

**OCTOBER 28 – MEETING 44
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, October 28, 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 October 21, 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:

INVOICE NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Charleston Pk Project Parcel 1	Engineer	Joseph A. Janes	10628.26
Charleston Pk Project Parcel 2	Engineer	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP	154846.88
Charleston Pk Project Parcel 4	Engineer	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP	69982.22
			\$235,457.36

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Adult Probation	Storage cabinet and Hook to	Amazon Capital Services	52.98	Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs etc.	Dexter Company	337.79
Adult Probation	Reimb. for E. Deems - clothi	Pike Co. Recovery Council	155.16	Engineer	Road materials	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio L	191.25
Adult Probation	PO Box fee - PO Box #486 -	U.S. Postmaster	216	Engineer	Copier	Modern Office Methods, Inc	460.19
Adult Probation	keyboards	Amazon Capital Services	345.6	Engineer	Professional Services-Br. o	Pritchard Land Surveying	4250
Adult Probation	Reimb. to C. Dates for Sobe	Casey Dates	199.1	Engineer	Eq. Parts & Repairs	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	7422.2
Auditor	2024 Service Agreement	Fairfield Computer Services	168	Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs etc.	Bob Sumerel Tire Co.	434.95
Auditor	CONTRACT SERVICES	Ad Valorem Tax Resources	4437.1	Engineer	Road materials	Tow Path Materials	134.4
Auditor	Utilities	South Central Power Comp	761	Engineer	Road Materials	Melvin Stone Co.	4961.11
Auditor	2024 Water Supply	Glacier Mountain Bottled W	28	Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs etc.	Fastenal Company	46.42
Auditor	Utilities	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	530.6	Juvenile Court	Water Account#014055	Glacier Mountain Bottled W	25.5
Auditor	Utilities	American Electric Power	5454.7	Juvenile Court	Out-of-Home Placements	South Central Ohio Job & Fa	32901.37
Auditor	travel reimb	Madelyn Graves	101.1	Law Library	ACCT# 0099949161	Lexis-Nexis	498.99
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Gordon Flesch	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	314.7	Law Library	online/software subscription	West Group	1048.95
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Gordon Flesch	Gordon Flesch Company	94.8	Law Library	SUBSCRIPTION - ACCT# 11	West Group	1213
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Gordon Flesch	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	198.38	Litter Control	travel	Wex Bank	368.26
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Gordon Flesch	Gordon Flesch Company	404.1	Planning Commission	CDBG CHIP 2022 ADMIN	Ross County Treasurer	11000
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Gordon Flesch	Gordon Flesch Company	94.8	Planning Commission	SUPPLIES	Quill Corporation	36.99
Board of Elections	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Office City Express	150.18	Planning Commission	OHM INC-ARCHITECT & E	DRCHARD, HILTZ & MCCL	4956.5
Board of Elections	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Office City Express	150.18	Planning Commission	Expense Planning Commiss	DAN CLARY ETAL	320
Board of Elections	ELECTION READINESS	Go2IT Group	6265.1	Planning Commission	COTY OF LOGAN-PROJEC	City of Logan	695000
Board of Elections	ELECTION READINESS	Go2IT Group	1837.1	Planning Commission	CT CONSULTANTS INC-AR	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	36230
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	Office City Express	27.1	Planning Commission	SUPPLIES	Amazon Capital Services	42.49
Board of Elections	Supplies	Office City Express	112.78	Planning Commission	SUPPLIES	Amazon.com Corp. Credit	32.23
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	Office City Express	199.68	Probate Court	Probate - Misc. Other	Franklin County Probate Co	521
Board of Elections	Contract Services	Election Systems & Software	3309.1	Probate Court	Probate - Office Supplies	Government Forms and Sup	691
Building Department	Other expenses	John Deere Financial	152.91	Probate Court	Indigent Guardian Attorney F	Cutright, James K.	600
Building Department	Other expenses	John Deere Financial	189.98	Probate Court	Indigent Guardian Attorney F	Rutherford, Sherri K.	200
Building Department	Other Expenses	Verizon Wireless	80.2	Recorder	CONTRACT SERVICES	Staff Source Inc.	1836
Building Department	Other Expenses	AUTOAGENT DATA SOLU	22	Ross County Court System	APC Smart UPS; document	CDW Government, Inc.	1780.95
Building Department	SUPPLIES	Amazon Capital Services	18.7	Ross County Court System	mouse pad for LiveScan	Amazon Capital Services	6.39
Building Department	Other Expenses	Amazon Capital Services	2	Sheriff	CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000
Building Department	Other Expenses	Hettinger, Joshua R.	33.98	Sheriff	other expenses	DTB Distributors, Inc.	519.5
Clerk of Courts	APPEALS COURT MAILING	UPS	47.9	Sheriff	Other Expenses	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1060.78
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies AP	State Electric Supply, Inc.	168.98	Sheriff	other expenses	DTB Distributors, Inc.	80.81
Commissioners	Long Distance	Glo Fiber	227.0	Sheriff	Other Expenses	Charm-Tex, Inc.	420
Commissioners	Janitorial Supplies	First Capital Enterprises	14773.8	Sheriff	FOOD SERVICES	Aramark Services, Inc	7870.32
Commissioners	Wastewater Consulting Serv	Grigsby Environmental Cons	1600	Sheriff	medical services	Emergency Professional Ser	223.19
Commissioners	Gas 33 W. Main LCNB	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	282.38	Sheriff	medical services	Columbus Radiology Corp.	1178.07
Commissioners	Electric 536 Woodview, 2027	American Electric Power	410.8	Sheriff	medical services	Adena Medical Group, LLC	79.48
Commissioners	Electric 33 W. Main St.	American Electric Power	186	Sheriff	Supplies	Printex Printing	260
Commissioners	Misc supplies	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	223.1	Sheriff	other expenses	Tim's Tires & Accessories	2670
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies SC	State Electric Supply, Inc.	33.5	Sheriff	other expenses	Amazon Capital Services	248.28
Commissioners	Power Equip Shed	South Central Power Comp	71	Sheriff	other expenses	Penwell, Julia	1548.28
Commissioners	Gas 473 Western Ave.	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	362.1	Sheriff	TRAVEL EXPENSES	BRYAN VANGUNDY	139.69
Commissioners	Water Treatment LEC	The Metro Group	1814.4	Sheriff	other expenses	BRYAN VANGUNDY	85.37
Commissioners	Boiler Inspections LEC	Treasurer, State of Ohio	27	Sheriff	other expenses	SARA HEMPSTEAD	666.43
Commissioners	Mulch	A-1 Limestone	161	Sheriff	Contract Services	Modern Office Methods, Inc	378.73
Commissioners	104 Sewer Project Consultin	MS Consultants	5023	Sheriff	Contract Services	Modern Office Methods, Inc	330.96
Common Pleas Court #1	Translator for 24CR081, Inv#	Rafael Montanez	228.9	Sheriff	Contract Services	Modern Office Methods, Inc	407.28
Common Pleas Court #1	Air Filters, Inv# 17XM-TDR9	Amazon Capital Services	50.58	Sheriff	other expenses	BRENTON DAVIDSON	347.54
Common Pleas Court #2	Supplies	Printex Printing	857.1	Sheriff	other expenses	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	1030.6
Common Pleas Court #2	other expenses	Schutt, Adelina	300	Sheriff	Utilities	American Electric Power	14821.41
Common Pleas Court #2	travel	JOHN C DICESARE	64.48	Sheriff	Utilities	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	1017.93
Common Pleas Court #2	Supplies	Office Depot Inc.	127.1	Sheriff	utilities	Glo Fiber	2466.51
Coroner	Various Needs	Amazon Capital Services	6.98	Sheriff	other expenses	Amazon Capital Services	26.68
Coroner	Cell Phone Service	AT&T Mobility	102.98	Veterans Service Commissi	contract driver	Ed Secrest	495
Dog Warden	OTHER EXPENSES	Menards	59.9	Veterans Service Commissi	contract driver	Sewards, Randy A.	446.87
Dog Warden	gas	Wex Bank	1563.6	Veterans Service Commissi	contract driver	Richard Manson	199.37
Emergency Management	inverter generator	Chillicothe Fire Department	1843.38	Veterans Service Commissi	contract driver	Stephen M. Deffenbaugh	312.81
Engineer	Drug Testing	Adena Health System	558	Veterans Service Commissi	100 grave wreaths	W.A.A. Nathaniel Massie Ch	1700
Engineer	Hydraulic Repairs on Broom	Advanced Hydraulics and H	8259.8	Veterans Service Commissi	Funeral asst.	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs etc.	Airgas Great Lakes	1013.58	Veterans Service Commissi	supplies	Office City Express	986.34
Engineer	Uniforms	Cintas Corporation # 530	457.1				\$969,943.30

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 October 14 through October 28, 2024, in the amount of \$1,907.04 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 \$55,500.00 from General fund, into account codes 100-01-00-7014 Group Ins. Comm. (\$10,500.00) account code 100-01-04-7014 Group Insurance Mntc. (\$33,500.00) and account code 100-01-23-7014 Group Insurance Bldg. (\$11,500.00), per a request of October 28, 2024, from the Ross County Commissioners.

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 \$35,100.00 from General fund into account code 100-18-00-7014 Juvenile Group Insurance, per a request, of October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Juvenile Probate Court.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$20,000.00 from General fund, into account code 100-20-00-7014 Group Insurance, per a request of October 28, 2024, from the Ross County Clerk of Courts.

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 \$1,250,000.00 from Board of DD Operating fund into account codes 233-46-85-5204 Reimbursements (\$750,000.00) and account code 233-46-85-7951 Transfer to Board of DD Capital (\$500,000.00), per a request, of October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Board of DD.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$1,175,000.00 from Board of DD Capital fund, into account codes Transfer from Board of DD (\$500,000.00) and account code 533-46-00-7204 Contract Projects (\$675,000.00), per a request of October 28, 2024, from the Ross County Board of DD.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$150,000.00 from account code 210-58-66-7204, into account code 210-58-66-7001 Garage Payroll, per a request October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Engineer.

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 \$9,900.00 from account code 100-19-00-7014 Probate Group Ins. into account code 100-18-21-7014 IVE Group Ins. (\$1,350.00) from account code 100-19-00-7014 Probate Group Ins. into account code 100-18-00-7014 Juvenile Group Ins. (\$650.00), and from account code 100-18-52-7014 JPD Group Ins. into account code 100-18-00-7014 Juvenile Group Ins. (\$7,900.00), per a request October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Juvenile Probate Court.

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 \$6,100.00 from account code 100-20-00-7100 Travel into account code 100-20-00-7001 Salaries (\$1,000.00), from account code 100-20-00-7200 Equipment into account code 100-20-00-7001 Salaries (\$1,500.00) and from account code 100-20-00-7157 Postage into account code 100-20-00-7001 Salaries (\$3,600.00), per a request October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Clerk of Courts.

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 \$500,000.00 from account code 233-46-85-0010 Board of DD into account code 533-46-00-5933 Board of DD Capital, per a request October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Board of DD.

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 \$3,656.44 from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS, into account code 231-51-00-0010 Children Services, per a request October 28, 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 \$117.30 from account code 207-01-00-7154 Recycling Cost into account code 207-01-00-7014 Group Insurance, per a request October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Litter Control.

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 \$175.00 from account code 214-03-00-7017 Medicare, into account code 214-03-00-7001 Salaries-Employees, per a request October 28, 2024 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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 WALLACE PANCHER GROUP A MANNIK & SMITH GROUP COMPANY

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 Wallace Pancher Group, for the following project: Zaleski Trailhead portion of the Appalachian History, Heritage and Culture Project for a total cost of ACGP funds \$3,603,436.00 and owner funds of \$2,803,436.00. This agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Architect.

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

ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, re-appoint Mr. Hunter Robinson to the Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities, for a 4 year term commencing, 1/01/2025 through 12/31/2028.

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

ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, re-appoint Ms. Katie Guba to the Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities, for a 4 year term commencing, 1/01/2025 through 12/31/2028.

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE STEPS AND PORTICO

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to allow use of the Courthouse steps and portico for Developmental Disabilities Walk for Awareness, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am on March 7, 2025.

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE STEPS AND PORTICO

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to allow use of the Courthouse steps and portico for the MADE Rally Drug Prevention, from 8:00 am to 2:00pm on October 31, 2025.

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

The following proclamation was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, October 28, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance.

**RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 23-31, 2024**

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse affect individuals, families, and communities across the nation; and
WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified efforts by community members be launched to prevent drug abuse; and
WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and
WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated in communities across the nation on October 23-31; and
WHEREAS, businesses, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions, schools, and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities; and
WHEREAS, the community of Ross County further commits its resources to ensure the success of Red Ribbon Week;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Ross County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 23-31, as **RED RIBBON WEEK**, and encourage you to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but also throughout the year, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free lifestyle.
Dated this 28 day of October.

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

APPLICATION APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING CONVENTION

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to permit David Bitler, Building Inspector, to attend the Ohio Board of Building Standards Code Academy, In Dublin Ohio, on November 3, 4, & 5, 2024 at no cost to the county.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Departmental Budget Meetings were held

Investment Advisory Meeting was held

Mr. Pat Rooney and Mr. Ian Cole, from the Fairfield County Ohio Airport talked about some of the amenities provided at their airport, such as flight training and swipe cards for fuel, making it more convenient for pilots to fill up before takeoff.

Union Township Tax Increment Financing – Present were; Devon Shoemaker, Senior Planner, Wes Bowles and Brian Smith, Union Township Trustees, Cheryl DuBois Union Twp. and Jeff Harris, Bricker Graydon. Attorney Harris explained the pros and cons of implementing a TIF for a potential residential development on Pleasant Valley Road and Veteran’s Parkway.

Outdoor Economy Expansion – In attendance; Ty McBee, Jubal Davis, Scott Cormany, Trent Fannin, Joe Gieringer, Nathan Skaggs, Jeff Lehner, Kim Hardesty, Devon Shoemaker, Colleen McCord, Myranda Vance, Kevin Coleman, Erin Stanley. Chillicothe Trails asked the Commissioners to become a member of Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia at a cost of \$180,000.00 for the first year and \$90,000.00 for year two and three with the option to opt out after year one. \$23,000.00 of these funds would go towards planning in Ross County for recreational bike trails. The Commissioners are currently on the ORCA advisory committee with no monetary investment. They will discuss the issue and make a decision at a later date.

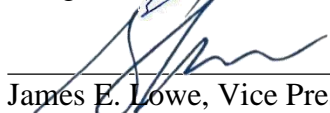
Chief Building Official, Josh Hettinger provided contracts to the Commissioners, of all the outlying communities that have requested building inspection services from Ross County.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of October 28, 2024, at 1:30 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner