

**SEPTEMBER 5 – MEETING 36
VOLUME 26**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, September 5, 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.

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
101EA17780	2023001837	The Water Express	40.25	22CA21	2023000486	Office of the Ohio Public Defen	1888.34
890	2023001683	Bee Gone Pest Control	60	10214625401	2023000561	American Electric Power	53.68
1417	2023001683	EnviroHab, LLC	400	000217663	2023000709	DLZ	3500
n/a	2023001410	Ross County Health District	455.13	CD2064843	2023001844	Election Systems & Software, I	515
3094600201	2023000650	Lexis-Nexis	510	CD2064848	2023001844	Election Systems & Software, I	175
3788, 3794, & 3773	2023001410	Duncan and Daniels Enterpri	15171	0334872 & 0334603-IN	2023000348	Charm-Tex, Inc.	5433
supplies-fair	2023000320	Capital One Commercial	116.43	7076094	2023000301	B & C Communications	850
1444	2023001833	Fultz's Glass & Door, LLC	8580	43462	2023000833	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc.	422.88
utilities	2023000074	American Electric Power	196.39	7721	2023001354	Old Canal Stop	55
IN14295201	2023001838	GFC Leasing	833	45248	2023000982	Tow Path Materials	190.4
SOS2678	2023000651	Southern Ohio Shredding LL	34.5	mortgage assistance	2023001823	Kingston National Bank	800
I00841982	2023000635	GFC Leasing	378.57	N/A	2023000267	BRANDY MCCORD	66
n/a	2023000345	Emergency Professional Ser	148.25	91083	2023000320	Parcel N Post Express	22.46
IN14301850	2023000635	GFC Leasing	224	32571280	2023000303	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	333.9
087453	2023000634	Microsystems Inc	404.03	32571280	2023000338	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	111.3
341996-341994	2023001842	Printer Printing	6460	32571280	2023000323	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	278.3
n/a	2023000345	Adena Medical Group, LLC	48.74	32571280	2023000329	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	55.65
2307 ROSS CRTYTH	2023000271	Lighthouse Youth Services	1747.01	312684-01 & 312684-02	2023000348	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	319.89
1MT6-QJWP-19QN	2023000588	Amazon Capital Services	48.59	064072	2023000537	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	31
486239	2023001378	North Fork Animal Clinic	292	4231-3	2023000684	Sherwin Williams Company	29.91
25639	2023001731	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	35.36	123-211104	2022000484	Triad Governmental System	822
n/a	2023001261	Ohio Regional Development	300	4366	2023001731	Adams, Jeff	594.74
IN14309238	2023000635	GFC Leasing	0.02	2309-049739	2023001354	Central Center Hardware	14.33
1JQV-MYHR-DCR61CHY-F	2023000267	Amazon Capital Services	258.49	1560	2023001731	J&M Custom Fabrication LLC	185.9
IN14311236	2023000645	GFC Leasing	106.33	087604-00	2023000474	Office City Express	135.78
1M9G-Q3IG-G7LQ	2023000266	Amazon Capital Services	168.4	2 invoices	2023001841	Beaver, Kevin	2070
90058912	2023001839	Jessica Ott	324.45	SOS2736	2023000622	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	417
n/a	2023000345	Columbus Radiology Corp.	21.46	0351	2023001674	Moccasin Creek Tactical	20
n/a	2023000345	Adena Health System	325.59	216522-00	2023000317	Office City Express	109.55
28664	2023000649	Axia Technology Partners, L	29.99	216522-00	2023000348	Office City Express	116.86
28700	2023000649	Axia Technology Partners, L	1775	216522-00	2023000326	Office City Express	17.04
508660511	2023001840	US Bank Equipment Finance	847.27	014055	2023000268	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	22.25
training	2023000316	Hooking Technical College	7010	014593	2023000274	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	6.75
02547301	2023001179	Carr Supply Chillicothe	79.97	SOS	2023000304	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5
508968484	2023000850	Modern Leasing	190.17	1GW-F-D3CY-GF3C	2023000320	Amazon Capital Services	46.78
n/a	2023001683	Ross County Recorder	50	064076	2023001787	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	15
34033030, 34020587, 340367	2023001787	Quill Corporation	198.94	101EA19159	2023001837	The Water Express	53.75
36D2252593	2023000345	CLIA Laboratory Program	180	2007757	2022001883	Bricker and Graydon	612.5
contract driver	2023001121	Ed Secrest	268.14	2007756	2023001512	Bricker and Graydon	16715
contract driver	2023000296	Sewards, Randy A.	1003.76	134W-XFXC-KRHY	2023001508	Amazon Capital Services	97.38
72851	2023001731	Menards	244.89	propane	2023000320	Central Center Hardware	172.99
funeral jackets	2023001184	Sports Plus	2686	n/a	2023000451	CEBCO	742469.57
CD2064418	2023001844	Election Systems & Software	4025	112828	2023000689	Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning LL	500
173161, 173194	2023001731	Fastenal Company	220	16808742, 16776119, 1680907	2023000629	State Electric Supply, Inc.	686.17
113490	2023001144	Cooper Glass Service	6.5	S4113167.001	2023000626	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	290.88
12349	2023001261	JSL Home Repair LLC	1500	S4113173.001	2023000631	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	223.68
204539A	2023001845	Intab LLC	747.08	IN5847119	2023000109	ComDoc, Inc.	55.76
n/a	2023000345	Ohio State University Orthop	39.9	720925	2023000572	General Sales Company	313.96
20262	2023000274	Globe Furniture	1659	100031	2023001679	Ohio NARCO	750
august 2023	2023000310	AT&T Mobility	2324.83	16812313-00	2023000630	State Electric Supply, Inc.	9.58
contract driver	2023000298	Price, Harold S.	508.77	n/a	2023001678	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	7796.72
8.18.23	2023001819	Connie Bowers	97.24	2023MI0076	2023000180	Benson, Melinda J	125
2275700715	2023000342	Trinity Services Group	6084.67	2021DEP138; 2021C153; 2023	2023000177	Barrington, James E. CO, LPA	2992.5
vehicle maint	2023000320	Coughlin Ford of Circleville	151.05	2023DEP77-80; 2023DEP88;	2023000177	Benson, Melinda J	607.5
595791	2023000569	Capital One Commercial	148.91	13CS26; 10CS13; 2020CS154;	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	375
4001	2022000482	US Postal Service	910	2023DEL147 & 2022DEL111	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225
8/21/23	2023001731	Tim's Tires & Accessories	220	2023DEP95; 2023DEP64; 20	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	802.5
2398474	2023000511	US Safety Gear, Inc.	50	2022DEP53; 2022DEP122; 20	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	525
FT1000017291	2023000001	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	5250	2023DEP90; 2023DEP106; 20	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	817.5
MILEAGE REIMB	2023000320	Emily Schmidt	85.8	2022DEP68; 2022DEP97; 20	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	675
vehicle maint	2023000320	Downtown Auto Body Repai	965	2023DEP87-88; 2022DEP23-	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	975
I00848571 & I00848567	2023001852	GFC Leasing	1270.87	n/a	2023000281	U.S. Postmaster	579
2701F292025	2023001731	Principal Truck Supply	210.89	21DEP133-141; 2023DEP82-8	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At La	2167.5
				RCCOM-2023-009	2023000764	Westside Media	86.25
				14331	2023001827	B & B Roofing, Inc.	298
							1880,503.31

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 21 through September 5, 2023, in the amount of \$31,658.03 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, \$332,513.86 be transferred from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS, into account code 231-51-00-0010 Children Services, per a request of September 5, 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.

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$1,388.47 be transferred from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS, into account code 231-21-00-0010 Children Services, per a request of September 5, 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, \$1,000.00 be transferred from account code 100-33-00-7121 Foreign Judges, into account code 100-33-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of September 5, 2023 from the Ross County Common Pleas.

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, \$2,300.00 be transferred from account code 212-29-01-7103 Contract Services Law, into account code 212-29-01-7125 Training Law, per a request of September 5, 2023 from the Ross County Sheriff's Office.

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, \$398.00 be transferred from account code 100-21-00-7108 Answering Service, into account code 100-21-00-7200 Equipment, per a request of September 5, 2023 from the Ross County Taskforce.

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, funds be transferred from the following accounts;

ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT
Travel	420-29-03-7100	Equipment	420-29-03-7200	1432.93
Supplies	420-29-03-7150	Equipment	420-29-03-7200	238.82
Other Costs	420-29-03-7550	Equipment	420-29-03-7200	6074.01
Wages	420-29-03-7001	Equipment	420-29-03-7200	.75
PERS	420-29-03-7012	Equipment	420-29-03-7200	10.61
Medicare	420-29-03-7017	Equipment	420-29-03-7200	77.64

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, \$212,858.33 be transferred from account code 343-00-99-0010 Bond Retirement, into account code 091-61-00-0010 Convention Facilities Authority, per a request of September 5, 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, \$210,000.00 be appropriated from Debt Service Bond Retirement into account code 343-00-54-7150 Principal, per a request of September 5, 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.

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$700 be appropriated from US 23 Pipeline Taskforce into account code 420-29-03-7200 Equipment, per a request of September 5, 2023 from the Ross County Taskforce.

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

PAYOUT RETIRING EMA DIRECTOR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the payout for retiring EMA Director Paul Minney, vacation leave (70.275 hrs.) and sick leave (320.425 hrs.), for a total payout of \$9,415.87.

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

ASSISTANT HUMANE OFFICER APPOINTED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the appointment of Sidney Ford as Assistant Humane Officer of the Ross County Humane Society, State of Ohio, as of August 28, 2023.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO JUNVEILE DETENTION CENTER

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the invoice from South Central Ohio Juvenile Detention Center for services rendered through August 2023 in the amount of \$73,930.47.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

Commissioner Garrett called the public hearing for Floodplain Regulations to order at 9:48am. There was no public participation and the hearing was closed at 9:55am.

BID OPENING WPCLF 2022 BATCH 4

Bids were opened at 10:00am as advertised for the 2022 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Batch 4. Only one bid was received, Duncan and Daniels for two home sewage repair/replacement, in the amount of \$34,028.00. Bids will be given to the Planning Department for review and to award the contract.

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 5, 2023, 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 5, 2023:

Uvette Barnett	\$330.00	6 Cypress Road	370907280000
Lawrence Garnes	\$330.00	83 Burr Oak Road	370907208000
Hilary Rigsby	\$330.00	1087 Andersonville	370907144000
Beth Morrow	\$330.00	140 Rosewood Court	370907245000
Stephanie Runyon	\$330.00	405 Old Elm Road	370907117000
Jeff Clary	\$330.00	275 Hawthorne Road	370907226000
William Tyler	\$330.00	215 Old Elm Road	370907102000
Brianna Knight	\$330.00	91 Burr Oak	370907172000
Timothy Schinkle	\$230.00	500 Old Elm Road	370907158000
Jeremy Weaver	\$330.00	480 Old Elm Road	370907157000
Brittany West	\$330.00	428 Old Elm Road	370907132000
L. VanVoorhis	\$330.00	161 Rosewood Court	370907254000
Michael Hitchens	\$330.00	17 Ash Road	370907147000
Jennifer Smith	\$207.00	278 Old Elm Road	370907119000
Robert Hull	\$387.00	5 Birch Road	370907222000
Kathy Cyrus	\$180.00	103 Ash Road	370908128000
Timothy Payne	\$180.00	108 Hawthorne Road	370908133000
Geremy Ray	\$360.00	410 Old Elm Road	370907125000
Jamie Lambert	\$117.00	570 Old Elm Road	370907202000
Justin Bauer	\$180.00	130 Burr Oak	370907165000

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

PAY APPLICATION ELFORD INC

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve pay application 26 from Elford, Inc. for Improvements to the Ross County – Chillicothe Law Enforcement Center, in the amount of \$32,065.22.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 11:11 am, to discuss contract negotiations.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 11:11 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:37 pm. No action was taken.

Mr. Lowe moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 027-23

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)

Rev. Code, Secs. 5705.34, .35

WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January JS', 2024;

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Ross County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A				
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES				
FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
General Fund (100)	\$5,671,738	\$0	3.10	0.00
Special Levy Funds:				
Children Services Fund (231)	0	1,207,014	0.00	1.00
Developmental Disabilities Fund (233)	0	9,455,671	0.00	6.80
Senior Citizens Fund (234)	0	1,059,353	0.00	0.80
TOTAL	\$5,671,738	\$11,722,038	3.10	8.60

SCHEDULE B			
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES			
FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)	
GENERAL FUND:			
Levy authorized by voters on 20 not to exceed years.			
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:			
Children Services Levy authorized by voters on November 8, 2022 not to exceed 5 years. (EXP. 2027)	1.00	\$1,207,014	
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on May 4, 2010 for continuing years.	3.80	5,180,908	
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on March 15, 2016 for continuing years.	3.00	4,274,763	
Senior Citizens Levy authorized by voters on November 8, 2022 not to exceed 5 years. (EXP. 2026)	0.50	632,927	
Senior Citizens Levy authorized by voters on November 3, 2020 not to exceed 5 years. (EXP. 2024)	0.30	\$426,426	

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

Mr. Everson moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 028-23

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)

Rev. Code, Secs. 5705.34, .35

WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2024;

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Ross County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A				
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES				
FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
General Fund		\$1,478,471		1.00
Miscellaneous Funds				
General Bond Retirement Funds				
Special Levy Funds				
Capital Equipment Fund				
TOTAL		\$1,478,471		1.00

SCHEDULE B		
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES		
FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
GENERAL FUND		
Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2021 not to exceed 5 years (EXP. 2026)	1.00	\$1,478,471
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS		
Levy authorized by voters on 20 not to exceed years.		
Levy authorized by voters on 20 not to exceed years.		
Levy authorized by voters on 20 not to exceed years.		

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 RIFFLE MACHINE WORKS, INC.

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Riffle Machine Works, Inc., with Ross County hereby granting Riffle Machine Works 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 (55%) of the assessed value of all buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures that Riffle Machine Works constructs on the project site and which are not now taxed but would be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation. If for any reason the Enterprise Zone designation expires, the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency revokes certification of the zone, or Ross County revokes the designation of the zone, entitlements granted under this agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this agreement (10 years), unless Riffle Machine Works materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this agreement and Ross County terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement.

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 NIER RIVER ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Nier River Road Development, with Ross County hereby granting Nier River Road Development 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 (55%) of the assessed value of all buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures that Nier River Road Development constructs on the project site and which are not now taxed but would be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation. If for any reason the enterprise zone designation expires, the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency revokes certification of the zone, or Ross County revokes the designation of the zone, entitlements granted under this agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this agreement (10 years), unless Nier River Road Development materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this agreement and Ross County terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nathan Skaggs attended the meeting to discuss the number of hangers at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport that are being used as storage instead of housing a plane. The Commissioners have sent letters in the past with regarding this issue. They will discuss what needs to be done to spur the lessee's to clean out the hangars being used for storage.

Ms. Terressa Reep with America 250 informed the Commissioners of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which will be December 2026. Ms. Reep would like the Commissioners to establish a committee to help plan the celebration. She also mentioned an event in October when the vote on the designation for becoming a World Heritage Destination is announced.

Ms. Melissa Bodey, CEBCO Senior Benefit Specialist Health and Wellness Plans presented the CEBCO Health Insurance renewal plans for the Commissioners to review. The deadline for renewal is Friday September 9/15/2023.

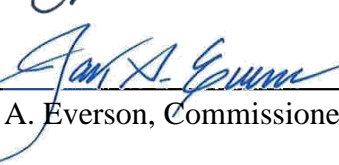
ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of September 5, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio


Dwight A. Garrett, President


James E. Lowe, Vice President


Jack A. Everson, Commissioner