

**AUGUST 26 – MEETING 35  
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, August 26, 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 19, 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:

PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
2024001718	Quill Corporation	509.92	2024001431	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	2799.32
2024001720	Casey Dates	210	2024001338	Advance Auto Parts	504.26
2024001614	International Identification, Inc	1812	2024001195	G & J Paving	223323
2024000207	Treasurer, State of Ohio	4269.37	2024001599	BILLIE LYTLE	35.98
2024000171	Benson, Melinda J	125	2024001599	Amazon Capital Services	45.97
2024000171	Clark, John K. Jr.	750	2024000728	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	24
2024000173	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225	2024000728	Wex Bank	429.45
2024000173	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225	2024000249	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	25
2024000173	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	2024001668	Bricker Graydon LLP	45008.75
2024000171	Rutherford, Chase Colin	125	2024001010	Office City Express	288.1
2024000853	Modern Leasing	100.61	2024000563	Cutright, James K.	200
2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	1857	2024000561	Hallenross & Assoc., LLC	516.14
2024000103	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	14.97	2024000870	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	42.3
2024000103	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	18.78	2024000806	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	29.99
2024000103	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	742.76	2024001744	Meachem, Chelsea	42.35
2024001684	Office City Express	439.77	2024001743	Office Depot Inc.	114.95
2024001684	Office City Express	287	2024001742	Office Depot Inc.	114.93
2024001736	Pitney Bowes	182.13	2024001741	Chillicothe Gazette	163.95
2024001737	Jessica Smith	13.08	2024001740	Office Depot Inc.	272.06
2024001738	Integrated Protection Services	1989	2024000497	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	378.73
2024001735	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	142.4	2024000498	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	330.96
2024000296	American Electric Power	5393.84	2024000499	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	407.28
20230002046	Combs Heating & Cooling	15900	2024000503	American Electric Power	16188.26
2024000947	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	103.2	2024000510	Nicholas S. W. Haines, Fiscal C	120
2024000449	Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning LL	400	2024000496	Amazon Capital Services	25.45
2024000647	Sherwin Williams Company	73.58	2024000496	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	634.8
2024000331	State Electric Supply, Inc.	449.52	2024000496	Downtown Auto Body Repair, I	150
2024000865	Speer Mechanical	1584.96	2024000496	Penwell, Julia	811.31
2024000530	Grigsby Environmental Consul	1600	2024000644	Welch, David Michael	410
2024000297	American Electric Power	548.22	2024000645	Jonina Johnson	164
2024001255	Nationwide Contractors	32545	2024000643	Cottrill-Baskerville, Treiva J.	1920
2024000379	Schutt, Adelina	150	2024000642	Escamilla, Vanessa	140
2024000379	Schutt, Adelina	150	2024000482	Penwell, Julia	69
2024000235	AT&T Mobility	102.88	2024000654	DTB Distributors, Inc.	93.4
2024000239	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	3500	2024000496	DTB Distributors, Inc.	600.47
2024000972	Pam Longlott	314.93	2024000482	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1596.66
2024000121	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	761	2024000494	Office City Express	24.79
2024000625	GFC Leasing	121.65	2024000697	Office City Express	26.44
2024000282	AT&T Mobility	140.48	2024000495	Office City Express	3.85
2024000554	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	68.83	2024000483	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	1200
2024000949	B & C Communications	178.37	2024001682	Aramark Services, Inc	7937.64
2024000949	B & C Communications	215	2024000258	Columbus Radiology Corp.	737.02
2024001338	Airgas Great Lakes	76.6	2024000258	Adena Health System	725.36
2021001663	Carpenter Marty Transportatio	1601.95	2024000504	American Electric Power	345.55
2024000668	Clemans, Nelson & Associates	60	2024000496	Herrnstein Chrysler-Plymouth	75.14
2024001338	Fastenal Company	473.66	2024001721	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	64.71
2024000113	Hart, Linda	625	2024000523	Jennifer Fligor	209.07
2024001338	Key Blue Prints, Inc.	830	2024000524	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	57.5
2024001338	Ross Auto Parts	248.57	2024000204	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
2024001054	Tim's Tires & Accessories	285	2024000761	Office City Express	220.41
2024001431	Tow Path Materials	1350	2024001153	Glo Fiber	139.42
2024001338	Old Canal Stop	27.5			<b>\$395,006.25</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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated August 12 through August 26, 2024, in the amount of \$11,083.43 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, to transfer \$5,756.58 from account code 212-29-00-0010 Correctional & LE, into account code 420-29-04-5912 Marine Patrol, per a request August 26, 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.

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$334.00 from account code 214-03-00-7550 Other Expenses and \$500.00 from account code 214-03-00-7001 Salaries Employees, into account code 214-03-00-7012 PERS, per a request August 26, 2024 from the Ross County Treasurer.

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$5,756.58 from Marine Patrol Fund into account code 212-29-01-7943 Marine Patrol, per a request of August 26, 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 the following:

PVADAMH Pax GBG Prevention	420-18-13-7105	\$ 27,468.53
Probation Incentives	420-18-13-7130	\$ 2,500.00
Admin Program	420-18-13-7154	\$ 8,301.44
Ross County CASA	420-18-13-7842	\$ 80,000.00
Keys to Success-Chillicothe	420-18-13-7117	\$ 16,000.00
T.E.A.M.- Huntington	420-18-13-7116	\$ 12,000.00
Zane Trace Be Here	420-18-13-7114	\$ 17,600.00
ISBH	420-18-13-7106	\$ 80,000.00
Chillicothe Digital Academy	420-18-13-7119	\$ 51,400.00
Electronic/GPS/AOD Monitoring	420-18-13-7110	\$ 15,000.00
Paper City Mentoring	420-18-13-7118	\$ 12,000.00
Lighthouse CJJS	420-18-13-7107	\$ 95,000.00
Ross County Restitution	420-18-13-7131	\$ 20,000.00

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 \$14,049.72 from OHMAS Drug Court Fund into account code 420-18-14-7103 Contract Services and \$13,000.00 from 420-18-14-7550 into account code 420-18-14-7550 Other, per a request of August 26, 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.

#### **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 August 24, 2024.

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

#### **MONITORING REPORT AND RESPONSE LETTER OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORP**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to sign the response letter to the Ohio Department of Development regarding the monitoring visit to review the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program.

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

#### **APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT STRUCTUREPOINT**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, ACGP contracts between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the project Architect American Structurepoint, for the following projects: City of Logan Gateway to the Hocking Hills – Logan Streetscape for a total cost of \$1,360,981.00, Serpent Mound Tower for a cost of \$9,000.00 for the limited Structural Investigation with additional costs determined by the first analysis, City of Athens Downtown Revitalization at a total cost of \$638,071.00 and Logan Streetscape. These agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Architect.

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

#### **APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT CHOICEONE**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, ACGP contracts between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the project Architect ChoiceOne Engineering, for the following projects: Leesburg Park Improvements for a total cost of \$189,200.00, Improvements to Ruth Cramton Park Village of Lynchburg for a total cost of \$154,300.00 and Crossroad Park Improvements Hillsboro for a total cost of \$997,300.00. These agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Architect.

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

#### **APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN OWNER AND APG ARCHITECT LLC**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, ACGP contracts between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the project Architect APG Architects LLC, for Chesterhill Produce Auction Site Improvements for a total cost of \$88,300.00. This agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Architect.

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

#### **APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT CT CONSULTANTS INC**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, ACGP contracts between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the project Peebles Streetscape & Community Wide Sidewalks at a total cost of \$365,000.00 and for Frankfort Streetscape and Tri County Trail Connection for a total cost of \$388,000.00. This agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Architect.

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

#### **APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OWNER AND GRANTEEES**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to authorize Commissioner Garrett, to sign on the Commissioners behalf, the following agreements by and between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Village of Bainbridge Main Street Streetscape at a total cost of \$2,145,275.00, The Village of Chauncy Main Street Streetscape for a total cost of \$1,964,135.00, the Village of Leesburg Downtown Park for a total cost of \$1,052,995.00, the City of Hillsboro Crossroads Park for a total cost of \$5,204,536.00, the Village of Peebles Streetscape for a total cost of \$5,564,700.00, the City of Jackson Downtown Streetscape for a total cost of \$3,698,250.00, the Village of Frankfort Main Street Streetscape for a total cost of \$3,079,793.00, the Village of Zaleski a Trail Town, a Mound Town, for a total cost of \$3,603,436.00, for Rio Grande Community College, Jackson Campus Manufacturing Center for a total cost of \$1,286,330.00, Rio Grande Community College, McArthur Campus Center Building for a total cost of \$11,912,000.00, Rural Action Inc., Chesterhill Auction Site Improvements, for a total cost of \$977,635.00 and the Ross County Park District, Paint Creek Recreational Trail Section Repairs, for a total cost of \$1,933,740.00 with a completion date of October 31, 2026.

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

**REQUEST FOR USE**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request for use of the Courthouse steps and Portico, by Grace Bible Church, on September 14, 10:30am to 12:00pm, for a Gospel Street Meeting.

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 19, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRILLIUM H<sub>2</sub>POWER PROJECT  
036-24**

**WHEREAS**, Trillium H<sub>2</sub>Power has worked closely with the local community in planning and developing an Integrated Energy System-Closed Loop Manufacturing (IES-CLM) complex to produce decarbonized hydrogen for use in manufacturing low carbon intensity ammonia and metallurgical grade silicon, and to produce reduced carbon electrical power.

**WHEREAS**, Trillium H<sub>2</sub>Power is the first company to purchase property at the former Department of Energy (DOE) Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) from DOE’s designated community reuse organization, the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI).

**WHEREAS**, Trillium H<sub>2</sub>Power is the flagship project at the center of creating a next generation clean energy complex at PORTS.

**WHEREAS**, an economic impact analysis conducted by Ohio University estimates Trillium H<sub>2</sub>Power will create 1,900 jobs during its construction phase, contributing over \$346 million to the local economy.

**WHEREAS**, Trillium H<sub>2</sub>Power in the long term will create over 290 permanent operating jobs with an annual impact of approximately \$316 million to the local economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ROSS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That Ross County stands in strong support of the Trillium H<sub>2</sub>Power project which will have a transformational impact on our regional economy.
2. The Ross County Commissioners urge all other governments at the federal, state and local levels, to support this important initiative.
3. The Ross County Commissioners encourage private investment in this opportunity to transform not only a DOE legacy site, but also a region that has given its all to forge America’s energy future.

**ROSS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to pay the Ross County Improvement Corporation investment of \$25,000.00 for 2024.

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2 RESCHEDULED**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of September 2, 2024, be rescheduled to September 3, 2024.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**American Structure Point** – Architect for the Yoctangee Park/Armory Project, presented a tentative set of drawings showing the concept for the area near the Armory and playground.

**Joe Sokol – CCAO FIRM** (Facilities Investment Retrofit and Maintenance) offering owner representative services to counties embarking on facility retrofit construction, new builds, or capital planning for their County infrastructure. With a team comprised of experts in general contracting, HVAC contracting, equipment distribution, and building technology, County FIRM delivers invaluable industry knowledge to ensure the success of projects like HVAC installations, courthouse upgrades, jail improvements, and more.


**Enterprise Fleet Management** – Ross Vanbibber, Account Executive questioned the Commissioners about the process of maintenance on county vehicles. He will contact the County Engineer and Sheriff and report back, on the possibility of saving the county funds on vehicle maintenance and purchasing.

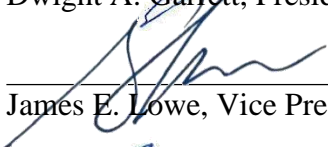
**Pleasant Valley Manor – ADAMH property purchase** – Residents from the Pleasant Valley Manor, Golfview and East Lake subdivisions discussed their objection to ADAMH purchasing property near the subdivisions and what they feel, is the lack of transparency in making the purchase and the lack of public input prior to making the purchase. They are also concerned with the proximity to the Pioneer School. Currently there are not zoning regulations in Union Township and the Commissioners have no authority over what can or cannot be built in the county.

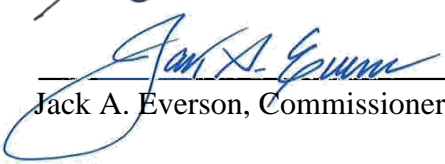
**Eric Tucker and Lauren Shreve** discussed the 2025 tax budget, noting that Ross County will no longer have an Outreach Specialist. They still hope to provide \$10,000.00 for the Ross County Litter Control program.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 24, 2024, at 12:30 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

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