

**FEBRUARY 20 – MEETING 8
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, February 20, 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 February 12, 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	Weights/Measures Fuel	Wex Bank	96.74	Engineer	SIB Loan-SR 207	Treasurer - State of Ohio	25265.29
Auditor	postage	Reserve Account	78500	Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Unifirst First Aid Corp	305.44
Auditor	GAAP CONVERSION	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	825	Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Value Added Business Services	199.52
Auditor	CANINE RESEARCH	Ohio State University	1275.8	Engineer	Eq. Parts	Southern Equipment Co.	315.69
Auditor	ATTORNEY FEES- PROBATE	Rutherford, Chase Colin	125	Jury Commission	postage for 2023	Reserve Account	8500
Auditor	Atty Fees- Juvenile Court	Rutherford, Chase Colin	675	Juvenile Court	PAPER CITY MENTORING	Paper City Mentoring Project	950
Automatic Data Processing B	EMA Laptop	Dell Inc.	1610.74	Juvenile Court	GRANT ADMIN	Amazon Capital Services	18.98
Automatic Data Processing B	2024 Verizon	Verizon Wireless	6165	Juvenile Court	Juvenile - Office Supplier	Jennifer Ater	33.35
Automatic Data Processing B	2024 Spectrum	Charter Communications	305	Juvenile Court	ATP - Misc. Other	Ohio Treasurer of State	150
Board of Elections	Certificates	Office City Express	19.8	Juvenile Court	ATP - Misc. Other	Project Badazz	4000
Board of Elections	Postage Meter Contract	Pitney Bowes	182.13	Planning Commission	CDBG CHIP 2022 Home Repair	Ross County Treasurer	4671
Board of Elections	Tamper Evident Labels	Intab LLC	267.61	Planning Commission	Other Expenses	Media Network of Central Ohio	221
Board of Elections	Shredded Material	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	280.28	Planning Commission	Expense Planning Commission	Ca. Planning Director	85
Board of Elections	Postage Machine Maintenance	Modern Leasing	184.46	Planning Commission	CDBG CHIP 2022 Home Repair	Ohio Regional Development Co	4671
Board of Elections	Cone Toppers	Miller Consultations & Electio	819.35	Probate Court	Indigent Guardian Attorney Fe	Cutright, James K.	200
Building Department	Other Expenses	OH BLDG OFFICIALS ASSOC	25	Prosecuting Attorney	consumer support, rhodau praj	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	1775
Building Department	Other Expenses	Chillicothe Youth Flag Footba	310.75	Prosecuting Attorney	consumer support, rhodau praj	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	1775
Building Department	Travel Expenses	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc.	79.95	Prosecuting Attorney	consumer support, rhodau praj	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	1775
Building Department	Other Expenses	Verizon Wireless	80.22	Prosecuting Attorney	consumer support, rhodau praj	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	29.99
Commissioners	Elks Parking	B.P.O.E., Elks Lodge #52	2100	Ross County Court System	Legal Research-LexisNexisrul	Thamran Reuters - Wert	302.84
Commissioners	Motor Replacement on Treas	Fultz's Glass & Door, LLC	1750	Ross County Court System	Legal Research-LexisNexisrul	Lexis-Nexis	408
Commissioners	Misc. supplies	Sherwin Williams Company	87.16	Ross County Court System	2024 Supervised Visitation Se	Child Protection Center of Ros	3607.18
Commissioners	Janitorial Supplies	DTB Distributors, Inc.	133.12	Ross County Court System	Business card for Carey, Cath	Printex Printing	150
Commissioners	Electric 475 Western Ave	American Electric Power	7054.61	Ross County Court System	Water Delivery February 2024	The Water Express	51.75
Commissioners	Work pants	Tim Zeisler	84.9	Ross County Court System	Badger, holders & handcuff fa	Gall, LLC	496.03
Commissioners	Repair Pump Jail	Speer Mechanical	1448.57	Ross County Court System	Fuel purchaser for January 202	Wex Bank	180.76
Commissioners	Replace iducer motor SC	Speer Mechanical	1543.08	Ross County Court System	Picture frames for drug court	Office Depot Inc.	89.9
Commissioners	Supplies Mntc.	Ag-Pro Ohio, LLC	174.03	Sheriff	travel 2023-RO-ETF-R575	WISA	1043.64
Commissioners	2024 Administrator Dues	CCAO	380	Sheriff	other expenses 2022-DL-LEF-5	AutoZone Store 797	34.48
Commissioners	Dumpster 6yd	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	441.31	Sheriff	Contract Services	Axon Enterprise, Inc.	2863.14
Commissioners	Fuel for Sherman Park	Ferrellgas	65	Sheriff	Contract Services	Axon Enterprise, Inc.	2863.14
Commissioners	Mntc. Garage Lease	Trinity Properties of Chillicott	8400	Sheriff	other expenses	Pennell, Julia	1282.52
Commissioners	Telephone	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	116.61	Sheriff	other expenses	Sciata Shoe Mart	260
Commissioners	Gas Service	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.35	Sheriff	other expenses	Sparkle Cleaners	57.2
Commissioners	Janitorial Supplies	First Capital Enterprises	15388.43	Sheriff	other expenses	Gall, LLC	141
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies Jail	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	1405.81	Sheriff	other expenses	Pennell, Julia	1847.18
Commissioners	Wastewater Consulting Servi	Grigsby Environmental Consu	1600	Sheriff	other expenses	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	988.8
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies Jail	State Electric Supply, Inc.	126.9	Sheriff	other expenses	Tim's Tires & Accessories	200
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies AP	State Electric Supply, Inc.	861.76	Sheriff	Utility	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1205.13
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies AP	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	427.22	Sheriff	other expenses	Sparkle Cleaners	20.8
Commissioners	Misc. Supplies	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	82.37	Sheriff	web checker	Treasurer - State of Ohio	3200.75
Commissioners	ARPA Grant-RES 010-24	South Central Ohio Job & Fam	250000	Sheriff	other expenses	Buckeye State Sheriff Associa	1960
Coroner	Forensic Autopsy Services	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	3500	Sheriff	Other Expenses	Buckeye State Sheriff Associa	2030
Coroner	reimbursement	Michael R Ratliff	75	Sheriff	other expenses	Buckeye State Sheriff Associa	245
Coroner	reimbursement for back up fa	Mark A Gray	19	Sheriff	Supplier	Office City Express	76.03
Coroner	contract services	Lexis-Nexis Risk Data Manag	105	Sheriff	cartr af supplier	Office City Express	81.1
Coroner	Forensic Toxicology Services	NMS Labs	630	Sheriff	Supplier	Office City Express	11.83
Coroner	Various Needs	Amazon Capital Services	47.82	Sheriff	jail food contract	Trinity Services Group	11742.8
Dog Warden	contract repairs	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	24	Sheriff	medical services	Premier Health Care Services,	42436
Dog Warden	other expenses	Ohio County Dog Warden's A	250	Sheriff	medical services	Allen's Pharmacy	1875.29
Emergency Management	contract services	GFC Leasing	26.52	Sheriff	other expenses	WISA	206.75
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Advanced Hydraulics and Hos	234.5	Sheriff	Other Expenses	WISA	175
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Bane-Walker Equipment, LLC	363.32	Sheriff	medical services	Emergency Professional Servi	413.81
Engineer	Uniforms	Cintas Corporation # 530	131.32	Sheriff	medical services	Adena Medical Group, LLC	57.39
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Coughlin Auto	476.01	Sheriff	other expenses	Martin Brauker	31.53
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Ohio Machinery Co	1248.56	Sheriff	contract services	Fayette County Commissioners	4536.22
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Dexter Company	275.55	Sheriff	medical services	Adena Health System	649.54
Engineer	Cleaning office	Hart, Linda	500	Sheriff	Medical Services	Emergency Professional Servi	62.91
Engineer	Road Materials, diesel, gas &	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LL	136	Sheriff	Utility	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	3152.87
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Lucas Tool Sales, LLC	35.5	Sheriff	training	WISA	95
Engineer	Road Materials	Melvin Stone Co.	461.37	Sheriff	Medical Services Contract	Premier Health Care Services,	40854.89
Engineer	Copier	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	533.58	Treasurer	VARIOUS SUPPLIES	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	17.5
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Noble Plumbing & Heating	276.67	Treasurer	Partz far letter apener	Lunar Bee LLC	108.95
Engineer	Eq. Parts, repairs, etc.	Old Canal Stop	22	Veterans Service Commission	Funeral/burial assistance	Ware Funeral Home	1000
Engineer	School Zone Signal lights	Putnam Signal And Lighting S	1300	Veterans Service Commission	Food & Supply assistance	The Corner Market	1796.94
Engineer	Refuse pickup	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	193.52	Veterans Service Commission	contract driver	Price, Harold S.	357.51
Engineer	Road Materials, diesel, gas &	Tow Path Materials	540.4	Veterans Service Commission	contract driver	Seward, Randy A.	330
				Veterans Service Commission	contract driver	Ed Secret	281.88
				Veterans Service Commission	contract driver	Haldron, Greg	371.25
							\$582,189.10

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 February 5 thru February 20, 2024, in the amount of \$130,089.91 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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$10,618.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account codes 100-21-00-7100 Travel (\$830.00), account code 100-21-00-7103 Contract Services (\$5,503.00), account code 100-21-00-7106 Rentals (\$3,000.00), account code 100-21-00-7107 AT&T Mobility (\$285.00 and account code 100-21-00-7550 (\$1,000.00), per a request of February 20, 2024 from Ross County Coroner.

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, \$19,000.00 be appropriated from Marriage License into account code 216-19-00-7127 Shelters, per a request of February 20, 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, \$949.50 be appropriated from CLE Fund into account codes 212-29-01-7015 Unemployment (\$261.00) and account code 212-29-56-7015 Unemployment (\$688.50), per a request of February 20, 2024 from Ross County Sheriff.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	File Cabinet	N/A	Trash

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 the Ross County Sheriff for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	HP Desktop	2ua4080626	Surplus Property

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

CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD NEGLECT REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appoint Rhiannon Gill, Executive Director Child Protection Center of Ross County, to the child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3109.172.

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

NEW HIRE PLANNER/GRANT WRITER

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the recommendation of Senior Planner, Devon Shoemaker, to hire Kimberly Hardesty as Planner/ Grant Writer, at an annual salary of \$65,000.00 with full benefits, pending a background check.

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to request the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following projects: Coppel Athletic Complex (\$140,400.00) and Richmondale Storm Sewer (\$45,000.00).

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

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL REQUEST FOR HEARING

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to NOT request a hearing for the transfer of liquor license from CARLS MARKET INC, DBA SAV A LOT, INCLD GAS STATION, 1700-03 WESTERN AVE, SCIOTO TWP, CHILlicoTHE OHIO, to SAL ACQUISITION ONE LLEC, DBA SAV A LOT, INCLD GAS STATION, 1700-03 WESTERN AVE, SCIOTO TWP, CHILlicoTHE OHIO.

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

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING CONVENTION

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request from EMA Director Mark Thompson and Deputy Director Josh Garrett, to attend the South Central SE EMA Sector meeting Regions 7 & 8 held at the Hocking County EOC in Logan, Ohio on February 20, 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.

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING CONVENTION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a request from EMA Deputy Director Josh Garrett to attend the OH230 Introduction to Emergency Management in Ohio at 2855 West Dublin-Granville Road Columbus on February 21-23 at no cost to the county.

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

APPROVE PURCHASE OF A 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500 HD WORK TRUCK

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevy Silverado for the Maintenance Department, from Coughlin Chevrolet at a cost of \$70,000.00.

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

LEASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO OFFICE SPACE SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the Cost Calculation from SCJFS and extend the lease agreement for office space, between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and South Central Ohio Job and Family Services for five (5) years effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

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

DOG WARDEN FINES RAISED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to raise the fee for fines yielded by the Dog Warden from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for the first dog offense and an additional \$50.00 for the second dog offense.

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

OTHER BUSINESS


Jody Wilson Ross County Re-Entry Coalition – Mr. Wayne McLaughlin introduced Mr. Jody Wilson as the new Director of the Ross County Re-Entry Coalition

Cotterman Lane Londonderry – Ms. Sierra Cabungcal, Ms. Billie Elam and Mr. Cody Elam, who live on Cotterman Lane, which is a private lane, discussed the deplorable condition of the road. It is extremely difficult for waste management companies to navigate the road for garbage pickup and several have refused service to the residents. It is also extremely difficult for EMS service to residents on the lane. A small group of home owners have done some repairs and upkeep on the lane, but cannot secure a share in the funding from the other residents on the lane to continue doing so. They are asking the Commissioners if anything can be done by the county or township to improve the condition of the private lane. The Commissioners will discuss the issue and see if they can make any good recommendations on how to proceed with repairing the lane.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of February 20, 2024, at 11:27 a.m.


Dwight A. Garrett, President


James E. Lowe, Vice President


Jack A. Everson, Commissioner