

**AUGUST 14 – MEETING 33
VOLUME 26**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, August 14, 2023, 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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the minutes of the July 31, 2023 and August 7, 2023, meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

INVOICE NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	INVOICE NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
41457	2023000316	Pat McCarthy Productions, In	450	1RP6-R99N-D4VF	2023000320	Amazon Capital Services	21.65
02121301	2023001179	Carr Supply Chillicothe	77.38	341280 - receipt book for R	2023000480	Printex Printing	720
3317829178	2023000476	Pitney Bowes, Inc	1988.19	341538	2023001747	Printex Printing	1050
17483-001	2023000071	Razz Co. Water Company	104.69	24200320	2023000912	Treasurer, State of Ohio	5095.09
0396144-IN	2023000330	Treasurer - State of Ohio	4228.75	512099	2023000834	Treasurer - State of Ohio	25265.29
3 invoice	2023000345	Adena Medical Group, LLC	88.9	444258	2023000489	Adena Health System	226
101-846-942-1-3	2023000074	American Electric Power	158.28	1977826	2023000490	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	385.95
3592-4784	2023000509	G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc.	1177.28	120998	2023001669	Integrated Protection Serv	382.92
17482-001	2023000516	Razz Co. Water Company	26.87	July	2023000570	Juvenile Detention Center	50759.01
2022CR90	2023000177	Brahm, Eric	4380	SON2023-248	2023000276	Sajourners Care Network	1040
41151828-NRAY	2023000345	MOBILEXUSA	528	2393256	2023001734	US Safety Gear, Inc.	4.35
n/a	2023000160	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1900	848723611	2023000539	Thamran Reuters - Wort	302.84
6941223-20230731	2023000004	Lexis-Nexis Risk Data Manage	105	Acct#108490	2023000252	Horizon Chillicothe Telepho	147.53
grocery/trupply assistance	2023000101	Save-A-Lot	4653.12	107514	2023000264	Horizon Chillicothe Telepho	133.56
Acct#000369	2023000345	Allen's Pharmacy	1936.47	1978849 & 1976182	2023000314	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1052.51
Acct#1000000127	2023000320	Sciata Shoe Mart	130	Acct#1032146	2023000313	Horizon Network Partnerz	511
Acct#1000000127	2023000348	Sciata Shoe Mart	13.02	Acct#430263	2023000313	Horizon Chillicothe Telepho	158
C1082820-23E	2023001748	Campazz Integration LLC	1763.09	092227	2023000320	DTB Distributors, Inc.	170.08
C1082820-23L	2023001749	Campazz Integration LLC	2996.25	2393255	2023000320	US Safety Gear, Inc.	111.8
KGR000-01M	2023000996	Rich & Gillir Lau Group LLC	2372.83	5 invoice	2023000320	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	164.6
8694112802331	2023000260	US Bank NA	97.25	169791	2023000320	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	151.8
321195097001 & 321194667001	2023001751	Office Depot Inc.	197.96	IN14305378	2023001750	GFC Learning	393.67
025024428	2023000348	Gallr, LLC	223.92	utilitari	2023000065	Horizon Chillicothe Telepho	4772.99
n/a	2023000345	Emergency Professional Servi	88.9	49135	2023001354	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, In	231
Cartamer#1024	2023000320	Sparkle Cleaners	132	105-903-352-5-2	2023000561	American Electric Power	7427.02
Cartamer#1024	2023000347	Sparkle Cleaners	29.4	341837	2023001692	Printex Printing	80
319338939001	2023001752	Office Depot Inc.	60.99	9082434	2023000483	Wex Bank	59.21
Wiget	2023001354	Ohio Department of Agricultur	35	311811-01, 312384-01, 312401	2023000348	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	335.28
9071, 8279, 8414	2023001354	Kenworth Truck Co.	459.78	printer ink	2023000668	Office City Express	180.38
N789840	2023001521	Coak's Correctional Kitchen C	4702.51	216094-00 & 215862-00	2023000317	Office City Express	16.8
3 invoice	2023000345	Apacoe Medical Group, Ohio, In	136.64	216094-00 & 215862-00	2023000326	Office City Express	2.61
n/a	2023000345	Adena Health System	2255.47	216094-00 & 215862-00	2023000328	Office City Express	52.38
RCC-2023-008	2023000006	Worlde Media	30	n/a	2023001763	Treasurer, State of Ohio	20.2
Acct#15222	2023000320	Central Center Hardware	5.98	294785	2023001562	Melvin Stone Co.	2924.09
4162013573, 4162707048 & 4163	2023000994	Cintas Corporation # 530	513.11	B48073	2023000993	Southeastern Equipment Co	100.96
101EA18756	2023001753	The Water Express	26.75	B48073	2023001354	Southeastern Equipment Co	404.77
CASENO 220CA000031	2023000486	Office of the Ohio Public Defen	3321.26	1976709	2023000140	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	169.3
n/a	2023000597	Cattrill, Treiva J.	1720	23-1290	2023001725	Sound Communications, Inc	3617.7
n/a	2023000596	Janina Johnson	608	25641	2023001735	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	57.64
n/a	2023000595	Welch, David Michael	560	59FA49A2-0001	2023000538	Michael R Ratliff	69.99
acct#98001289960	2023001354	Lau's	101.16	Strawbaugh	2023001354	Sciata Shoe Mart	151.98
901294807	2023001356	Nutrien Ag Solutions	1080	2023DEL155	2023000177	Barrington, James E. CO, LP	367.5
9940538269	2023000822	Verizon Wireless	613.66	2021DEP17 & 2021DEP106	2023000177	Bunrting Lau Office	1276.68
reimb	2023000669	Stacey Baraff	19.5	2023DEP51; 2022DEP10; 202	2023000177	Fallir, Linda L.	502.5
20182	2023000320	Eagle Golf Cartz	1770	23DEP39; 2022DEP16; 023D	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At	1995
125619486	2023000611	Firz Communications, LLC	12.19	21CS149; 97CS32; 2014CS38	2023000177	Rutherford, Chare Colin	225
16752953-00	2023001731	State Electric Supply, Inc.	255.56	14CS199, 198; 17DEP92-93;	2023000177	Rutherford, Chare Colin	262.51
10181	2023000279	Sunark Water	22.15	092068, 092194	2023000563	DTB Distributors, Inc.	717.26
08097-003	2023000517	Chillicothe Utilitior Dept.	692.43	9040885	2023001718	Jazzica Ott	45.75
09928-001	2023000518	Chillicothe Utilitior Dept.	184.53	90058913	2023001720	Jazzica Ott	314.68
SOS2679	2023000622	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	359.6	90058911	2023001719	Jazzica Ott	329.32
216007-00	2023000865	Office City Express	197.77	16CS59; 21PA175	2023000177	Rutherford, Chare Colin	150
176773	2023001442	B & C Communications	1457.14	21DEP123; 23DEP28; 23DEP	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At	517.5
1PKY-JLRV-WR6Q	2023001354	Amazon Capital Services	34.12	22DEP144-147; 23DEP10; 23	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At	885
16828	2023001354	Seitz Trucking, Inc.	590.63	23DEP61, 62, 59; 2023DEP82	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At	555
292197	2023000510	Latham Limortano, LLC	1869.29	23DEP22-25; 2023DEP43, 4	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At	1237.51
summer commizianer training	2023000669	Terry Daudy	760.92	13LY-9611-MDMN	2023001508	Amazon Capital Services	55.32
meal reimb far summer trainin	2023000669	Bobby Barnhart	35.24	n/a	2023000320	Dennis McKeever	41.73
2005237	2023001512	Bricker and Graydan	2800	FME&T-0001	2023000156	Mark A Gray	19
2005236	2023001512	Bricker and Graydan	5775	court of appeal operating	2023001723	Razz County Auditor	21896.38
00001-001, 11610-001	2023000515	Razz Co. Water Company	124.54	FAES-6398	2023001012	OSU Extension - Razz Count	75000
0496-00-123002-8	2023000300	Wex Bank	88.61	644943040	2023001728	Jazzica Ott	29.16
652502815-189	2023000139	Sprint PCS	116.58	9040891	2023001727	Jazzica Ott	48
summer commizianer training	2023000669	Dwight Fauler	28.62	90058862	2023001729	Jazzica Ott	323.69
meal reimb far summer commi	2023000669	Tim Velarde	34.24	227725	2023001633	International Identification	1561.7
GD2063713	2023001721	Election Systems & Software,	3950	108988	2023001724	Appraisal Research Corp.	38238.3
0246542-IN	2023001354	Diamond Mauerz, Inc	842.93	N/A	2023000269	BRITHIBROWN	140.92
341666	2023001354	Printex Printing	180	16773741-00, 16695980-01	2023000630	State Electric Supply, Inc.	266.54
14-07979-43005	2023000577	Waste Management of Ohio	224.2	16748052-00; 16774350-00	2023000629	State Electric Supply, Inc.	661.8
14-07980-03000	2023000578	Waste Management of Ohio	221.26	10579	2023000458	Edge Document Solutions, L	283.86
Act. 14-07980-13008	2023000580	Waste Management of Ohio	182.15	2023DEP70; 2022DEP36, 37	2023000177	Fallir, Linda L.	630
14-07980-33004	2023000579	Waste Management of Ohio	926.26	23CS14, 23CS16; 17DEP8-9	2023000177	Rutherford, Chare Colin	375
680152	2023001731	Delt Right Cleaning Service, L	600	2019CS239; 2019CS421; 14F	2023000177	Rutherford, Chare Colin	300
76008	2023001726	Graphic Village LLC	1566.25	2017CS155; 14CS258; 23CS	2023000177	Rutherford, Chare Colin	300
341837	2023001275	Printex Printing	80	087372-00	2023000474	Office City Express	60.36
n/a	2023000324	Wheeler, Carizza L.	528	087379	2023000473	Office City Express	75.92
				Funeral assistance-Barker	2023000103	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
				ARPA GRANT	2023001742	Razz County CAC	350000
				062745	2023000462	Glacier Mountain Battle W	35.75
							\$682,136.45

INVOICE NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
14CS199, 14CS198; 17DEP92-93; 20	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225
			\$225.00
		Corrected amount	\$682,099.35

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated July 31 through August 14, 2023, in the amount of \$50,279.43 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$20.03 be transferred from account code 420-11-37-7550 Other Expenses, into account code 420-11-37-7801 Remit Unspent Fund and \$.17 be transferred from account code 420-11-37-7001 Salaries, into account code 420-11-37-7801 Remit Unspent Fund, per a request of August 14, 2023 from the Ross County Common Pleas Court Administrator.

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, \$524.00 be transferred from account code 100-02-00-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 100-02-00-7100 Travel, per a request of August 14, 2023 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, \$300.00 be transferred from account code 100-02-00-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of August 14, 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$3,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 203-32-00-7102 Contract Repairs, per a request of August 14, 2023 from the Ross County Dog Warden.

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, \$350,000.00 be appropriated from American Rescue Fund into account code 241-00-00-7450 Grant Awards Other, per a request of August 14, 2023 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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, \$3,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-14-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of August 14, 2023 from the Ross County Common Pleas Court 2.

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

TIME SHEET 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 August 12, 2023.

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE STEPS/PORTICO

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a request from Grace Bible Church to hold a gospel street meeting on the courthouse steps, Saturday September 9, 2023 between the hours of 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

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 August 14, 2023, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe and Jack A. Everson in attendance.

RESOLUTION 021-23**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FUND TITLED
THE COUNTY PROBATE COURT GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES FUND**

WHEREAS, ORC 2111.52(A) allows for the establishment of a County Probate Court Guardianship Services Fund and permits the County Probate Court to accept funds or other program assistance from individuals, corporations, agencies, or organizations, including, but not limited to, a County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services or a County Board of Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, ORC 2111.52 provides that any funds received by the County Probate Court shall be paid into the County Treasury and credited to the County Probate Court Guardianship Services Fund; and

WHEREAS, ORC 2111.52(C) provides that the monies in a County Probate Court Guardianship Services Fund shall be used for services to help ensure the treatment of any person who is under the care of a County Board or Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services or a County Board of Developmental Disabilities, or any other Guardianships; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Probate Court and the Ross County Commissioners desire to create a County Probate Court Guardianship Services Fund and to utilize those funds to contract with Integrated Services for Behavioral Health (ISBH) to provide guardianship services to indigent wards that are residents of Ross County Ohio;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Ross, State of Ohio:

1. A new fund called the Ross County Probate Court Guardianship Services Fund shall be and hereby is established; and be it further resolved that
2. Any funds received by the Ross County Probate Court pursuant to ORC 2111.52(A) shall be paid into the Ross County Treasury and deposited into the Ross County probate Court Guardianship Services Fund; and be it further resolved that
3. Any expenditure from the Ross County Probate Court Guardianship Services Fund shall be made in accordance with ORC 2111.52(C); and be it further resolved that
4. The Ross County Commissioners, on behalf of the Ross County Probate Court, pursuant to ORC 2111.52 (C), shall be authorized to enter into a Contract with Integrated Services for Behavioral Health for the purposes of providing guardianship services to indigent wards in Ross County Ohio.

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

MEMBER APPOINTED STAR COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTERS FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appoint Brandon Puckett, to the Ross County seat of the STAR Community Justice Center's Facility Governing Board effective October 12, 2023 for a three year term through 2026.

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

CERTIFICATE OF CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to certify that we have read, understand, and certify that the project will abide by all of the conditions for confidential funds as set forth in the effective edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide. We further understand that the above-mentioned guidelines apply to all Federal or matching funds for the project.

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

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign a letter of recommendation for Christopher Wesley Scott, for acceptance into the United State Air Force Academy.

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

LPA FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into two LPA Federal Local-Let Project agreements for bridge replacement, Norman Hill Road and Charleston Pike.

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

PENALTY FEE FOR WORKING WITHOUT A PERMIT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a request from Josh Hettinger, Chief Building Official to implement a penalty fee for contractors working without the proper permits. The fee will be \$500.00 and go into effect January 1, 2024.

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 August 14, 2023, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe in attendance and Jack A. Everson, absent.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUBORDINATE A MORTGAGE OBTAINED THROUGH THE ROSS COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners holds a mortgage to secure repayment of a Rehab loan through the FY 2018 Ross County Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program from homeowner Becky Strausbaugh; and Homeland Credit Union in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of paying off loans, home repairs and auto repairs

WHEREAS, Ross County will be in second mortgage position with its mortgage of 25,395.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, is hereby authorized to sign mortgage Subordination Agreement for the above homeowner.

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE STEPS/PORTICO

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a request from Sandy Murray, MADE Drug Free Clubs, to hold a rally on the courthouse steps, Friday October 27, 2023 between the hours of 9:00am – 12:00pm.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Huntington Township Trustees John Cottrill and Gary Hopkins discussed Floral Hills Memory Gardens. They believe the court will turn over cemetery ownership to Huntington Township. The cemetery is 47 developed acres and another 15 undeveloped. The bridge and road leading to the cemetery is in dire need of repairs. Estimates for repair is approximately \$150,000.00, which the township currently cannot afford. The Trustees wanted to make the Commissioners aware, they may need to ask for monetary assistance if the court awards ownership to the township.

Kevin Ross, Landmark Properties LLC provided information on ATM machines. He would like to see them installed in the Ross County Jail and Courthouse. The Commissioners will take it under advisement.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of August 14, 2023, at 3:00pm.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner