

NOVEMBER 12 – MEETING 46
VOLUME 27

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, November 12, 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 November 4, 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:

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VAL	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VAL
Adult Probation	Sports Plus	1652.94	Engineer	The Chas E. Phipps Company	202.53
Adult Probation	Wex Bank	279.81	Engineer	Scioto Shoe Mart	161.98
Adult Probation	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC	320	Engineer	Southeastern Equipment Co.	1355.63
Adult Probation	Office City Express	4.44	Engineer	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	57.36
Auditor	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	800	Engineer	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	101.09
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	840	Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.61
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1987.5	Engineer	Terracon Consultants, Inc	1625
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300	Engineer	Tow Path Materials	4740
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1057.5	Engineer	EQUIP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	31.16
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1425	Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	11.98
Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	907.5	Juvenile Court	Office City Express	56.52
Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	502.5	Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	930
Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	840	Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	695.3
Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	600	Juvenile Court	Verizon Wireless	539.57
Auditor	Bevins, Walter A.	187.5	Juvenile Court	Ohio Association of Magistrates	125
Auditor	Glo Fiber	1408.96	Planning Commission	Westside Media	105
Auditor	CEBCO	101183.69	Planning Commission	Office City Express	88.64
Auditor	Glo Fiber	409.95	Planning Commission	American Structure point, Inc	25300
Auditor	American Electric Power	95.44	Planning Commission	Schooley Caldwell Associates	9000
Auditor	Printex Printing	1300	Planning Commission	JOHN W HEMMINGS III	16685.66
Auditor	Appraisal Research Corp.	43934.12	Planning Commission	Beyond Consulting Group LLC	6932.5
Auditor	First Communications, LLC	64.94	Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	4467.75
Automatic Data Processing Board	Westside Media	86.25	Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	12633.53
Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	314.71	Planning Commission	American Structure point, Inc	33410
Automatic Data Processing Board	Glo Fiber	1962.1	Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	53
Automatic Data Processing Board	Charter Communications	305	Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	11840
Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Company	2058.79	Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	145.64
Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software, Inc	271.2	Probate Court	Cutright, James K.	800
Board of Elections	Go2ITGroup	1824.44	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	247
Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software, Inc	1601.64	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Company	378.57
Board of Elections	Triad Governmental System	607.26	Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	1775
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio	969.34	Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	688
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio	14.95	Recorder	Staff Source Inc.	1629.45
Building Department	Quill Corporation	9.59	Recorder	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	76.44
Building Department	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER	769.45	Ross County Court System	Lexis-Nexis	408
Building Department	Scioto Shoe Mart	175	Ross County Court System	GFC Leasing	297.11
Building Department	City of Chillicothe Building Department	732.69	Ross County Court System	Westside Media	142.5
Building Department	Shelley, Joshua	11512.5	Ross County Court System	Thomson Reuters - West	317.98
Building Department	International Code Council, Inc	305	Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	2459.92
Building Department	Printex Printing	139	Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	3485.38
Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	29.38	Ross County Court System	Child Protection Center of Ross	2221.45
Clerk of Courts	Quality Business Systems, Inc	2750	Sheriff	US Bank Equipment Finance	192.77
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	250	Sheriff	Capital One Commercial	21.96
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	42.77	Sheriff	Law Enforcement Drone Assoc	198
Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	227.52	Sheriff	Ohio School Resource Officer	399
Commissioners	First Communications, LLC	6.1	Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	2584.57
Commissioners	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	417	Sheriff	Treasurer - State of Ohio	3254
Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	963.74	Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	61.3
Commissioners	General Sales Company	317.9	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	330.39
Commissioners	Schooley Caldwell Associates	67	Sheriff	Sirchie Acquisition Company, LLC	140.75
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	506.43	Sheriff	Sirchie Acquisition Company, LLC	14.5
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	79.38	Sheriff	Wex Bank	1604.17
Commissioners	Treasurer, State of Ohio	200	Sheriff	Adena Health System	341.79
Commissioners	Securetech Systems, Inc.	2239.5	Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	178.94
Commissioners	Fultz, Glenn R.	440	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	102.75
Commissioners	Integrated Protection Services	102	Sheriff	Emergency Professional Services	68.54
Commissioners	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc	5425	Sheriff	Adena Health System	18.61
Commissioners	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc	630.41	Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	7833.6
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	102.58	Sheriff	Charm-Tex, Inc.	6567
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	27.64	Sheriff	P&R Communications Service, Inc	1026.19
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	26.54	Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	582.17
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	217.7	Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1284.79
Commissioners	Lowe's	92.25	Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	90.56
Commissioners	Central Center Hardware	263.88	Sheriff	Ross County Health District	75
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	254.74	Sheriff	McKesson Medical-Surgical Goods	312.76
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	1678.18	Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	157.5
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	1857.31	Sheriff	Herrnstein Hyundai, Inc.	58.11
Commissioners	A-1 Limestone	128	Sheriff	Indigital Telecom	6159.92
Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.35	Sheriff	MOBILEXUSA	925
Common Pleas Court #1	John T. Wallace	43.68	Sheriff	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000
Common Pleas Court #2	John DiCesare	64.48	Sheriff	DanCo Lettering	97
Common Pleas Court #2	Ohio Association of Magistrates	125	Sheriff	Herrnstein Chrysler-Plymouth	96.74
Coroner	Central Center, LLC	650.11	Sheriff	Larry McGarvey	450
Coroner	International Assoc. of Coroners	200	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	1410.39
Coroner	INTERACTIVE DATA LLC	131	Sheriff	Central Center Hardware	59.57
Coroner	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1115	Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	151.8
Coroner	Thomas, Jodi L.	150	Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	57
Dog Warden	Office City Express	49.99	Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	320
Dog Warden	Covetrus North America	92.63	Sheriff	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5
Dog Warden	Glo Fiber	140.94	Sheriff	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	4069.37
Dog Warden	Pam Longlott	64.34	Sheriff	Galls, LLC	2568.1
Dog Warden	Covetrus North America	351.32	Sheriff	Galls, LLC	2568.1
Dog Warden	Covetrus North America	421.19	Sheriff	Printex Printing	473
Emergency Management	Mark Thompson	22	Sheriff	Wex Bank	14143.18
Emergency Management	US Bank NA	180.22	Sheriff	Wex Bank	230.4
Engineer	The Aero-Mark Company LLC	249711.96	Sheriff	Dell Marketing L.P.	12383.2
Engineer	Advanced Hydraulics and Hose	708	Sheriff	SOUTH WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS	1676
Engineer	Central Auto Parts	1131.54	Treasurer	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	8.75
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	426.5	Veterans Service Commission	The Corner Market	793.11
Engineer	Do It Right Cleaning Service, LLC	750	Veterans Service Commission	Save-A-Lot	7322.05
Engineer	Ron Evans Enterprises	2275	Veterans Service Commission	Ed Secrest	281.88
Engineer	G & J Paving	55630.79	Veterans Service Commission	Stephen M. Deffenbaugh	89.37
Engineer	John Deere Financial	53.98	Veterans Service Commission	Richard Manson	323.12
Engineer	Jones Farm	180	Veterans Service Commission	Sewards, Randy A.	501.86
Engineer	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	53.13	VOCA	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	249.95
Engineer	Lowe's	799.6	VOCA	First Communications, LLC	6.18
Engineer	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	472.5	VOCA	Glo Fiber	39.95
Engineer	The Ohio Bridge Corp	52790	VOCA	Printex Printing	210
Engineer	Old Canal Stop	27.5			51,718,602.86

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 28 through November 12, 2024, in the amount of \$219.88 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 \$50,000.00 from General fund into account code 100-01-91-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of November 12, 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 \$228.76 from VOCA/SVAA Grant into account code 420-99-40-7800, per a request of November 12, 2024 from the Ross County VOCA.

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 \$3,866.00 from General fund into account code 100-21-00-7550 Other Expenses (\$2,86.00) and account code 100-21-00-7551 Toxicology (\$1,000.00), per a request of November 12, 2024, from the Ross County Coroner.

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 \$12,000.00 from account code 100-01-04-7150 Supplies (\$6,000.00) and account code 100-01-04-7106 Rental (\$6,000.00), into account code 100-01-10-7107 Supplies, per a request November 12, 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 transfer \$5,000.00 from account code 212-29-01-7156 Gasoline, into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment, per a request November 12, 2024 from the Ross County CLE.

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 \$124,423.36 from account codes 212-29-56-7103 Contract Services, into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment (\$18,050.00), account code 212-29-56-7103 Contract Services, into account code 212-29-56-7200 Equipment (40,873.11), account code 212-29-56-7103 Contract Services into account code 212-29-56-7353 Medical (\$55,000.00), account code 212-29-56-7103 Contract Services into account code 212-29-56-7550 Other Expenses (\$5,000.00), and account code 212-29-56-7150 Supplies into account code 212-29-56-7200 Equipment (\$5,500.25), per a request November 12, 2024 from the Ross County Sheriff’s office.

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 \$20,000.00 from account code 100-26-00-7150 Supplies, into account code 100-26-00-7103 Contract Services, and 3,500.00 from account code 100-26-00-7150 Supplies into account code 100-26-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request November 12, 2024 from the Ross County Board of Elections.

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 \$900.00 from account code 242-03-00-7157 Postage/Fees, into account code 242-03-00-7800 Refunds, per a request November 12, 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.

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$15,000.00 from account code 100-03-00-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 100-03-00-7150 Supplies, per a request November 12, 2024 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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 \$1,034,313.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General into account code 343-00-99-5943 and \$91,273.00 MVGT fund into account code 343-00-99-5910 Bond Retirement, per a request November 12, 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.

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule as listed below.

Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday January 20, 2025
Washington’s Birthday	Monday February 17, 2025
Good Friday (close at noon)	April 18, 2025
Memorial Day	Monday May 26, 2025
Juneteenth Independence Day	Thursday June 19, 2025
Independence Day	Friday July 4, 2025
Ross County Fair Day (close at noon)	Wednesday August 6, 2025
Labor Day	Monday September 1, 2025
Columbus Day/Indigenous People’s Day	Monday October 13, 2025
Veterans Day	Tuesday November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday November 27, 2025
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday November 28, 2025
Christmas Eve	Wednesday December 24, 2025
Christmas Day	Thursday December 25, 2025
New Year’s Eve	December 31, 2025
New Year’s Day	January 2, 2026

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, appoint Mr. Randi Uhrig to the Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities, to fulfill the term of Mike Wilbanks, commencing 1/01/2025 through 12/31/2026.

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, appoint Mr. William Showman to the Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities, replacing Mike Thompson, 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

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HB683 OHIO FARMERS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign a letter of support for HB683 to provide additional support to Ohio’s soil and water conservation districts through the Department of Agriculture by making a \$10 million appropriation to Ohio farmers.

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 the request for appropriation to attend meeting/convention for Recorder Kathy Dunn to attend the ORA Winter Continuing Education meeting at Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin OH, on November 19 – 22, 2024 at a cost of \$555.00 to the county.

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

CERTIFICATION OPIOID LITIGATION HOLD

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Commissioner Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf, the Certification of Implementation hold for Opioid Litigation Communications, effective November 12, 2024.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT ADELPHI SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into an agreement between the Ohio Department of Development and Ross County Board of Commissioners for the period September 1, 2024 to October 31, 2026. Ross County will assist the Village of Adelphi with replacing the existing sewage systems within the village and adding sewage infrastructure in areas where they don't currently exist. This includes the installation of new catch basins, manhole covers, headwalls, and storm sewer pipes. Due to sewage infrastructure dating back to the 1930s, floods have impacted access to the village for residents, emergency responders, school buses and travelers during time of heavy rainfall putting community members at a health risk. The grant funds are \$550,000.

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

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the final exhibit for the 2023 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. All funds have been expended.

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

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND PAYMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund payment for three home sewage replace/repair and administrative costs, totaling \$33,842.97.

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appoint the following to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee; Ms. Nancy Ames, Commissioner James Lowe and Mr. Wayne McLaughlin.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY TEAM APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appoint the following to the Economic Development Study Team; Commissioner Jack Everson, Mr. Dave Pinkerton and Mr. Curt McAllister.

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

SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT US 23 MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign on the Commissioners behalf Subgrant 2023-CS-LEF-518, for the US 23 Major Crimes Task Force in the amount of \$128,072.10.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Dog Warden, Waneta Wellinghoff discussed the need for a new truck for the department. She will provide three estimates for the Commissioners to review.


Budget meetings were held

Mr. Nick Bundren and Mr. Ryan Santa Maria – from PRO Property Rights Ohio, LLC talked about their mission to promote a state where landowners are empowered to live the American dream the way our nation's founders intended and develop their property without government interference.

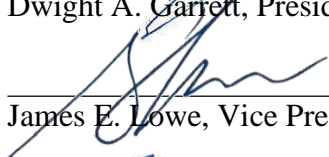
David Robinson – spoke to the Commissioners and Erin Stanley, Project Development Supervisor and Ty McBee Ross County Park District Board Member about his vision for Sherman Park on SR 104. He would like to see the park become more of a memorial for Camp Sherman. He will draw up a plan and share it with the Commissioners and Ross County Park District.

ADJOURN

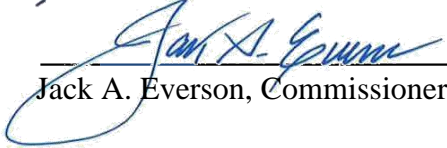
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of November 12, 2024, at 11:20 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner