

**AUGUST 5 – MEETING 32
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, August 5, 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 31, 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			
Adult Probation	Treasurer of State	600	Engineer	Tow Path Materials	130.2
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	125	Engineer	The McGlaughlin Oil Co.	666.95
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	125	Engineer	Nutrien Ag Solutions	248
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	525	Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	4345.06
Auditor	Barrington, James E.	1050	Engineer	G & J Paving	340736.4
Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	435	Engineer	G & J Paving	52000
Auditor	Lucy Thomas	21.22	Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	126
Auditor	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	35.75	Juvenile Court	King, Jamie	1400
Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	585	Juvenile Court	Paper City Coffee	156
Auditor	Bunstine Law Office	367.65	Juvenile Court	BILLIE LYTLE	35.38
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	3787.5	Juvenile Court	Scioto Paint Valley Assessmen	1100
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	742.5	Juvenile Court	South Central Ohio Job & Fam	301.15
Auditor	BHM CPA Group, Inc	13650	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	18.75
Auditor	American Electric Power	3925.52	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	20.25
Auditor	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	44.57	Planning Commission	Quill Corporation	84.17
Auditor	Fultz, Marissa Mane	192	Planning Commission	Patterson, Dan	3500
Auditor	OSU Extension - Ross County	75000	Planning Commission	Printex Printing	175
Auditor	CEBCO	1005517.38	Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	46.5
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	Probate Court	KRISTI RILEY	89
Automatic Data Processing Bo	Westside Media	67.5	Probate Court	Cutright, James K.	400
Board of Elections	Oriental Trading Co., Inc.	1125.24	Probate Court	Franklin County Probate Court	392
Board of Elections	Office City Express	814.96	Probate Court	Office City Express	170.14
Board of Elections	Reserve Account	8000	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Fleisch Co, Inc.	317
Commissioners	Stantec Consulting Services, In	13896.85	Recorder	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	34.25
Commissioners	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	18	Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	944.06
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	177.15	Ross County Court System	Charter Communications Holdi	164.98
Commissioners	John Deere Financial	235.91	Sheriff	American Electric Power	209.24
Commissioners	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	5.99	Sheriff	American Electric Power	31.36
Commissioners	Schindler Elevator Corporatio	5040	Sheriff	State Electric Supply, Inc.	177.78
Commissioners	Nurse Family of Dealerships	845.97	Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	70.96
Commissioners	Capital One Commercial	74.36	Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	57.22
Commissioners	American Electric Power	30.13	Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	89.98
Commissioners	CORSA	4389.92	Sheriff	LCNB National Bank	90
Commissioners	Speer Mechanical	813	Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	24
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	247.24	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	380
Commissioners	Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning LL	500	Sheriff	Buckeye Sheriff's Educational	700
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	26075	Sheriff	South Central Power Company	46
Commissioners	Ross Committee for the Elderl	4505	Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	987.71
Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	21.5	Sheriff	American Electric Power	117.41
Commissioners	Ag-Pro Ohio, LLC	2389.32	Sheriff	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	1200
Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	132.3	Sheriff	Ohio Peace Officer Training Ac	1450
Common Pleas Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	65	Sheriff	HR Direct	34.99
Common Pleas Court #1	Haley Henkle	8.95	Sheriff	Galls, LLC	15.08
Common Pleas Court #1	Brittany Jadwin	36	Sheriff	US Bank Equipment Finance	166.1
Common Pleas Court #2	The Water Express	33.5	Sheriff	Clearwater Packaging, Inc	2592.11
Common Pleas Court #2	Office Depot Inc.	182.36	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	31.58
Dog Warden	Wex Bank	1455.51	Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	2400.68
Dog Warden	Ketch-All Company	292.75	Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	774.58
Emergency Management	Mark Thompson	22	Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	120.49
Emergency Management	AT&T Mobility	140.48	Sheriff	Jackson County Correctional F	76
Emergency Management	GFC Leasing	121.65	Sheriff	Charm-Tex, Inc.	10739
Emergency Management	Glo Fiber	312.2	Sheriff	Adena Health System	899.23
Emergency Management	GFC Leasing	121.65	Sheriff	Trinity Services Group	12121.68
Emergency Management	Amazon Capital Services	68.49	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	33.74
Emergency Management	US Bank NA	130.39	Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	251.31
Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	83.19	Sheriff	Emergency Professional Servic	255.98
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	408.87	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	31.58
Engineer	EQUIP BUSINESS SOLUTION	250.03	Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	2513.29
Engineer	G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc.	833.33	Veterans Service Commission	T-Mobile USA Inc	72.66
Engineer	John Deere Financial	373.22	Veterans Service Commission	Stephen M. Deffenbaugh	195.93
Engineer	Kenworth Truck Co.	773.52	Veterans Service Commission	Richard Manson	254.37
Engineer	Menards	89.98	Veterans Service Commission	Ed Secrest	323.12
Engineer	Ohio Department of Agricultur	70	Veterans Service Commission	Sewards, Randy A.	536.24
Engineer	Old Canal Stop	41.25	Veterans Service Commission	Leaf Cremation of Ohio	1000
Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	270	VOCA	First Communications, LLC	6.28
Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.61			\$1,632,861.88

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 July 22 through August 5, 2024, in the amount of \$19,677.31 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$2,683.32 from General fund into account code 100-21-00-7551 Toxicology, per a request of August 5, 2024, from the Ross County Coroner.

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 \$83,800.00 from General fund into account code 100-00-00-7929 Transfer to DTAC, per a request of August 5, 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 \$400.91 from CLE fund into account code 212-29-01-7001 Salaries, per a request of August 5, 2024, from the Ross County Sheriff.

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 \$12,000.00 from Law Library fund into account code 226-60-00-7101 Advertising & Printing, per a request of August 5, 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 \$1,300,000.00 from Operating fund into account code 233-46-85-7103 Contract Services, per a request of August 5, 2024, from the Ross County Board of DD.

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 \$38,605,530.00 from ACGP Grant fund into account code 420-07-32-7xxx, per a request of August 5, 2024 from the Ross County Planning.

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 \$5,500.00 from Ohio CASA-Juvenile Court fund into account code 420-18-39-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of August 5, 2024, from the Ross County Juvenile Court.

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 \$93,938.45 from Court Technology fund into account code 420-20-16-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of August 5, 2024 from the Ross County Court Admin-CP Gen Div.

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 \$2,000.00 from General fund into account code 100-01-05-7107 Utilities Airport, per a request of August 5, 2024, from the Ross County Commissioners.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. 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 031-24

A Resolution Naming the Ross County Commissioner's Appointment to the District 15 Public Works Integrating Committee

Whereas, Chapter 164.04, Division A6 of the Ohio Revised Code defines membership to the District 15 Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC), and

Whereas, such definition states "one (member) shall be appointed (to the 30 member committee) by each board of county commissioners"

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Ross County Commissioners:

Section 1: That the Ross County Commissioners hereby appoint Charlie Ortman, County Engineer to serve on the District 15 Public Works Integrating Committee for a term of three (3) years beginning October, 2024; and

Section 2: That the appointed individual will serve this three (3) year term in its entirety unless he/she submits a formal letter of resignation to the District 15 Coordinator's office, and

Section 3: That the appointed individual will serve on the county subcommittee and participate in the county review and prioritization of OPWC assisted projects in his/her county, and

Section 4: That the appointed individual will attend in person approximately two (2) to four (4) Full Integrating Committee meetings annually.

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

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS BROWN COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITY ACGP GRANT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve, for publication, the RFQ for Brown County Healthcare Services Revitalization portion of the Appalachian History, Heritage, and Culture Project.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER INVOICE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the invoice from South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center for services rendered in the month of July at a cost of \$67,364.29.

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

AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT JWH3 SOLUTIONS ACGP GRANT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf the agreement between the Ross County Commissioners and JWH3 Solutions (John Hemmings) to assist in administering the ACGP Grant at a cost of \$95.00 per hour commencing on August 1, 2024 through October 31, 2026.

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

HB2 ONE TIME STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, the HB2 Strategic Community Investments Grant application for \$5,000,000.00 for the Hopewell Regional Visitors Center.

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

OWNER CONSULTANT AGREEMENT GEOTHECHNICAL SERVICES ACGP

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf the agreement between the Ross County Commissioners and Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. to provide professional design service for geotechnical and subsurface soil investigation in Yoctangee Park for the Recreation Improvements, Armory Restoration and Expansion and District Gateways and Circulation Improvements pertaining to the ACGO Grant, at a cost of \$88,090.00.

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

AGREEMENT NEW RIVER ENGINEERS PAINT CREEK TRAIL REPAIRS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, the agreement with New River Engineers, Inc, for improvements and repairs at the Paint Creek Trail for a total not to exceed \$384,500.00.

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

RANKING SELECTIONS APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT DESIGN FIRM SELECTION

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the selection rating committee rankings and evaluations for the ACGP grant projects based on the evaluations and proposals.

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

OTHER BUSINESS


The monthly staff meeting was held

Dale Seif, Attorney, Jeff Gaddy and Rusty Miller provided an update on the Opioid Litigation. It is projected the payouts will continue for up to 17 years, with 10 different revenue streams.

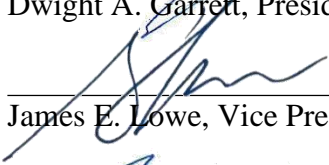
CRA Cohen Project – Attorney Adam Seely, Bricker Graydon, presented proposed changes, by the Cohen group, to the CRA agreements. Members of the Zane Trace HS community voiced their opinions on the CRA and their interest in meeting with the Cohen group again for more discussions. Mr. Seely will take the Commissioners counter offer to the County Prosecutor for review before presenting to the Cohen group for final approval.

ADJOURN

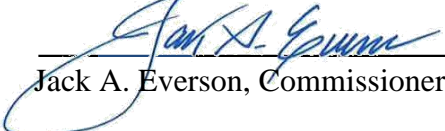
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of August 5, 2024, at 11:45 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



 Dwight A. Garrett, President



 James E. Lowe, Vice President



 Jack A. Everson, Commissioner