

**AUGUST 12 – MEETING 33
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, August 12, 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 August 5, 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
Engineer	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	129.12
Engineer	Utility Truck Equipment	425
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	8850.01
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	14612.53
Engineer	Central Auto Parts	1380.21
Engineer	G & J Paving	267957.5
Juvenile Court	Make Paper Digital, LLC	10000
Juvenile Court	Charley's Flowers	62.64
Juvenile Court	Verizon Wireless	719.64
Law Library	West Group	2097.9
Law Library	Lexis-Nexis	4881.59
Planning Commission	Westside Media	18.75
Recorder	Modern Office Methods, Inc	76.44
Ross County Court System	Amazon Capital Services	282.84
Ross County Court System	Treasurer, State of Ohio	262
Ross County Court System	Lexis-Nexis	408
Ross County Court System	Thomson Reuters - West	317.98
Ross County Court System	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECT	201.6
Ross County Court System	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECT	268.46
Ross County Court System	CDW Government, Inc.	282.48
Ross County Court System	Courtview Justice Solutions	8480.05
Ross County Court System	Child Protection Center of F	3332.18
Ross County Court System	GFC Leasing	1241.54
Ross County Court System	Westside Media	30
Ross County Court System	Glo Fiber	1426.36
Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	1450.31
Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	3783.42
Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	328
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	262.27
Sheriff	Wex Bank	1309.94
Sheriff	Welch, David Michael	410
Sheriff	Cottrill-Baskerville, Treiva J	1920
Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	240
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	178.97
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	895.46
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	21.17
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Sheriff	Emergency Professional Ser	157.14
Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	157.5
Sheriff	MOBILEXUSA	1640
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	124
Sheriff	Bob Barker Company	894.82
Sheriff	Office City Express	19
Sheriff	Office City Express	93.18
Sheriff	Office City Express	2.96
Sheriff	Adena Health System	7.9
Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Pol	1829.82
Sheriff	Tracy Pinkerton	18.03
Sheriff	Sports Plus	964
Sheriff	Treasurer - State of Ohio	3247.75
Sheriff	Southern Ohio Shredding LL	51.5
Sheriff	North Fork Animal Clinic	65.25
Sheriff	Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.	88.49
Sheriff	Hometown Auto, LLC	5219.58
Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	226.35
Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	46.5
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	30.95
Sheriff	Tharp Animal Health Care C	886.14
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	54.76
Sheriff	Wex Bank	18039.35
Sheriff	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	3930.99
Sheriff	American Electric Power	113.96
Sheriff	MAGLOCLEN	400
Dog Warden	Glo Fiber	131.06
Emergency Management	B & C Communications	1991
Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	447.61
Engineer	Chillicothe Steel Co.	325
Engineer	Do It Right Cleaning Service, L	600
Engineer	Fastenal Company	37.2
Engineer	Lowe's	315.69
Engineer	Lucas Tool Sales, LLC	50.5
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	3657.14
Engineer	Office City Express	119.52
Engineer	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	472.5
Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	1630

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Auditor	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	1014.49
Auditor	Google, Inc.	2143.7
Auditor	Ross County Humane Socie	10000
Auditor	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	2120
Auditor	CNBLAW, LLC	125
Auditor	Ross Co. Water Company	107.68
Auditor	Fairfield Computer Services	165
Auditor	Treasurer - State of Ohio	2367.13
Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	210
Auditor	Bunstine Law Office	112.5
Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	825
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1057.5
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	577.5
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	585
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	427.5
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	982.5
Auditor	Glo Fiber	3277.96
Auditor	Glo Fiber	1965.05
Automatic Data Processing	Horizon Chillicothe Telephon	4196.05
Board of Elections	Office City Express	752.15
Building Department	Shelley, Joshua	7087.5
Building Department	Hettinger, Joshua R.	33.95
Building Department	Wex Bank	469.7
Building Department	Quill Corporation	294.49
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio	7.05
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio	941.78
Building Department	City of Chillicothe Building D	739.1
Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	46.33
Clerk of Courts	Sunrush Water	22.15
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	295.41
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	39.89
Commissioners	Juvenile Detention Center	67364.29
Commissioners	Springdale Garden Center	1662.45
Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	206.03
Commissioners	Lowe's	864.29
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	603.44
Commissioners	AIRPORT WINDSOCK COP	281.2
Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	706.34
Commissioners	Southern Ohio Shredding LL	417
Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	102
Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.35
Commissioners	B & C Communications	3300
Commissioners	American Electric Power	8782.08
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	444.23
Commissioners	Central Center Hardware	65.72
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	470.78
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	240.15
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	1149.45
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	68.17
Common Pleas Court #1	Haley Henkle	8.65
Common Pleas Court #1	Judge Michael M Ater	147.35
Common Pleas Court #1	Brittany Jadwin	24
Common Pleas Court #1	Meachem, Chelsea	1657.7
Coroner	Lexis-Nexis Risk Data Mana	112
Coroner	Thomas, Jodi L.	140
Coroner	Westside Media	150
Coroner	Central Center, LLC	647.77
Coroner	MARK A GRAY	19
Coroner	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	545
Dog Warden	Menards	205.18
Dog Warden	Penwell, Julia	572.49
Dog Warden	Ketch-All Company	292.75
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	335.17
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	71.51
Treasurer	Glacier Mountain Bottled W	8.75
Veterans Service Commissi	Save-A-Lot	5542.4
Veterans Service Commissi	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	2000
Veterans Service Commissi	Terry Dowdy	393.54
Veterans Service Commissi	American Electric Power	469.93
Veterans Service Commissi	ComDoc Inc	36.08
Veterans Service Commissi	The Corner Market	772.24
Veterans Service Commissi	Robert Barnhart	30.75
Veterans Service Commissi	Tim Velarde	36.32
Veterans Service Commissi	Dwight Fowler	36.1
Veterans Service Commissi	Robert Leach	35
		\$530,953.11

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 29 through August 12, 2024, in the amount of \$3,391.23 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 \$89.72 from CLE fund into account code 212-29-56-7353 Medical Jail, per a request of August 12, 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$39,529.75 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 088-06-01-5901 SCOJFS Public Assistance, per a request August 12, 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.

ADJUST LOAN CALCULATOR ROSS COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the new schedule for the lease to own agreement with the Ross County Health District. The new schedule is principal only. The quarterly dollar amount remains the same and the pay-off date will be December 2028.

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

PAINT CREEK STREAMGAGE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a joint funding agreement with the US Department of Interior for the operation and maintenance of the Paint Creek streamgage at Chillicothe OH, during the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 for the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

2023 WPCLF PAYMENT REQUEST

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a pay request to replace one home sewer system and repair one sewer system for a cost of \$15,055.21.

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

LETTER SUPPORTING THE JUNIOR CIVIC LEAGUE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A HAVAC UNIT IN THE CABOOSE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to provide a letter of support for a grant from the Junior Civic League for a HVAC system for the Caboose located on Water Street near the entrance to Yoctangee Park.

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

REQUEST FOR USE MADE DRUG FREE CLUBS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request for use of the Courthouse steps and portico on October 25, 2024 for the MADE Drug Prevention Rally, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, August 12, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance.

RESOLUTION 032-24

REDUCING THE 2025 ROSS COUNTY GENERAL FUND CURRENT EXPENSES TAX RATE MILLAGE FROM 3.1 MILLS TO 2.4 MILLS WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND RESERVING THE 0.7 MILL FOR FUTURE USE PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.313

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners has previously adopted a resolution pursuant to section 5739.021 or 5739.026 of the Revised Code to levy or increase the rate of the sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners has for the past several years been levying a 3.1 mill tax for current expenses for the General Fund, said 3.1 mill being inside the ten-mill limitation for Ross County; and

WHEREAS, Section 5705.313(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code permits the Ross County Board of Commissioners to adopt another resolution reducing the rate of any property tax the county currently is levying for current expenses within the ten-mill limitation; and

WHEREAS, Section 5705.313(A)(2) further permits the Ross County Board of Commissioners to reserve the rate of reduction of any property tax for a specified period of time so that amount of millage reduced by the Ross County Board of Commissioners may not be used by another political subdivision unless permitted under the same statute; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Ross County Board of Commissioners, that the 3.1 mill that has previously been levied in Ross County, for current expenses within the ten-mill limitation, be reduced to 2.4 mill for the 2025 tax year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 0.7 mill difference will not be levied against the citizens of Ross County for the tax year of 2025, and the same 0.7 mill is being reserved by the Ross County Board of Commissioners so as not to be used by another political subdivision for the tax year of 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 0.7 mill property tax rate reduction will be for a period of one year, being the 2025 tax year, and may be reconsidered by the Ross County Board of Commissioners for future tax years beyond 2025.

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

ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT TO KENWORTH TRUCK COMPANY

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, a county government, with its main offices located at the Courthouse, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601 and Kenworth Truck Company, a division of PACCAR Inc, a Delaware Corporation qualified to do business in Ohio, having its main manufacturing facility located at 65 Kenworth Drive, Chillicothe, OH 45601, enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement. Kenworth is desirous of completing, occupying and operating a 60,000 square foot expansion of the main facility to be equipped and staffed to increase the Chassis department within the boundaries of the aforementioned Enterprise Zone, provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of said PROJECT.

Ross County hereby grants Kenworth a tax exemption for real property improvements made to the project site pursuant to Section 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632 of the Ohio Revised Code for sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of all buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures that Kenworth constructs on the project site and which are not now taxed but would be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation.

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

ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT TO KENWORTH TRUCK COMPANY

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into an Enterprise Zone agreement by and between the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, a county government, with its main offices located at the Courthouse, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601 and Kenworth Truck Company, a division of PACCAR Inc., a Delaware Corporation qualified to do business in Ohio, having its main manufacturing facility located at 65 Kenworth Drive, Chillicothe, OH 45601. Kenworth is desirous of renovating and upgrading the building located at 75 Chamber Drive to be used for manufacturing within the boundaries of the aforementioned Enterprise Zone, provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of said PROJECT.

Ross County hereby grants Kenworth a tax exemption for real property improvements made to the project site pursuant to Section 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632 of the Ohio Revised Code for sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of all buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures that Kenworth constructs on the project site and which are not now taxed but would be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation. This agreement shall include an annual payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for both Zane Trace Local Schools and the Pickaway Ross Career & Technology Center equal to 100% of the abated taxes that would have been paid to the school districts should this agreement not be in effect. Kenworth must file the appropriate tax forms (DTE 23) with the County Auditor and (#913) with the State Department of Taxation to effect and maintain the exemptions covered in the agreement.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Devon Shoemaker, Senior Planner, presented 6 Floodplain Notice of Violation letters that he will be sending to homeowners.

Sheriff Lavender and Brandy Morris Hafner, discussed the Day Reporting Program and the need to provide benefits to the staff so there salaries can be covered by grant funds.

ADJOURN

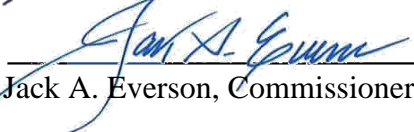
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of August 12, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner