

**SEPTEMBER 3 – MEETING 36  
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, September 3, 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 26, 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
Adult Probation	The Water Express	59.2	Engineer	Office City Express	225.46
Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	61.13	Engineer	Ohio Department of Agriculture	70
Adult Probation	Pike Co. Recovery Council	246.68	Engineer	Tucker Putnam	43.5
Auditor	American Electric Power	4545.65	Engineer	G & J Paving	4671
Auditor	Glo Fiber	68.6	Engineer	Seitz Trucking, Inc.	802.5
Auditor	South Central Power Company	750	Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.61
Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	325.63	Engineer	Southern Ohio Equipment Co.,	66.7
Auditor	Office City Express	58.86	Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	300
Auditor	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	29	Juvenile Court	Scioto Paint Valley Arrangement	550
Auditor	Berry, Jennifer	174	Juvenile Court	PAMELA KANGUR	17.64
Auditor	Brahm, Eric	1029	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	15.5
Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Galin	225	Juvenile Court	Intrinsic Interventions, Inc	50
Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Galin	225	Planning Commission	Ross County Commissioners	26075
Auditor	WILLIAM T CRAMER	705	Planning Commission	Roger Hamming Contractor LLC	58002
Auditor	Blazzer, Jeffery M.	862.5	Planning Commission	Roger Hamming Contractor LLC	13568
Auditor	O'Leary Law Office, LLC	412.5	Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	40
Automatic Data Processing Board	Charter Communications	610	Probate Court	PENNI WOODS	96.35
Automatic Data Processing Board	Verizon Wireless	61.66	Probate Court	Franklin County Probate Court	685
Automatic Data Processing Board	Horizon Chilliatha Telephone	200	Probate Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	13.5
Building Department	John Deere Financial	110.49	Recorder	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	34.25
Building Department	Hettinger, Joshua R.	33.95	Recorder	Staff Source Inc.	527.85
Building Department	DAVID BITLER	22	Ross County Court System	Office Depot Inc.	31.99
Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	79.99	Ross County Court System	Office Depot Inc.	22.39
Building Department	Wex Bank	542.21	Ross County Court System	DIONNA HATFIELD ORR	89.76
Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	641.27	Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	858.24
Clerk of Courts	Modern Learning	122.2	Ross County Court System	GFC Learning	1241.54
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	192.83	Ross County Court System	The Water Express	20.1
Commissioners	Carr Supply Chillicothe	134.31	Ross County Court System	Jadwin, Brittany G.	298.9
Commissioners	South Central Power Company	75	Ross County Court System	Henkle, Haley A.	1659.2
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	271.2	Ross County Court System	Jadwin, Brittany G.	67.1
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	999.46	Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	7903.98
Commissioners	Trugreen-ChemLawn	3976.53	Sheriff	Charm-Tex, Inc.	571
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	174.83	Sheriff	Capital One Commercial	22.46
Commissioners	DTE Distributors, Inc.	629.99	Sheriff	DTE Distributors, Inc.	29.7
Commissioners	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	200	Sheriff	DTE Distributors, Inc.	31.68
Commissioners	American Electric Power	30.05	Sheriff	DTE Distributors, Inc.	4.62
Commissioners	Warly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	97.61	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	23.25
Commissioners	Economic Development Alliance	25000	Sheriff	Office City Express	55.42
Commissioners	John Deere Financial	149.97	Sheriff	Office City Express	108.29
Commissioners	U-Line	701.77	Sheriff	Office City Express	7.7
Commissioners	Wex Bank	1290.7	Sheriff	Office City Express	70.48
Commissioners	Marter Locksmith and Safe Service	12	Sheriff	Adena Health System	499.65
Commissioners	Central Auto Parts	12.11	Sheriff	Emergency Professional Services	94.23
Commissioners	Dotillion Landscape Materials	86.25	Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	157.5
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	564.9	Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	445.28
Commissioners	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	1099.7	Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	56.94
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	265	Sheriff	FS Intermediate Holding Inc	59.95
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	170	Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	250.8
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	85	Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	912.47
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	85	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	156.13
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	195	Sheriff	Inright Public Sector, Inc	4299.1
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	195	Sheriff	Inright Public Sector, Inc	1785.78
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	305	Sheriff	Inright Public Sector, Inc	529.12
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	390	Sheriff	Taylor, George	175
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	265	Sheriff	Smith, Bryan	175
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	170	Sheriff	South Central Power Company	46
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	265	Sheriff	Hacking College	3485
Common Pleas Court #2	The Water Express	26.95	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	80.55
Common Pleas Court #2	Clevenger, Leah	198	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	85.92
Coroner	NATHANIEL FREEMAN	1375.75	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	12.53
Coroner	NATHANIEL FREEMAN	588.69	Sheriff	Sirchie Acquisition Company,	136.2
Deq Warden	North Park Animal Clinic	224.4	Sheriff	American Electric Power	74.35
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Deq Warden	Wex Bank	1743.86	Sheriff	American Electric Power	218.7
Deq Warden	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	119.9	Sheriff	GPS Vehicle Tracking Solution	498
Engineer	A & A Safety	155.91	Sheriff	GPS Vehicle Tracking Solution	25
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	413.96	Veterans Service Commission	Stephen M. Doffenbaugh	250.93
Engineer	Caughlin Auto	198.14	Veterans Service Commission	Ed Secret	505.31
Engineer	Matt Francis	91.4	Veterans Service Commission	Richard Mauran	364.37
Engineer	Fartolan Company	184.37	Veterans Service Commission	Seward, Randy A.	460.62
Engineer	G & J Paving	138208.1	Veterans Service Commission	Roberts Funeral Home	1000
Engineer	G & J Asphalt & Materials, Inc.	3268.19	Veterans Service Commission	Naurse Family of Dealerships	43356
			Veterans Service Commission	T-Mobile USA Inc	72.66
			Veterans Service Commission	OSACYSO	100
					<b>\$377,215.50</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 19 through September 3, 2024, in the amount of \$2,992.50 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 \$2,104.68 from General fund into account code 100-21-00-7551 Toxicology, per a request of September 3, 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 \$10,000.00 from General fund into account code 100-00-00-7409 Auditor & Treasurer fees, per a request, of September 3, 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.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$1,000.00 from account code 100-07-00-7550 Other Expenses, into account code 100-07-00-7150 Supplies, per a request September 3, 2024 from the Ross County Planning.

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 \$1,435.00 from account code 420-29-11-7200 Equipment, into account code 420-29-11-7104 Confidential Funds, per a request September 3, 2024 from the Ross County Major Crimes Task Force.

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 transfer \$120,000.00 from account code 231-51-01-0010 Children Services, into account code 100-01-00-5220 General, per a request September 3, 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 \$349,239.64 from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS, into account code 231-51-00-0010 Children Services, per a request September 3, 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.

**ASSET DISPOSAL**

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	HP Printer	15236	Surplus Property

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

**OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to not request a hearing for the applied for liquor permit for 1<sup>st</sup> Stop Inc., DBA Londonderry 1<sup>st</sup> Stop 92, 35414 US Route 50, Liberty Twp., Londonderry Ohio 45647.

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

**OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to not request a hearing for the applied for liquor permit for Carl’s Market Inc., DBA Corner Market, 633 Charleston Pike, Springfield Twp., Chillicothe Ohio 45601.

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

**MEMBER APPOINTED ROSS COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS VARIANCE BOARD**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners appoint Clifford Bugg as member of the Ross County Flood Damage Prevention Regulations Variance Board, commencing September 3, 2024 through May 31, 2026.

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

**ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL ESTATE TAXES – UNION HEIGHTS SEWER SUB-DISTRICT SUBSCRIBER DELINQUENCIES**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners submit to the auditor of Ross County the following list of Union Height Sewer Sub-District subscriber delinquencies for three (3) months or more, and request that such delinquencies be assessed against the subject property taxes, effective as of September 3, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6119.06 (W) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that the billing clerk for the said sewer sub-district be authorized to record such assessments and remove these delinquencies from the current billings of the Union Heights Sewer Sub-District, effective with the close of business on September 3, 2024:

Uvette Barnett	\$360.00	6 Cypress Road	370907280000
Hilary Rigsby	\$360.00	1087 Andersonville	370907144000
Beth Morrow	\$360.00	140 Rosewood Court	370907245000
Jeff Clary	\$360.00	275 Hawthorne Road	370907226000
William Tyler	\$360.00	215 Old Elm Road	370907102000
Jeremy Weaver	\$360.00	480 Old Elm Road	370907157000
Brittany West	\$360.00	428 Old Elm Road	370907132000
L. VanVoorhis	\$360.00	161 Rosewood Court	370907254000
Michael Hitchens	\$360.00	17 Ash Road	370907147000
Jennifer Smith	\$150.00	278 Old Elm Road	370907119000
Robert Hull	\$360.00	5 Birch Road	370907222000
Jamie Lambert	\$360.00	570 Old Elm Road	370907202000
Justin Bauer	\$360.00	130 Burr Oak	370907165000
Brianna Knight	\$237.00	91 Burr Oak	370907172000
Timothy Schinkle	\$270.00	500 Old Elm Road	370907158000

Lawrence Garnes    \$237.00                    383 Burr Oak Road                    370907208000  
 Nicole R Arledge    \$330.00                    395 Old Elm Road                    370907116000  
 Stevison, John & Kathryn  
**Total:                    \$5,494.00**

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 City of Chillicothe for the purpose of Yoctangee Park Improvements, Chillicothe Armory Restoration/Expansion and Ross County Visitor’s Center, District Gateways and Circulation Improvements for a total cost not to exceed \$34,819,990.00, the Belmont County Port Authority for the purpose of Black Horse Inn Underground Railroad Museum at a total cost not to exceed \$3,901,017.00, the Mount Zion Black Cultural Center for the purpose of the Mount Zion Black Cultural Center at a total cost not to exceed \$7,043,674.00 and the Mighty Children’s Museum for the purpose of the Mighty Children’s Museum Upgrades and Expansion at a total cost not to exceed \$543,000.00.

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 SCHOOLEY CALDWELL**

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 Schooley Caldwell, for the following project: Ulysses S. Grant Boyhood Home and Schoolhouse Project for a total cost of \$1,005,700.00. 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 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: The Village of Bainbridge Streetscape project for a total cost of \$422,175.00, Georgetown Streetscape and US Grant Visitors Center Project for a total cost of \$485,000.00. 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. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

**OWNER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT AGREEMENT TETRA TECH INC**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, the Environmental Consultant contract, with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Services for Yoctangee Riverside for a total cost of \$27,384.00.

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

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND DESIGNER CONTRACT**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract with Dan’s Excavating to furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and services, including utility and transportation services, and perform and complete all work required for the construction of the improvements embraced in the project; namely, System Design for the PY 2024 WPCLF Grant, all in strict accordance with the Contract Documents and the fee schedule.

SYSTEM CATEGORY	PER UNIT COST
Septic Tank or Pretreatment to Mound System	\$2,500.00
Septic Tank or Pretreatment to Drip Distribution System	\$2,500.00
Septic Tank or Pretreatment to Low Pressure Pipe Distribution	\$2,500.00
Connection to Public Sewer (if needed)	\$1,200.00

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

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND SITE AND SOIL EVALUATOR**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a contract with Hamilton Soil Investigations LLC, to furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and services, including utility and transportation services, and perform and complete all work required for site and soil evaluations embraced in the project; namely, Site and Soil Evaluations for the PY -2024 WPCLF Grant, all in strict accordance with the Contract Documents at \$4,000.00 per unit.

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

**CEBCO ROSS COUNTY 2025 RATE RENEWAL ACCEPTANCE**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the 2025 renewal rates for the county wide insurance program.

Medical Plan 2A

2025 Medical Renewal Rates	Medical	Rx PPO	Total Medical
EE Only	868.28	164.96	1033.24
Family	2370.10	449.60	2819.70

No Change in the following Rates:

Medical Plan 5A

2025 Medical Renewal Rates	Medical	Rx PPO	Total Medical
EE Only	710.62	164.96	875.58
Family	1885.14	449.60	2334.74

2025 Dental Renewal Rates	Dental Plan
EE Only	22.09
Family	62.94

2025 Vision Renewal Rates	Vision Plan
EE Only	5.99
Family	12.84

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**RESOLUTION 038-24  
 PARKING POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, The Ross County Board of Commissioners approved changing the off-street permit parking rates so all parking fees are equal, and;  
**WHEREAS**, permit parking that was \$15.00 monthly will increase to \$20.00 monthly beginning October 1, 2024, and  
**WHEREAS**, parking spaces will be provided to permanent full-time or permanent part-time employees of Ross County working in buildings downtown, and;  
**WHEREAS**, an official waiting list will be kept in the Commissioner’s office of employees waiting for available openings, and given out in the order they were placed on the list, and;  
**WHEREAS**, employees that choose not to take an available space will be removed from or placed at the bottom of the list, and:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the employee of record must be the employee parking in the space. Subletting of an assigned space is prohibited. The space may be used by another county employee during a vacation period of no more than 2 weeks. A written request to the Commissioners for an exemption may be requested by an employee to allow another county employee to use the space in the event of long term illness or leave of absence, and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, payment for county parking spaces must be kept current. Parking payment is due the first of the month for the month you are in. If payment is not received by the 15 of the month your space may be forfeited to the next in line.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 039-24**

##### **DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**

**WHEREAS**, Ross County, Ohio, is facing an unprecedented and prolonged drought, which is having a devastating impact on agriculture, a key industry in the county, and threatening the economic stability and well-being of the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe lack of rainfall has resulted in critically low soil moisture levels, leading to reduced crop yields, with substantial losses in the production of essential crops and forages, and placing significant strain on local livestock producers due to feed and water shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing drought has heightened the risk of wildfires, soil erosion, and other environmental hazards, further endangering farmland, pastures, and rural communities within Ross County; and

**WHEREAS**, the agricultural sector, a cornerstone of Ross County's economy and community identity, is under severe stress, with farmers and agricultural businesses at risk of financial insolvency due to reduced output and increased operational costs; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions necessitate immediate and decisive action to protect the economic welfare and well-being of the people of Ross County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, declare that a state of emergency exists within the county due to severe drought conditions. We hereby invoke and declare those provisions of the Ohio Revised Code applicable to this situation, particularly Section 902.02, to be in full force and effect throughout Ross County, enabling the exercise of all necessary emergency authority to safeguard the county's economic stability and the well-being of its residents.

All public offices and employees of Ross County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of their duties during this emergency and in the enforcement of emergency laws, regulations, and directives at both the state and local levels.

All residents of Ross County are called upon to comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster response teams in executing emergency operations plans, and adhere to the lawful directives of properly identified officers.

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

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Andy Wettersten – Cybergard EDR 120** – Mr. Wettersten discussed adding additional cybersecurity to the counties computer network. The Data Processing Board will convene on September 9 to discuss further.

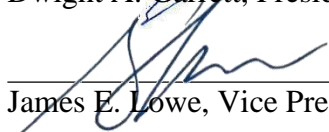
**Treasurer David Jeffers** – discussed an interest in implementing a Reduced Interest Loan Program. This initiative aims to support Ross County Residents through affordable loans for home improvements, small businesses, and agribusiness operations.

**Josh Hettinger, Chief Building Inspector** – discussed entering into contract with the Village of Wellston to provide building inspections.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of September 3, 2024, at 11:45 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