of this Mediation Agreement. Professional services for this mediation will be billed at the Mediator's rate of \$895 per hour for pre-mediation conferences, "study time" and hours incurred during the mediation process itself. The Mediator's fee and expenses will be shared equally by the two parties participating in the mediation.

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

CONTRACT SIGNING RETROREFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2023

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the contract, at the recommendation of the County Engineer, with Griffen Pavement and Striping LLC, for Retroreflective Pavement Markings 2023, according to a bid proposal submitted May 30, 2023, for a cost of One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six dollars and 68/100 (\$162,986.68) with a total completion date of 09-15-2023.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 10:32 am, to discuss Personnel Matters.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 10:32 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:04 am. No action was taken.

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2023, with James E. Lowe and Jack A. Everson in attendance and Dwight A. Garrett, absent.

**HONORING PAINT VALLEY GRADUATING SENIOR
COLE MILLER**

WHEREAS, Paint Valley Senior Cole Miller has excelled in Track and Field beginning with his Sophomore year by qualifying for regionals in 3 events; and

WHEREAS, his excellence carried into his Junior year by becoming all SVC, qualifying for Districts in four events, setting a long jump record, and qualifying and placing in two events at States; and

WHEREAS, Cole has become a State Champion three times over in his Senior year by winning the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash, breaking records in both, and securing a win in the long jump; and

WHEREAS, Cole's State Meet Trifecta lifted Paint Valley to State Runner-up at the OHSAA Championships at OSU's Jesse Owens Stadium; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Cole Miller is not only an exceptional student athlete but excels academically as well being a member of the National Honor Society and will receive an Honors Diploma at graduation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Mr. Miller exemplifies the term Scholar-Athlete by committing to improving himself while participating in sports. His personal standards and achievements are a model to others, and he possesses a high level of integrity, self-discipline and courage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ross County Board of Commissioners are honored to acknowledge Cole Miller's accomplishments in Academics, Athletics and Leadership on this 26 day of June, 2023.

"Today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities." — Robert H. Schuller

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Mr. James E. Lowe, Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of, June 26, 2023, at 11:45 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

Dwight A. Garrett, President

James E. Lowe, Vice President

Jack A. Everson, Commissioner