

OCTOBER 6 – MEETING 40
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, October 6, 2025, in regular session.

Commissioner Jack Everson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioner James Lowe and David Glass in attendance.

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the September 29, 2025 meeting, be approved as submitted. On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Veterans Service Commissi	McGee, Matt	281.89
Veterans Service Commissi	Holdren, Greg	55
Veterans Service Commissi	Robert Davis	405.62
Veterans Service Commissi	Finley , John	261.26
Veterans Service Commissi	Sewards, Randy A.	446.85
Veterans Service Commissi	W.A.A. Nathaniel Massie Ch	2550
Veterans Service Commissi	CONNIE BOST	20.97
Veterans Service Commissi	ComDoc, Inc.	65.97
Sheriff	LENS Equipment	1920
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	242.65
Sheriff	US Bank Equipment Finance	170.49
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	407.55
Sheriff	JUSTIN BREWER	41.34
Sheriff	Wex Bank	1497.45
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8655.04
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	81.77
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1078.74
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	640.87
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	647.99
Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	308
Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	299
Sheriff	OPI Industrial Training Progr	533.42
Sheriff	OPI Industrial Training Progr	2112.68
Sheriff	American Electric Power	52.73
Sheriff	American Electric Power	223.57
Sheriff	4 Imprint	284.84
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	101.88
Sheriff	Atwood Autobody, LLC	1417.5
Sheriff	Tim's Tires & Accessories	50
Sheriff	Central Center Hardware	21.99
Sheriff	City of Chillicothe	294.8
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	5.98
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	1133.97
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	168
Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	2711.6
Ross County Court System	Charter Communications	169.98
Ross County Court System	The Garden Family Advocac	2221.45
Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	826
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	272
Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LL	34.5
Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	657.79
Probate Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	13.5
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	400
Planning Commission	A Morton Thomas and Asso	3419.6
Planning Commission	Westside Media	105
Planning Commission	Ohio Historical Society, Inc	4687.17
Planning Commission	WALLACE & PANCHER INC	48750
Planning Commission	Jackson County Economic I	229500
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	2272.5
Planning Commission	Gannett Ohio LocaliQ	1254.2
Planning Commission	Prime Civil, LLC	4342.23
Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	8.5
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	1824.5
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	5438.48
Planning Commission	Village of Lynchburg	13499
Planning Commission	APG Architects LLC	2175
Planning Commission	The Welsh-American Heritag	13294.06
Litter Control	Wex Bank	197.57
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	111.33

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	63.22
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	15.5
Juvenile Court	BILLIE LYTLE	47.98
Juvenile Court	BILLIE LYTLE	46.76
Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	11989.39
Engineer	John Deere Financial	827.03
Engineer	Vest Auto Service East	209.95
Engineer	Scioto Shoe Mart	179.98
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	3148.83
Engineer	MD Solutions	19698.82
Engineer	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio L	475.04
Engineer	Houser & Son Farm Equipme	2203.68
Engineer	Gem City Tires, LLC	1411.73
Engineer	Gem City Tires, LLC	255.33
Engineer	Advanced Hydraulics and Ho	196.26
Dog Warden	Covetrus North America	272.54
Dog Warden	Amazon Capital Services	125.69
Dog Warden	Ross County Humane Socie	1392
Common Pleas Court #2	Office Depot Inc.	67.98
Common Pleas Court #2	The Water Express	20.24
Common Pleas Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	51.98
Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	237.52
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	756.54
Commissioners	Liberty Mutual Insurance Co	200
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	523
Commissioners	B & B Roofing, Inc.	250
Commissioners	Capital One Commercial	6.82
Commissioners	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	116.9
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	11.51
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	232.42
Commissioners	Setterlin Building Company	159773.45
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	2037.5
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	7238.77
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	1182.48
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	5868.75
Commissioners	K&K Carpet Care of Chillicot	14940
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	79.79
Commissioners	The FoulkeBlock LTD	2250
Commissioners	American Electric Power	37.24
Commissioners	John Deere Financial	635.16
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	14.78
Building Department	Town & County Engineering	5887.5
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	36.1
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	50.55
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	534.15
Building Department	City of Chillicothe Building D	380.03
Building Department	Wex Bank	588.75
Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	169.98
Board of Elections	Pitney Bowes	91.29
Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software	123.23
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	667.5
Auditor	Fairfield Computer Services,	165
Auditor	CEBCO	1060190.84
Auditor	Google, Inc.	3209.5
Auditor	Ross County Humane Socie	10000
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1620
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1515
Auditor	Appraisal Research Corp.	51335.59
Auditor	International Identification, In	1872.4
Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	133.35
		\$1,742,707.66

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated September 22, 2025 through October 6, 2025, in the amount of \$131,357.21 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. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$2,000.00 from account code 100-01-04-7106 Rentals, into account code 100-01-04-7101 Advertising & Printing, per a request of October 6, 2025 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$15,650.00 from account code 212-29-56-7103 Contract Services into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment, per a request of October 6, 2025 from the Ross County Sheriff’s Office.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$3,357,306.67 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 212-29-00-5901 Correctional & LE and \$28,125.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General into account code 207-01-00-5901 Litter, per a request of October 6, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$22,289.50 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General into account code 420-99-39-5901 VOCA/SVAA, per a request of October 6, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$5,200.00 from Dog & Kennel Fund into account code 203-32-00-7151 Postage, per a request of October 6, 2025 from the Ross County Dog Warden.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate 14,300.00 from General Fund, account code 100-26-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of October 6, 2025 from the Ross County Board of Elections.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$5,000.00 from General Fund into account code 100-11-02-7121 Foreign Judges, per a request of October 6, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Sheriff’s Department for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Ford Explorer 2017	003071	Surplus Property
1	Ford Explorer 2008	1FMEU73E98UA	Surplus Property
1	GMC Terrain 2024	3GKALYEG3RL67573	Wrecked Total
1	Dodge Avenger 2014	1C3DZABOEN136794	Surplus Property

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

TIME SHEET APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator, for the pay period ending October 4, 2025.

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

PERMIT APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE STEPS/PORTICO

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the request from the Ross Chamber for use of the Courthouse steps and portico for Yellow Day, May 1, 2026 from 9:00am to 12:000pm.

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

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve a request from Mark Thompson, EMA Director, to attend the EMAO Fall Conference, October 3, 2025 at the Jackson County EOC, at no cost to the county.

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

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT ROSS CHILLICOTHE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the renewal of the Management Agreement between the Ross County Commissioners and the Ross-Chillicothe Convention and Visitor’s Bureau effective January 1, 2026 through the 31st day of December, 2030.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER INVOICE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the invoice from South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center for services rendered in the month of September at a cost of \$55,954.27.

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

VACATION OF PORTIONS OF VANDERMARK ROAD

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to uphold the opinion of the Ross County Prosecutor since Scioto Township is currently receiving mileage credit, for all, of Vandermark Road, including the portions which they are requesting be vacated by this Board. As such, it is the opinion of the Ross County Board of Commissioners that we are unable to proceed with the request to vacate portions of Vandermark Road pursuant to Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code. Further, we believe that if it is the desire of Scioto Township to have this portion of Vandermark Road vacated, Scioto Township will have to proceed under an alternate section of O.R.C. 5553.01 et. seq.

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

STATE ROUTE 104 SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the recommendation of MS Consultants, to accept the bid for the State Route 104 Sewer Project from TAM at a cost of \$8,900,948.00.

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

The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners of September 29, 2025, with Commissioners Jack Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance.

**RESOLUTION 042-25
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**

*Mr. Lowe moved the adoption of the following Resolution:
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, 2026;
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, 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	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
	Inside 10 M. Limitation	10 M. Limitation	Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
General Fund (090) *	\$0	\$1,511,707	0.00	1.00
Miscellaneous Funds				
General Bond Retirement Funds				
Special Levy Funds				
Capital Equipment Fund				
TOTAL	\$0	\$1,511,707	0.00	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	1.00	\$1,511,707		
not to exceed 5 years (EXP. 2026) *				
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.				

RESOLUTION 043-25

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
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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)	\$4,476,811	\$0	1.68	0.00
Special Levy Funds:				
Children Services Fund (231)	0	1,237,850	0.00	1.00
Developmental Disabilities Fund (233)	0	5,303,550	0.00	3.80
Developmental Disabilities Fund (233)	0	4,372,976	0.00	3.00
Senior Citizens Fund (234)	0	648,611	0.00	0.50
Senior Citizens Fund (234)*	0	See Below	0.00	See Below
TOTAL	\$4,476,811	\$11,562,987	1.68	8.30

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	1.00	\$1,237,850		
November 8, 2022 not to exceed 5 years. (EXP. 2027)				
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on	3.80	\$5,303,550		
May 4, 2010 for continuing years.				
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on	3.00	\$4,372,976		
March 15, 2016 for continuing years.				
Senior Citizens Levy authorized by voters on	0.50	\$648,611		
November 8, 2022 not to exceed 5 years. (EXP. 2026)				
Senior Citizens Levy authorized by voters on	See Below	See Below		
November 3, 2020 not to exceed 6 years. (EXP. 2024) *				

* ADD LEVY IF APPROVED BY VOTERS ON 11/4/25:	<u>Levy Rate</u>	<u>Levy Yield</u>
* Senior Citizens Levy	0.30	\$436,269.00

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 1:00 pm, to discuss matters to be kept confidential regarding Pixelle.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 1:00 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 1:50 pm. No action was taken.

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1 RESCHEDULED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of October 13, 2025, be rescheduled to October 14, 2025.

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

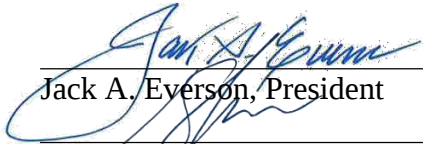
OTHER BUSINESS

Budget Meeting – Planning Dept., Building Dept., Litter Control

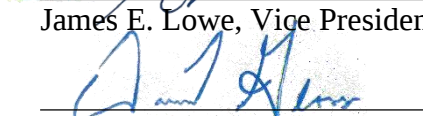
Elizabeth Speirs – Adelphi Senior Citizens – Ms. Speirs addressed several points regarding the Ross Senior Center and its services. Many of her points addressed the difficulty for outlying centers to adhere to the restrictions placed by the Center, making it difficult for them to acquire services. Adelphi would like to see a restructuring of the Senior Center, to acknowledge that past issues are still clearly impacting the present situation. The Commissioners were unaware of some of Ms. Speirs concerns and will take all of her concerns under advisement and do some investigating to find clarification and hopefully a solution that will provide services to all Ross County Seniors,

ADJOURN

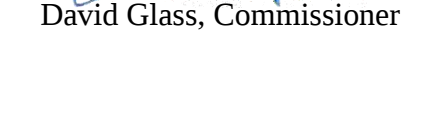
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of October 6 at 11:50a.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner