

**OCTOBER 2, 2023 – MEETING 40
VOLUME 26**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, October 2, 2023, in regular session.

Commissioner James Lowe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioners Jack A. Everson, in attendance and Commissioner Garrett absent.

Commissioner Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the minutes of the September 25, 2023, meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE				
Auditor	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	187.5	Juvenile Court	2023000523	King, Kristen	810
Auditor	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1395	Juvenile Court	2023000268	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	32.25
Auditor	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	375	Juvenile Court	2023000276	Sojourners Care Network	780
Auditor	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	Juvenile Court	2023000895	MATT SUTHERLAND	71.76
Auditor	2023000177	Fallis, Linda L.	307.5	Planning Commission	2023001261	Roger Hemming Contractor LL	1000
Auditor	2023000177	Fallis, Linda L.	525	Planning Commission	2023001261	Ohio Regional Development Co	200
Auditor	2023000177	Fallis, Linda L.	1312.5	Planning Commission	2023000082	Ohio Conference of Community	300
Auditor	2023000462	Glacier Mountain Bottled W	35.75	Planning Commission	2023001261	Ohio Regional Development Co	400
Auditor	2023000473	Office City Express	123.38	Planning Commission	2023001261	Roger Hemming Contractor LL	2000
Auditor	2023001953	Printex Printing	90	Probate Court	2023000270	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	16.75
Auditor	2023000177	Fallis, Linda L.	457.5	Probate Court	2023000273	Cutright, James K.	600
Auditor	2023000065	Horizon Chillicothe Telephon	243.21	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000645	GFC Leasing	106.33
Auditor	2023000179	Fultz, Marissa Mane	906	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000634	Microsystems Inc	404.03
Auditor	2023000179	O'Leary Law Office, LLC	457.5	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000651	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5
Auditor	2023000177	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	400.5	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000635	GFC Leasing	0.08
Auditor	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000635	GFC Leasing	378.57
Auditor	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000643	GFC Leasing	224
Auditor	2023000177	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000649	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	29.99
Auditor	2023000177	Benson, Melinda J	1755	Prosecuting Attorney	2023000650	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	1775
Auditor	2023000745	Dept of Veterans Affairs	584	Recorder	2023000537	Lexis-Nexis	510
Auditor	2023000464	Government Finance Officer	1220	Recorder	2023000537	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	23.75
Auditor	2023000074	American Electric Power	4160.05	Recorder	2023000533	Kofile Technologies	3142.8
Auditor	2023000068	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	309.34	Ross County Court System	2023001960	US Bank Equipment Finance	1200.95
Auditor	2023000070	First Communications, LLC	61.26	Ross County Court System	2023001963	Avertest, LLC	1674
Automatic Data Processing	2023000250	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	557.91	Ross County Court System	2023001961	Verizon Wireless	88.26
Automatic Data Processing	2023001947	Amazon Capital Services	306.97	Ross County Court System	2023001962	Ohio Treasurer of State	150
Board of Elections	2023001949	Office City Express	2580.01	Ross County Court System	2023001974	Treasurer of State	600
Board of Elections	2023001950	Election Systems & Software	5475	Ross County Court System	2023001973	Chillicothe Gazette	305.02
Board of Elections	2023001950	Election Systems & Software	1975	Ross County Court System	2023001975	GFC Leasing	1270.87
Board of Elections	2023001950	Election Systems & Software	1016.17	Sheriff	2023000850	Modern Leasing	190.17
Board of Elections	2023001950	Election Systems & Software	1049.83	Sheriff	2023000850	American Electric Power	193.06
Board of Elections	2023001950	Election Systems & Software	3729.15	Sheriff	2023000348	Sam's Club Direct	130.62
Board of Elections	2023001952	Media Network of Central O	430.2	Sheriff	2023000320	Sports Plus	614.75
Building Department	2023001787	Quill Corporation	136.31	Sheriff	2023000320	Penwell, Julia	169.2
Building Department	2023000546	Glacier Mountain Bottled W	8.5	Sheriff	2023000320	Parr Public Safety Equipment	495
Building Department	2023001525	Wex Bank	394.29	Sheriff	2023000320	Downtown Auto Body Repair,	165
Building Department	2023001957	Shelley, Joshua	10350	Sheriff	2023000315	South Central Power Company	31
Commissioners	2023001958	Elan Corporate Payment Sys	248.51	Sheriff	2023000312	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1492.18
Commissioners	2023000275	Wex Bank	988.43	Sheriff	2023000308	American Electric Power	215.34
Common Pleas Court #1	2023001965	Meachem, Chelsea	1246.3	Sheriff	2023000307	American Electric Power	15000.57
Common Pleas Court #2	2023000700	Wenda J Sheard	600	Sheriff	2023000301	B & C Communications	850
Coroner	2023000943	Extra Packaging, LLC	1341.17	Sheriff	2023000345	Adena Medical Group, LLC	320.37
Coroner	2023001147	Hometown Apparel & Screen	35	Sheriff	2023000342	Trinity Services Group	12712.18
Coroner	2023000001	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	5250	Sheriff	2023000345	Adena Health System	4411.89
Coroner	2023001921	Amazon Capital Services	681.25	Sheriff	2023000345	Emergency Professional Servic	177.8
Dog Warden	2023000262	Wex Bank	1430.11	Sheriff	2023000345	Columbus Radiology Corp.	237.53
Dog Warden	2023001378	Siegel's Corporation	201.98	Sheriff	2023000348	Capital One Commercial	15.98
Engineer	2023001885	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	1059.52	Sheriff	2023000348	Penwell, Julia	56.75
Engineer	2023001731	Bane-Welker Equipment, LLC	12.75	Sheriff	2023000348	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	188.49
Engineer	2023001731	Fire System Professionals	171	Sheriff	2023000345	Columbus Radiology Corp.	561.66
Engineer	2023001887	Hupp Electrical Service LLC	225	Sheriff	2023000348	Amazon Capital Services	44.08
Engineer	2023000833	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, In	520.45	Sheriff	2023000306	B & C Communications	215
Engineer	2023001887	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, In	253.11	Sheriff	2023000345	Apogee Medical Group, Ohio,	76.84
Engineer	2023001356	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio L	798.97	Sheriff	2023000845	Amazon Capital Services	189.98
Engineer	2023001731	Ohio Dept. of Agriculture	35	Sheriff	2023000850	American Electric Power	33.15
Engineer	2023001925	Softworks, Inc	1555	Treasurer	2023000272	Office City Express	52.47
Engineer	2023001887	State Electric Supply, Inc.	156.4	Veterans Service Commission	2023000296	Price, Harold S.	550.01
Engineer	2023001887	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	233.79	Veterans Service Commission	2023000296	Sewards, Randy A.	886.3
Engineer	2023001356	World Fuel Services, Inc	679.8	Veterans Service Commission	2023001121	Ed Secret	605.02
Engineer	2023001340	Shelly & Sands, Inc	300934.16	Veterans Service Commission	2023001969	MR COOPER	800
Juvenile Court	2023001939	Paper City Mentoring Projec	2500	Veterans Service Commission	2023000103	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
Juvenile Court	2023001935	Chillicothe City Schools	3750	Veterans Service Commission	2023001522	Amazon Capital Services	1132.6
				VOCA	2023000747	First Communications, LLC	4.12
							\$3,139,821.65

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated September 18 through October 2, 2023, in the amount of \$30,603.07 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. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, absent. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe 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 October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$40,000.00 be transferred from account code 212-29-01-7103 Contract Services Law, into account code 212-29-01-7107 Utilities Law, per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$5,000.00 be transferred from account code 100-03-00-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 100-03-00-7150 Supplies, per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$36,000.00 be transferred from account code 233-46-85-7409 Auditor Treasurer Fees, into account code 233-46-85-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Board of DD.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$700.00 be transferred from account code 100-02-00-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$3,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-07-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Planning & Development.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$500,000.00 be appropriated from Motor Vehicle & Gas Fund into account codes 210-58-66-7204 Contract Projects and account code 210-58-66-7200 Equipment, per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Engineer.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$2,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 242-03-00-7157 Postage/Fees, per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$61,435.21 be appropriated from Recovery Ohio Grant 2023 into account codes 420-29-11-7100 Travel (\$1,110.00), account code 420-29-11-7150 Supplies (\$788.27), account code 420-29-11-7104 Equipment (\$29,228.00) and account code 420-29-11-7550 Other Costs (\$308.94), per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Sheriff Taskforce.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe, \$132,674.23 be appropriated from VOCA/SVAA Fund into account codes 420-99-39-7001 Salaries (\$87,989.09), account code 420-99-39-7012 PERS (\$13,048.67), account code 420-99-39-7013 Workers Comp (\$1,398.07), account code 420-99-39-7017 Medicare (\$1,351.47), account code 420-99-40-7101 Printing (\$350.00), account code 420-99-40-7103 Contract Services (\$914.00), account code 420-99-40-7106 Telephone (\$2,783.00), account code 420-99-40-7150 Supplies and account code 420-99-40-7550 Other (\$450.00) , per a request of October 2, 2023 from the Ross County Pros. Atty. VOCA.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, absent. 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 Sheriff for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	K-9 Belgian Malinois	NA	Handler would like to keep the K-9

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

REQUEST TO KEEP RETIRING K-9

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to permit Sargent Reeves of the Sheriff’s Department, handler for retiring K-9 Jayleen, a Belgian Malinois, to keep the canine as his own.

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

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING/CONVENTION

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request for application for appropriation to attend meeting/convention from the Ross County EMA Director, Mark Thompson to attend the Ohio EMA Fall Conference for Region 7 at the Jackson County EMA EOC on September 28, 2023 at no cost to the county.

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

CONTRACT AWARD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND 2023 BATCH 1

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to award the contract for the WPCLF 2023 Batch 1 funding, distributed by the Ross County Health District to 16 Home Sewage Treatment System installers currently registered with the department. Bids were opened September 18, 10:00 as advertised, in the Commissioner’s office. It is the recommendation of the Ross County Health Department that the lowest bid submitted by Duncan and Daniels Enterprises in the amount of \$25,124.00, be accepted.

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

CONTRACT AWARD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND 2022 BATCH 5

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to award the contract for the WPCLF 2022 Batch 5 funding, distributed by the Ross County Health District to 16 Home Sewage Treatment System installers currently registered with the department. Bids were opened September 11, 10:00 as advertised, in the Commissioner’s office. It is the recommendation of the Ross County Health Department that the lowest amended bid submitted by Duncan and Daniels Enterprises in the amount of \$45,085.00, be accepted.

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

ADDENDUM TO COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the addendum to the Community-based corrections subsidy grant agreement. ODRC and the Grantee entered into an agreement effective the original date of approval. ODRC and the Grantee now desire to amend the original fiscal year 2024/2025 Community Corrections Grant Agreement to modify the award amounts as listed below and add paragraphs 27 and 28:

	Base Award	PSI Award	Incentive Award	Addendum Increase	Addendum Decrease	New Total Award
CCA 2.0	\$360,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$378,000.00
TCAP	\$615,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$615,690.00
PSG	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

This addendum shall be effective on the date of the last signature. Total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 will not in any case exceed **\$993,690.00** (total grant award amount).

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

GRANT AWARD/CONDITIONS ACCEPTANCE – VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Director, Kathy Richardson, be authorized to submit the award acceptance and special conditions electronically, on behalf of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, executing a VOCA and SVAA Grant Award and Acceptance Form, for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding in the amount of \$39,365.00 and SVAA in the amount of \$2,508.00.00, for the Victim/Witness Program administered by the Ross County Prosecuting Attorney, for the period from October 2, 2023, through September 30, 2024, as well as Mr. Garrett's execution of the accompanying statements of understanding and acceptance of general and special conditions for the grant program.

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

The following Resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2023, with James E. Lowe and Jack A. Everson in attendance Dwight A. Garrett, absent.

RESOLUTION 030-23

IN SUPPORT OF PROVIDING QUALIFYING ROSS COUNTY EMPLOYEES A PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT OPTION FOR STABLE ACCOUNTS

Summary/Background: A **STABLE** account is a specialized saving and investment account for individuals living with a disability or with family members living with a disability that allows them to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefits programs, such as Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income. Earnings in a **STABLE** account are not subject to federal income tax, so long as they're spent on qualified disability expenses such as: living expenses, education, housing, transportation, employment support, assistive technology, personal support service, health and wellness, administrative services, financial management, and legal fees. The **STABLE** account program launched in 2016 after passage of the federal "Achieving a Better Life Experience (**ABLE**) Act". Prior to **STABLE** accounts, people living with disabilities could only save a total of \$2,000 before losing their benefits. Through the program, account holders can save up to \$17,000 each year without jeopardizing federal assistance, and, if the account holder is employed, they can save an additional \$13,590 a year. Ohio House Bill 155 implemented the federal **ABLE** Act in Ohio, and the office of the Ohio Treasurer administers the **STABLE** account program. There are more than 33,000 active **STABLE** accounts in Ohio. **STABLE** accounts empower individuals to prepare for the future and save long-term for critical disability expenses for themselves or a family member, and it's important to the Board of Ross County Commissioners that qualifying County employees can access this benefit easily and conveniently.

Statutory Authority/ORC: Federal Achieving a Better Life Experience (**ABLE**) Act and Ohio House Bill 155

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board fully supports a payroll direct deposit option for Ross County employees to invest in a **STABLE** account, as such accounts empower individuals to prepare for the future and save long-term for critical disability expenses for themselves or a family member, and it's important to the Board that qualifying County employees can access this benefit easily and conveniently.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PAINT CREEK STREAMGAGE

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an agreement October 2, 2023 by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, OKI Water Science Center, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the Ross County Board of Commissioners party of the second part. 1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation for the operation and maintenance of the Paint Creek streamgauge at Chillicothe, OH (per attachment), herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program.

2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

(a) \$0 by the party of the first part during the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

(b) \$15,000 by the party of the second part during the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

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

HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a lease agreement with Nathan Skaggs for Hangar 5 at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport for \$135.00 monthly, effective October 2, 2023.

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

HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a lease agreement with Nathan Skaggs for Hangar 23 at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport for \$135.00 monthly, effective October 2, 2023.

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

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL HEARING REQUEST

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to not request a hearing for the transfer of liquor license from Young's Family Market LLC, DBA Young's Family Market 9277 SR 159, Green Twsp., Chillicothe Ohio 45601 to JSN Petroleum Inc, DBA Kingston Market, 9277 SR 159, Green Twsp., Chillicothe OH 45601.

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

ROSS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FY 2024 VOCA CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the certification of compliance and regulations of the subgrant agreement for the Ross County CASA, 2024 VOCA grant.

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

CONTRACT AWARD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND 2022 BATCH 4

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract with Duncan and Daniels Enterprises, LLC to replace 2 sewer systems, per a bid awarded September 18, 2023 for WPCLF 2022 Batch 4, for \$34,028.00.

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

PAY REQUEST BRICKER GRAYDON

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve invoice 2010528 from Bricker Graydon for Legal Services Rendered through August 31, 2023 for Construction CMR Procurement, in the amount of \$3,237.50.

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

PAY REQUEST BRICKER GRAYDON

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve invoice 2010527 from Bricker Graydon for Legal Services Rendered through August 31, 2023 for Construction Ross County Jail Renovation Project, in the amount of \$937.50.

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to change the name of the Planning Department to Planning and Development with Mr. Shoemaker being the Planning and Development Director.

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

REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 9 RESCHEDULED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of October 9, 2023, be rescheduled to October 10, 2023.

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

CEBCO ROSS COUNTY 2024 WELLNESS NON WELLNESS RATES

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the CEBCO Ross County Wellness/Non-Wellness Rates as follows: No changes in Plan Design on Medical, Prescription Drug, Dental, Vision and EAP Program and No Change in the rates for the Dental of Vision Plan.

2024 Rates:			
WELLNESS (Base 5a):	Medical/RX	Dental	Vision
Single:	\$716.25	\$22.09	\$5.99
Family	\$1980.97	\$62.94	\$12.84
WELLNESS (Buy-Up – 2a) :	Medical/RX	Dental	Vision
Single:	\$864.93	\$22.09	\$5.99
Family	\$2436.77	\$62.94	\$12.84
NON-WELLNESS (Base 5a) :	Medical/RX	Dental	Vision
Single:	\$882.92	\$22.09	\$5.99
Family	\$2314.30	\$62.94	\$12.84
NON-WELLNESS (Buy-Up 2a) :	Medical/RX	Dental	Vision
Single:	\$1031.60	\$22.09	\$5.99
Family	\$2770.10	\$62.94	\$12.84

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

OTHER BUSINESS


CEBCO – Ross County Board of DD – Ms. Melissa Bodey, Senior Benefit Specialist CEBCO Health and Wellness Plans discussed the Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities joining the CEBCO insurance plan. Since they are a county entity this would not affect the 2024 rates. The Board of DD will discuss this issue at their next board meeting in November and let the Commissioners know immediately afterward if they choose to participate in the CEBCO program.

Audit Exit Conference, Mr. Leroy Gifford, BHM CPA Group, Inc. presented the Final Results of the 2022 County Audit.

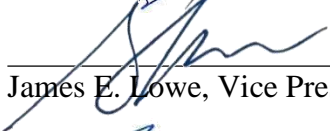
ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of October 2, 2023, at 12:00 a.m.

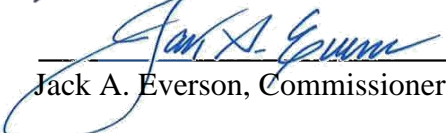
Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



 Dwight A. Garrett, President



 James E. Lowe, Vice President



 Jack A. Everson, Commissioner