

**JANUARY 29 – MEETING 5
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, January 29, 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 January 22, 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	BCMH Treatments	Treasurer, State of Ohio	6116.57	Engineer	Eq. Parts	Southeastern Equipment Co	5591.31
Auditor	ARCam Software Maint/Ar	Appraisal Research Corp.	24381	Engineer	Road Materials, diesel, gas &	Tow Path Materials	89.6
Auditor	2024 Water Supply	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	49.25	Engineer	Diesel/Gasoline	World Fuel Services, Inc	22392.91
Auditor	2024 Vantage Software Main	Appraisal Research Corp.	4050	Planning Commission	Supplies	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	15.73
Auditor	Utilities	South Central Power Compa	1480	Recorder	equipment	Total ID Solutions	4640
Auditor	ATTORNEY FEES-CRT 1 &	Eckstein, Steven H.	1622.01	Ross County Court System	Additional key job for Ford E	Nourse Family of Dealership	566.59
Auditor	ATTORNEY FEES- MUNICI	O'Leary Law Office, LLC	405	Ross County Court System	GPS & SCRAM- Dec, 2023	Avertest, LLC	1945
Auditor	ATTORNEY FEES-CRT 1 &	Rutherford, Chase Colin	875	Ross County Court System	Drug Testing kits	Intrinsic Interventions, Inc	6000
Auditor	supplies- real estate	Office City Express	310.62	Ross County Court System	Office Supplies	Amazon Capital Services	40.96
Auditor	supplies-upstairs	Office City Express	17.85	Ross County Court System	2024 Ohio Common Pleas J	Ohio Common Pleas Judge	400
Auditor	ATTORNEY FEES- PROBA	Benson, Melinda J	125	Sheriff	confidential funds 2023-RO-	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000
Auditor	loan for Rocky Road project	Carol L. Schrader, Fiscal Off	250000	Sheriff	supplies 2022-JG-A01-6494	U Line	212.61
Auditor	Utilities service	Horizon Chillicothe Telephon	71.62	Sheriff	Other Expenses	Watch Systems, LLC	290.4
Automatic Data Processing	2024 Gordon Flesch	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	538.57	Sheriff	Medical Services	Emergency Professional Ser	94.23
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	Office City Express	19.93	Sheriff	Medical Services	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	Office City Express	25.11	Sheriff	Medical Services	Adena Health System	49.5
Board of Elections	Office Supplies	Office City Express	205.74	Sheriff	Medical Services	Adena Health System	1178.09
Board of Elections	Document Shredding	Southern Ohio Shredding LL	255.45	Sheriff	medical services	Adena Health System	122.66
Board of Elections	Tamper Labels	Intab LLC	112.9	Sheriff	Housing/Medical Expenses	Fayette County Commission	3808.44
Building Department	Supplies	Quill Corporation	273.56	Sheriff	Contract Services	ID Networks	3495
Building Department	Supplies	Quill Corporation	321.24	Sheriff	jail food contract	Trinity Services Group	5897.56
Building Department	Other expenses	Duluth Trading Company	49.34	Sheriff	Contract Services	Escamilla, Vanessa	260
Building Department	osha equipment	Scioto Shoe Mart	116.98	Sheriff	Contract Services	Welch, David Michael	240
Clerk of Courts	postage	U.S. Postmaster	1078.6	Sheriff	Contract Services	Cottrill-Baskerville, Treiva J	1660.32
Clerk of Courts	contract services	Modern Leasing	116.54	Sheriff	Contract Service	Jonina Johnson	490
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies AP	State Electric Supply, Inc.	408.92	Sheriff	Other Expenses	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	540
Commissioners	Keys, Locks, Etc.	Master Locksmith and Safe	20	Sheriff	other expenses	Penwell, Julia	868.22
Commissioners	Electric 33 W. Main St.	American Electric Power	2056.74	Sheriff	other expenses	David Hall	35.16
Commissioners	Globes for Streetlights	Amazon Capital Services	1049	Sheriff	other expenses	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	882
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies Jail	State Electric Supply, Inc.	415.99	Sheriff	other expenses	Galls, LLC	568.56
Commissioners	Janitorial Supplies	DTB Distributors, Inc.	67.55	Sheriff	other expenses	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	128.89
Commissioners	Misc. Vehicle Mntc.	Muffler Brothers	592.58	Sheriff	other expenses	Hometown Auto, LLC	167.4
Commissioners	Reimburse for winter gear	Todd Landrum	84.95	Sheriff	other expenses	Amazon Capital Services	159.47
Commissioners	LCNB Boiler Inspection	Treasurer, State of Ohio	68.25	Sheriff	other expenses	Ohio Association of Polygra	175
Commissioners	Misc. Janitorial Supplies	General Sales Company	340.53	Sheriff	other expenses	DanCo Lettering	63
Commissioners	Airport Insurance 3yr.	Neil Coleman Insurance Serv	5192	Sheriff	other expenses	Mears Photography	358.5
Commissioners	Janitorial Supplies	DTB Distributors, Inc.	165.18	Sheriff	other expenses	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	358
Commissioners	Power Equip Shed	South Central Power Compa	88	Sheriff	other expenses	Central Center Hardware	11.3
Commissioners	Office Supplies	Office City Express	31.55	Sheriff	Training Cost	NJ Criminal Interdiction LLC	299
Common Pleas Court #1	coffee creamer, life savors, p	Office Depot Inc.	181.68	Sheriff	Training Cost	Jividen, Jerry	296
Common Pleas Court #1	supplies	Office Depot Inc.	9.99	Sheriff	Training Cost	APCO, AFC, Inc.	532
Coroner	Cell Phone Service	AT&T Mobility	135.33	Sheriff	Utilities	American Electric Power	129.69
Coroner	Various Needs	Amazon Capital Services	60.84	Sheriff	Contract Services	Modern Office Methods, Inc	378.73
Emergency Management	contract services	GFC Leasing	121.65	Sheriff	Contract Services	Modern Office Methods, Inc	330.96
Emergency Management	various supplies/operating e	Joshua Garrett	194.25	Sheriff	Contract Services	Modern Office Methods, Inc	407.28
Emergency Management	cell phone	AT&T Mobility	140.49	Sheriff	Training Cost	Public Agency Training Cour	650
Emergency Management	hazmat absorbent	New Pig	1783.43	Sheriff	Utilities	American Electric Power	16816.38
Engineer	Eq. Parts & Repairs	Advance Auto Parts	88.21	Sheriff	other expenses 2022 JG A01	American Electric Power	37.03
Engineer	Engineering design for Charl	Carpenter Marty Transporta	3203.9	Sheriff	other expenses 2022 JG A01	American Electric Power	204.3
Engineer	Eq. Parts & Repairs	Dexter Company	92.92	Sheriff	Copier - Subgrant 2022-JG-A	Modern Leasing	9.83
Engineer	Eq. Parts & Repairs	Kenworth Truck Co.	857.31	Sheriff	other expenses 2022 JG A01	Modern Leasing	187.64
Engineer	Road Materials, diesel, gas &	Kingston Market	200	Treasurer	Bill Inserts	Smartbill Ltd	300
Engineer	Road Materials, diesel, gas &	Main & High Shortstop	203.45	Treasurer	HNB Checks	Harland Clark	90.79
Engineer	Eq. Parts & Repairs	Matco Tools	161.61	Veterans Service Commissi	services	Tiffin Estates	500
Engineer	Guardrail posts	McArthur Lumber & Post	8300	Veterans Service Commissi	Cell phones	T-Mobile USA Inc	72.69
Engineer	Road Materials	Melvin Stone Co.	3650.43	Veterans Service Commissi	Contracts, service & repairs	ComDoc, Inc.	39.12
Engineer	Eq. Parts	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	3115.46	VOCA	telephone	Horizon Technology	147.01
Engineer	Eq. Parts & Repairs	Office City Express	726.53	VOCA	other expenses	Ohio Domestic Violence Net	100
Engineer	Eq. Parts & Repairs	Roberts Electric Motor Serv	638	VOCA	Telephone	Horizon Technology	137.03
Engineer	Road Materials, diesel, gas &	Route 50 Express, LLC	230.29	VOCA	Telephone	T-Mobile USA Inc	23.78
						First Communications, LLC	4.11
							\$417,793.17

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 January 15 through January 29, 2024, in the amount of \$13,011.53 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.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$50,000.00 be advanced from account code 229-03-00-5801 DTAC, into account code 100-00-00-0010 General, per a request of January 29, 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$146.03 be appropriated from Juvenile Probation into account code 420-19-01-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of January 29, 2024 from Ross County Juvenile 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, \$130,000.00 be appropriated from 233-46-89 Special Revenue into account codes 233-46-89-5000 Donations (\$75,000.00) and account code 233-46-89-7550 Other Expenses Special Revenue (\$55,000.00), per a request of January 29, 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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$200.00 be transferred from account code 210-58-00-7013 Office Workers Comp into account code 210-58-67-7103 Bridge Workers Comp, per a request of January 29, 2024 from the Ross County Engineer.

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, \$760.00 be transferred from account code 203-32-00-7013 Workers Comp into account codes 203-02-00-7012 PERS (\$700.00), account code 203-02-00-7014 Group Insurance (\$10.00) and account code 203-02-00-7017 Medicare, per a request of January 29, 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.

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Dell Optiplex	003369	Surplus Property

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, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal form submitted by Ross County Court 2 for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Computer Monitor	15576	Surplus Property
2	TV Monitors	13857, 13858	Surplus Property

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, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal form submitted by Ross County Probation for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Computer for Smart Board	3017	Surplus Property

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, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal form submitted by the Ross County Court 2 for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Small Refrigerator	5888	Surplus Property

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

FUNDS RELEASED - AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Office of the Ross County Auditor be authorized to release the appropriated funds to the Ross County Agricultural Society from the General Fund account code as indicated below, in the amount of \$55,000.00.

\$ 12,500.00	100-01-07-7253, Agricultural Society Grants
\$ 37,500.00	100-01-07-7254, Fair/Debt
\$ 3,500.00	100-01-07-7300, Premiums

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

CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE VALUATION RENEWAL APPLICATION APPROVED - FARMLAND

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, Dwight A. Garrett, approve the Current Agricultural Use Valuation Renewal Application, for use of commodity crops such as corn/soybeans/wheat/oats, of 152.84 acres of farmland owned by the Board, to be submitted to the Ross County Auditor.

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

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR PURCHASING 2024 DOG REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, that the deadline for purchasing 2024 dog registrations in the county be extended from January 31, 2024, through February 15, 2024, according to the provisions of Section 955.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the following legal notice: On or about, but not before, February 8, 2024, the Ross County Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Richmond Dale Storm Sewer
Source of Funds: PY 2023 CDBG Allocation Grant
Replace 300 LF of storm sewer lines and three catch basins.

Multi-year Project
Richmond Dale CDP, Ross County
Estimated Cost: \$45,000.00

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

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Coppel Athletic Complex
Source of Funds: PY 2023 CDBG Allocation Grant
Replacement of 6536SF of playground surface.

Multi-year Project
Star Drive, Chillicothe, Ross County
Estimated Cost: \$146,845.00

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

ROSS COUNTY RECYCLING OUTREACH PAYMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, Commissioner Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, the first quarterly payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Ross County Recycling Outreach made payable to the Ross County Board of Commissioners.

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

ROSS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CHILD PLACEMENT AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract by and between the Ross County Juvenile Court, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter RCJC whose address is 2 North Paint Street, Ross County Court House, Chillicothe, OH 45601, and Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC, hereinafter PROVIDER whose address is 2775 S/R 39, Shelby, Ohio 44875. This Contract sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement and related services for children who are in the care and custody of RCJC during calendar year 2024.

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

ACCEPTING ORDC REQUET FOR PROPOSAL CHIP 2024

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf the Request for Proposals (RFP) to administer the PY 2024 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) for Ross County. The commissioners authorized the Ross County Planning Department to send notice to ask ORDC to administer the PY 2024 CHIP in conjunction with the Ross County Planning Department. Administration services for the PY 2024 CHIP are contingent on the grant being awarded. The Board of Commissioners is excited at this opportunity to work with ORDC in aiding the low-to-moderate income households of Ross County. They feel confident that ORDC is qualified to undertake the new CHIP PY 2024.

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

CHANGE ORDER 075 ELFORD INC

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the changes on Change Order 075 for General Construction on the Law Enforcement Center project. The contact sum will be decreased by \$134,602.52.

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on January 29, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance:

RESOLUTION 004-24

RELEASING PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE 49.9 WATT SOLAR FACILITY IN ROSS COUNTY ST. RT. 104

WHEREAS, the developer of the site known as St. Rt. 159, Ross County had posted with the County Commissioners a performance bond in the amount of \$350,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the developer has requested a release of said Performance Bond; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer, Charlie Ortman, as set forth in his email of January 5, 2024 indicates that he has inspected the roads at the referenced site and recommends that the performance bond totaling \$350,000.00 be released; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Commissioner agrees with said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ross County Board of Commissioners of State of Ohio, that the Performance Bond be released.

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

TIME SHEET APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending January 26, 2024.

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

PRE APPLICATION REHABILITATE RNWAY 5/23 CONSTRUCT RUNWAY 23 BLAST PAD

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the pre-application for the project Rehabilitate Runway 5/23, Construct Runway 23 Blast Pad, at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport for a total project cost of \$3,458.118.00.

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


OTHER BUSINESS

Devon Shoemaker, Senior Planner updated the Commissioners on the projects he is working on.

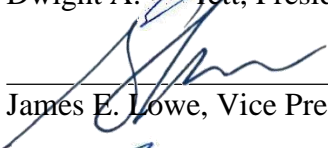
ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of January 29, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

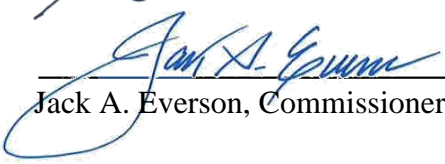
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