

NOVEMBER 18 – MEETING 47  
VOLUME 27

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, November 18, 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 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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Adult Probation	2024002062	Amazon Capital Services	\$6.76	Planning Commission	2024001229	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	65
Adult Probation	2024002063	Amazon Capital Services	118.74	Planning Commission	2024000245	Duncan and Daniels Enterprises	1343.59
Adult Probation	2024002088	Verizon Wireless	\$8.5	Planning Commission	2024002066	Duncan and Daniels Enterprises	40477.66
Adult Probation	2024002100	Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	255.32	Planning Commission	2024002066	Ross County Health District	1155.81
Adult Probation	2024002048	Spartan Plus	119	Planning Commission	2024001229	Amazon.com Corp. Credit	119.8
Auditor	2024000186	Ross Co. Water Company	117.94	Probate Court	2024000563	Cutright, James K.	400
Auditor	2024001241	Gla Fiber	678	Probate Court	2024000561	MP Digital LLC	12250
Auditor	2024000232	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	29	Probate Court	2024000560	Amazon Capital Services	26.07
Auditor	2024000193	Wex Bank	153.11	Probate Court	2024000560	Amazon Capital Services	119
Auditor	2024002119	US Bank NA	275787.5	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000870	Garden of Eatin' Co., Inc.	106.33
Auditor	2024002118	US Bank NA	285855	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000870	Garden of Eatin' Co., Inc.	5.81
Auditor	2024002117	Capital One Public Funding LLC	288017.5	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000806	Axis Technology Partners, LLC	29.99
Auditor	2024001241	Gla Fiber	2350.42	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000855	Microsystems Inc	416.2
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002083	Amazon Capital Services	3299	Recorder	2024001845	GOVOS INC	3027.78
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000103	Garden of Eatin' Co., Inc.	373.74	Ross County Court System	2024002104	Gla Fiber	2862.97
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000103	Garden of Eatin' Co., Inc.	320.99	Sheriff	2024000800	Vance Outdoorz, Inc.	1954.54
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000662	Charter Communications	305	Sheriff	2024000501	Shelby Products, LLC	4868.64
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000525	Verizon Wireless	61.74	Sheriff	2024000496	AutoZone	8.99
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002105	Amazon Capital Services	54.48	Sheriff	2024000510	Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy	2000
Board of Elections	2024002091	Printex Printing	72	Sheriff	2024000496	First Capital Motorsports	2954.96
Board of Elections	2024002069	Office City Express	96.32	Sheriff	2024000496	VISA	633.08
Clerk of Courts	2024000099	Office City Express	207.11	Sheriff	2024000501	Firbel, Dauneay, Albrecht & Rie	210
Clerk of Courts	2024000099	Office City Express	179.97	Sheriff	2024000496	Zora Solutions Ltd	1511.55
Clerk of Courts	2024000098	Sunrise Water	5.25	Sheriff	2024000497	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	268.75
Commissioners	2024000469	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	819.81	Sheriff	2024000498	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	107.5
Commissioners	2024000450	State Electric Supply, Inc.	21.82	Sheriff	2024000499	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	215
Commissioners	2024000484	DTB Distributors, Inc.	50.99	Sheriff	2024000500	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	53.75
Commissioners	2024002076	Amazon Capital Services	51.9	Sheriff	2024001166	Gla Fiber	244.69
Commissioners	2024001388	MS Consultants	61887	Sheriff	2024001166	Gla Fiber	511
Commissioners	2024000685	Economic Development Alliance	25000	Sheriff	2024000496	Adena Health System	71
Commissioners	2024001004	Dynatec, Inc	5425	Sheriff	2024000496	MADISON STOLLINGS	53.25
Commissioners	2024000485	First Capital Enterprises	16003.38	Sheriff	2024000496	Penuell, Julia	166.32
Commissioners	2024000329	Wally Plumbing Supply, Inc.	610.81	Sheriff	2024000922	Kierler Police Supply Inc	5214.32
Commissioners	2024000295	American Electric Power	6493.7	Sheriff	2024000922	Pro-Tech Security Sales	3925
Commissioners	2024000328	Juvenile Detention Center	39583.32	Sheriff	2024000922	High Risk Training, LLC	7261.1
Commissioners	2024000529	Huhman, Bill	4096.13	Sheriff	2024000922	Jim Sharkey 703, LLC	37476
Common Pleas Court #1	2024002047	Pengad	306	Sheriff	2024000509	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1377.75
Common Pleas Court #1	2024002106	Ohio Common Pleas Judges As	400	Sheriff	2024000645	Janina Johnson	205
Coroner	2024000229	MARK A GRAY	19	Sheriff	2024000642	Ercamilla, Vanessa	260
Coroner	2024000240	HMS Labs	663	Sheriff	2024000482	Penuell, Julia	70.75
Coroner	2024002084	Amazon Capital Services	86.11	Sheriff	2024000549	Premier Health Care Services	38012.96
Deq Warden	2024001962	Gallr, LLC	393.91	Sheriff	2024002081	Columbus Supply	3859.05
Deq Warden	2024001962	Spartan Plus	503.99	Sheriff	2024001456	Pro-Tech Security Sales	499
Emergency Management	2024000554	Garden of Eatin' Co., Inc.	16.27	Sheriff	2024001456	GPS Vehicle Tracking Solutions	1996
Engineer	2024001819	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	761.64	Sheriff	2024000496	COLT MITCHELL	41.29
Engineer	2024001776	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	1872.4	Sheriff	2024001000	Gla Fiber	171.74
Engineer	2024001474	BOST, DAVID	7034	Sheriff	2024000548	Ratcliff, Raquel	136.3
Engineer	2021001663	Carpenter Marty Transportation	7507.66	Sheriff	2024001682	Aramark Services, Inc	8154.9
Engineer	2024001433	Carpenter Marty Transportation	12477.5	Sheriff	2024000494	Office City Express	32.02
Engineer	2024001776	Central Center Hardware	5.34	Sheriff	2024000697	Office City Express	34.16
Engineer	2024001776	Fartona Company	359.65	Sheriff	2024000495	Office City Express	4.98
Engineer	2024001775	S & S Aggregators	896.97	Sheriff	2024000799	Office City Express	10.76
Engineer	2024001912	Melvin Stone Co.	9577.08	Sheriff	2024000644	Welch, David Michael	328
Engineer	2024000109	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	69.62	Sheriff	2024001453	Vira	976
Engineer	2024001776	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	151.08	Sheriff	2024000922	PVP Communications	4952
Engineer	2024002095	Utility Truck Equipment	6143.49	Sheriff	2024000483	P&R Communications Service	12605.77
Engineer	2024000996	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	1597.76	Sheriff	2024000496	Max Adair	204
Engineer	2024002095	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	3307.9	Sheriff	2024002080	P&R Communications Service	1166.35
Engineer	2024001776	Kenworth Truck Co.	643.58	Sheriff	2024000496	Lau Enforcement Targets	468.62
Engineer	2024002095	Terminal Supply Co	477.14	Sheriff	2024000258	Allen's Pharmacy	922.74
Juvenile Court	2024000512	Peachtree Electronic Monitor	1276	Treasurer	2024000463	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	8.75
Juvenile Court	2024000488	Lighthouse Youth Services	2916.67	Treasurer	2024002034	Amazon Capital Services	43.7
Juvenile Court	2024000489	Lighthouse Youth Services	5416.67	Treasurer	2024001025	Ross County Recorder	272
Juvenile Court	2024000489	Lighthouse Youth Services	3650.37	Treasurer	2024002094	Gannett Ohio LocaliQ	1779.6
Juvenile Court	2024000474	Huntington Local School Distr	6000	Treasurer	2024002101	Amanda L Stewart	825
Juvenile Court	2024000558	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	23.5	Treasurer	2024002102	AMY GLANDON	54.62
Juvenile Court	2024000570	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	25.5	Treasurer	2024001424	Smartbill Ltd	2209.12
Juvenile Court	2024000572	Printex Printing	60	Treasurer	2024001424	Smartbill Ltd	11500
Juvenile Court	2024000557	Abraxas Ohio	7750	Veterans Service Commission	2024000204	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
Juvenile Court	2024000575	Pike Co. Recovery Council	400	Veterans Service Commission	2024000201	Columbia Gar of Ohio	300
Juvenile Court	2024000558	Ohio Association of Juvenile ad	555	Veterans Service Commission	2024000440	Elbright Funeral Home	1000
Lau Library	2024001126	West Group	1213	Veterans Service Commission	2024000183	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	160
Lau Library	2024001126	West Group	941	VOCA	2024002103	Treasurer - State of Ohio	228.76
Lau Library	2024001630	West Group	1048.95	Wellness	2024000734	Draker Extreme Hobbies LLC	1105
Litter Control	2024000728	Central Center Hardware	12.98				\$1,334,329.12

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 November 4 through November 18 2024, in the amount of \$6,471.78 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 \$3,000.00 from General fund into account code 100-01-23-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of November 18, 2024, from the Ross County Building Department.

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 \$11,000.00 from Law Library fund into account code 226-60-00-7101 Advertising and Printing and \$200.00 into account code 226-60-00-7150 Supplies, per a request, of November 18, 2024 from the Ross County Law Library.

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

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$14,800.29 from account code 212-29-01-7103 Contract Services, into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment and \$20,000.00 from account code 212-29-01-7156 Gasoline into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment, per a request of November 18, 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.

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, November 18, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe, and Jack A. Everson in attendance.

**RESOLUTION 052-24  
WEST JUNCTION ROAD BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, Ross County has received funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission for improvements to the West Junction Road bridge over the Indiana Eastern Railroad in Jefferson Township; and

**WHEREAS**, geotechnical and survey work is necessary at this time to move forward with plans; and

**THEREFORE**, this Board authorizes Ross County Engineer Charles Ortman to select, hire, and oversee the consultants/contractors, to perform the necessary geotechnical and surveying work. Additionally, the County Engineer is authorized to enter into necessary cooperative agreements with the above said railroad.

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

**AUDITORS VOUCHER BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a voucher, submitted by the Board of Elections to pay poll workers for the 11/5/2024 general election for the amount of \$34,844.36.

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

**CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OF MORTGAGE**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Board of Ross County Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, does hereby certify that a certain mortgage dated the 25th day of October 2001 and recorded on the 31<sup>st</sup>. day of October 2001 in Volume 192, Pages 2000 - 2002, of the official records of the Office of the Recorder of Ross County, Ohio, executed by Elmer and Carolyn Wooton to said Ross County Commissioners has been FULLY PAID AND SATISFIED. Said Mortgage was given upon the real estate known as 4370 Jester Hill Rd. Bainbridge, OH to secure the payment of a certain promissory note dated October 25, 2001 with said Mortgage.

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLARKSBURG STREET IMPROVEMENT**

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 Clarksburg with a street improvement project along 3rd Street. The project will reconstruct a section of roadway and replace eight (8) catch basins and culverts along a stretch of 3rd Street entering the village from the south. The existing road surface is cracking in the center and severely narrowing at the edges. This condition creates hazardous situations for the mix of commercial and personal vehicles that use this roadway as their primary entrance and exit from the Village of Clarksburg. The project will benefit 535 residents, 66.4% of whom are of LMI. The total cost of this project is \$500,000.00.

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

**CARPET CLEANING CONTRACT K&K CARPET CLEANING**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett by authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, a contract between the Ross County Commissioners and K&K Carpet Cleaning for county buildings. The carpet cleaning services shall commence on the 1st day of January, 2025 and shall be for service years 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028. Each year the carpet cleaning services shall be performed a minimum of three (3) times before December 31st of that year. The Client will contact the Contractor to set up a mutually agreeable time for the carpet cleaning to be performed at the various sites at a cost of \$8,500.80 for each cleaning.

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

**HOUSING AGREEMENT FOR JAIL SERVICES HIGHLAND COUNTY**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into an agreement with Highland County to house inmates for the sum of Sixty-Five Dollars (\$65.00) per prisoner per day for each Agency prisoner housed at the Highland County Jail from the 1st day of January 2025 to the 3st day of December, 2025. A Prisoner Day, used herein, shall mean any twenty-four (24) hour period commencing at twelve midnight (12:00 a.m.) and extended to the following twelve midnight (12:00 a.m.) or any portion of such twenty-four (24) hour period.

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

**HOUSING AGREEMENT FOR JAIL SERVICES SCIOTO COUNTY**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an agreement with Scioto County to house inmates for the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day, per male prisoner and eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per day, per female prisoner, as compensation for receiving, supervising, confining and boarding Agency prisoners.

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

**PAINT CREEK RECREATIONAL TRAIL REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE TWO**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to provide a letter of support for the funding to procure slope stabilization for two slips located along North Fork Paint Creek. Without the indicated preventative maintenance, these slips have the potential to negatively impact the infrastructure of the Paint Creek Recreational Trail. As a second component to the project, the RCPD is requesting funding to resurface 3.5 miles of the Paint Creek Recreational Trail. TAP Funding Request: To not exceed \$2,000,000

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

**DOG WARDEN NEW TRUCK PURCHASE**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ram truck 2500 for the Ross County Dog Warden, from Herrnstein Chrysler, at a cost of \$47,518.00.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. 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 November 16, 2024.

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

**MS CONSULTANTS AND BURGISS & NIPLE INC AGREEMENT**

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept a proposal between MS Consultants and Burgess & Niple, Inc. for the review of previous Inflow and Infiltration removal in the Union Heights Subdivision in Ross County. The plan is to review previous rehabilitation performed to see how it is performing, along with the installation, maintenance, and removal of 4 temporary flow meters and one rain gauge for the 2025 sanitary system assessment for a period of three months beginning in March 2025 and ending June 2025, for a cost of \$54,500.00.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**


**Land Bank meeting was held**

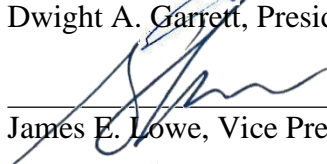
**Budget meetings were held**

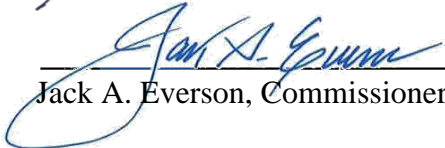
**Ross County Re-entry Coalition** – Chairman Jody Wilson, Vice Chairs Brandy Morris Hafner and Joanna Detty, reported on the successes of the Ross County Re-entry Coalition, over the past year. They have assisted 80 adults and 47 children, with the help of the \$35,000.00 from the Commissioners. They are requesting \$50,000.00 in the 2025 budget. The Commissioners begin budget review sessions in December and will consider the request.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of November 18, 2024, at 11:35 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

  
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Dwight A. Garrett, President

  
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James E. Lowe, Vice President

  
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Jack A. Everson, Commissioner