

**JULY 15 – MEETING 29  
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, July 15, 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 July 8, 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	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	920	Probate Court	Hamilton County Probate Court	543
Auditor	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	475	Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	1775
Auditor	Appraisal Research Corp.	4050	Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5
Auditor	Appraisal Research Corp.	24381	Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	688
Auditor	Appraisal Research Corp.	44050.71	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	247
Auditor	Government Finance Officers	1220	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57
Auditor	Bunstine Law Office	526.45	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	0.08
Auditor	Clark, John K. Jr.	787.5	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	106.33
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	450	Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	416.2
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	450	Ross County Court System	Treasurer of State / DAS Telec	75
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1080	Ross County Court System	Wex Bank	136.13
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	375	Ross County Court System	Chillicothe Gazette	56.28
Auditor	Ross Co. Water Company	104.69	Ross County Court System	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC	378
Auditor	Glo Fiber	4405.75	Ross County Court System	Verizon Wireless	176.88
Auditor	Wex Bank	50.91	Ross County Court System	Thomson Reuters - West	317.98
Auditor	Glo Fiber	670	Ross County Court System	Stepmobile LLC	191
Board of Elections	Go2ITGroup	1824.44	Ross County Court System	Amazon Capital Services	14.79
Board of Elections	Ross Co. Agricultural Society	475	Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	1199.49
Clerk of Courts	Sunrush Water	22.15	Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	3846.46
Commissioners	American Electric Power	8949.01	Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	2668.44
Commissioners	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	441.91	Ross County Court System	Glo Fiber	1426.36
Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.35	Ross County Court System	Lexis-Nexis	408
Commissioners	First Communications, LLC	4.1	Ross County Court System	Child Protection Center of Ros	2304.76
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	120.4	Ross County Court System	Amazon Capital Services	151.31
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	26.87	Ross County Court System	Verizon Wireless	88.46
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	25.77	Ross County Court System	GFC Leasing	362.15
Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	727.79	Sheriff	Allen's Pharmacy	1603.85
Commissioners	Lowe's	368.18	Sheriff	Adena Health System	664.19
Commissioners	Lowe's	420.12	Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	916.54
Commissioners	Lowe's	708.66	Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	630.65
Commissioners	Lowe's	439.23	Sheriff	Watch Systems, LLC	35
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	421.75	Sheriff	Ratcliff, Roger	136.3
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	240.15	Sheriff	Insight Public Sector, Inc	702.94
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	960.92	Sheriff	Trinity Services Group	6355.73
Commissioners	First Capital Enterprises	14158.71	Sheriff	Fayette County Commissioner	6579.7
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	293.98	Sheriff	Premier Health Care Services,	43709.08
Commissioners	Treasurer of State	692.5	Sheriff	Welch, David Michael	360
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	121.83	Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	280
Commissioners	Central Center Hardware	139.97	Sheriff	Cottrill-Baskerville, Treiva J.	1660.32
Commissioners	Advanced Services	7000	Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	260
Coroner	Lexis-Nexis Risk Data Manage	105	Sheriff	OhioHealth Physician Group	101.4
Coroner	Gray, Mark A	19	Sheriff	US Bank Equipment Finance	166.1
Coroner	B & C Communications	315	Sheriff	Glo Fiber	54.74
Dog Warden	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	131.06	Sheriff	Glo Fiber	511
Dog Warden	Sports Plus	18.98	Sheriff	Glo Fiber	155
Emergency Management	Chillicothe Fire Department	2213.75	Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	286.32
Engineer	Adams, Jeff	284.85	Sheriff	Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.	229.07
Engineer	Do It Right Cleaning Service, L	600	Sheriff	Coughlin Automotive of Circlev	2714.68
Engineer	County Engineers Association	638	Sheriff	Schmidt, Emily	6.44
Engineer	Fastenal Company	353.31	Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	130.2
Engineer	G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc.	1860.39	Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	8.3
Engineer	Griffin Pavement Striping	7689.8	Sheriff	Eagle Golf Carts	1770
Engineer	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	107.5	Sheriff	Treasurer of State	648
Engineer	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	472.5	Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	7703.6
Engineer	Old Canal Stop	33	Sheriff	Kiesler Police Supply Inc	217.05
Engineer	State Electric Supply, Inc.	966	Sheriff	Treasurer - State of Ohio	3260.25
Engineer	T&D Thompson, Inc.	1038	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	23.77
Engineer	Tow Path Materials	94.8	Sheriff	Ohio Peace Officer Training A	1000
Engineer	Westside Media	37.5	Sheriff	Printex Printing	100
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	3276.15	Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1205.13
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	92.06	Sheriff	Total ID Solutions	478
Engineer	Insite Wireless Group, LLC	3600	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	675
Juvenile Court	Integrated Services of Appala	4871.64	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	270
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	51.01	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	540
Juvenile Court	Verizon Wireless	538.99	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	135
Juvenile Court	Abraxas Ohio	1000	Sheriff	ARIANA WILLIAMSON	380.74
Juvenile Court	Paper City Mentoring Project	1900	Soil & Water	ROBERT D NEAL	105
Juvenile Court	Integrated Services of Appala	5400	Soil & Water	TABITHA L SHARP	248.51
Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	300	Soil & Water	BEN T GIVENS	105
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	484.25	Soil & Water	PNC Bank	1939.43
Juvenile Court	Scioto Paint Valley Assessme	1100	Soil & Water	PNC Bank	511.91
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	16.75	Soil & Water	PNC Bank	196.77
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	22.25	Soil & Water	T-Mobile USA Inc	60.2
Juvenile Court	Junior Achievement	15000	Soil & Water	Wex Bank	339.67
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitori	1353	Soil & Water	Treasurer, State of Ohio	205
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	2916.63	Veterans Service Commission	Save-A-Lot	4846.66
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Litter Control	Wex Bank	477.41	Veterans Service Commission	Stephen A. Neal, Fiscal Office	1250
Litter Control	All Ohio Portable Toilets	100	Veterans Service Commission	ComDoc, Inc.	57.83
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	51.96	VOCA	Glo Fiber	9.95
Probate Court	Cutright, James K.	200			<b>\$303,035.97</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 July 1 through July 15, 2024, in the amount of \$15,834.64 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.

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$200,000.00 from M.V. & Gas Tax fund into account codes 210-58-66-7550 Equipment Parts & Repairs (\$100,000.00) and account code 210-58-66-7115 Road Materials (\$100,000.00), per a request of July 15, 2024, from the Ross County Engineer.

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, to transfer \$20.60 from account code 420-99-40-7106 Telephone, into account code 420-99-40-7103 Contract Services and account code 420-99-40-7150 Supplies into 420-99-40-7106 Telephone, per a request July 15, 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.

**ASSET DISPOSAL**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal form submitted by the Ross County Recorder for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Canon Printer	2465	Surplus Property
1	Scanner	AEM07698	Surplus Property
1	Leather Chair	15910	Surplus Property

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 July 13, 2024.

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

The following Resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on June 10, 2024, with James E. Lowe, Jack A. Everson and Dwight A. Garrett in attendance.

**RESOLUTION 030-24  
OHIO PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Public Works Commission has emergency funds available to political subdivisions for emergency road and bridge improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ross County Board of Commissioners is in need of funding for the replacement of a bridge, which was shut down due to its condition and safety concern; and

**WHEREAS**, said bridge is identified as Ross County Road 213-0013 West Junction Road Bridge replacement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the said Ross County Board of Commissioners designate Charlie Ortman, Engineer of Ross County, Ohio, as the person empowered on its behalf to prepare and submit applications for Emergency Funding to the Ohio Public Works Commission and further designate Dwight A. Garrett, President of the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio as the person empowered on its behalf to execute all applications and contacts relative to Ohio Public Works Commission administered funding.

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

**CONTRACT AWARD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND 2024 BATCH 1**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to award the contract for the WPCLF 2024 Batch 1 funding, distributed by the Ross County Health District to 18 Home Sewage Treatment System installers currently registered with the department. Bids were opened July 8, 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 \$35,409.00, be accepted.

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 TAX BUDGET**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the publication of the following ad; Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of July, 2024, at 10:30 A.M., a public hearing will be held on the Budget prepared by the County Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, for the next succeeding fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. Such hearing will be held at the office of the County Commissioners, Ross County Courthouse, 2 North Paint Street, Suite H, Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio.

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

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION FOR HEARING ON 2025 TAX BUDGET**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the extension for the 2025 Tax Budget Hearing. The hearing will be July 29, 2024, 10:30am.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 10:30am, to discuss pending/eminent litigation.

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

**REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

The executive session called at 10:30am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:57am. No action was taken.

**WAYFINDING SIGNAGE LETTER**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to provide a letter to ODOT in support of the Ross Chillicothe Visitors Bureau, for placing wayfinding signage on the major thoroughfares in Ross County.

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

**PAINT CREEK STREAM GAGE RENEWAL**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to fund the Paint Creek river gage for FY2025. The fee will not increase from \$15,000.00.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Rhiannon Gill, Child Protection Center** made her budget request of \$15,000.00. She also noted they would be changing their name to the Garden Family Advocacy Center.

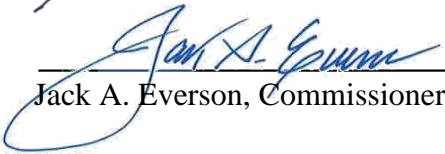
Prosecutor Marks discussed the status of the sale of the TRM Fuel business. The Commissioners will meet with the attorney handling the sale for TRM and work out details for finding a new Fixed Base Operator for the Ross County Shoemaker Airport.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of July 15, 2024, at 11:30 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