

DECEMBER 23 – MEETING 52
VOLUME 27

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, December 23, 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 December 16, 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
VOCA	2024002391	T-Mobile USA Inc	55.42
Veterans Service Commission	2024002297	First Capital Engravers, LLC	1200
Veterans Service Commission	2024002525	First Capital Engravers, LLC	45450
Veterans Service Commission	2024000437	Amazon Capital Services	1602.39
Veterans Service Commission	2024000206	Ware Funeral Home	1000
Veterans Service Commission	2024001786	Robert Davis	103.13
Veterans Service Commission	2024001129	Stephen M . Deffenbaugh	216.57
Veterans Service Commission	2024000277	Sewards, Randy A.	605
Veterans Service Commission	2024000276	Ed Secrest	446.88
Sheriff	2024001166	Glo Fiber	2462.57
Sheriff	2024001166	Glo Fiber	849.95
Sheriff	2024001166	Glo Fiber	511
Sheriff	2024001166	Glo Fiber	244.69
Recorder	2024001845	GOVOS INC	2638.44
Recorder	2024000724	Office City Express	233.42
Jury Commission	2024002249	Gannett Ohio LocaliQ	72.8
Emergency Management	2024000554	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	22.91
Clerk of Courts	2024000099	Office City Express	371.73
Clerk of Courts	2024000097	Modern Leasing	127.41
Clerk of Courts	2024000098	Sunrush Water	28.1
Board of Elections	2024002483	The Water Express	33.8
Board of Elections	2024002371	Ohio Secretary of State	101.38
Board of Elections	2024002373	O.A.E.O.	400
Board of Elections	2024002372	Office City Express	12.93
Board of Elections	2024002462	Office City Express	130.98
Board of Elections	2024002333	McKenna Farmer	50
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002280	Amazon Capital Services	784.18
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002385	Dell Inc.	12335.5
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000853	Modern Leasing	97.09
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002280	Amazon Capital Services	48.25
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000103	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	14.97
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000103	Gordon Flesch Company	1358.59
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002082	CDW Government, Inc.	3510.79
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000525	Verizon Wireless	61.7
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002294	Amazon Capital Services	17.99
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000103	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	223.1
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024000103	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	302.12
Automatic Data Processing Board	2024002237	Amazon Capital Services	469
Auditor	2024000180	American Electric Power	1127.86
Auditor	2024000180	American Electric Power	481.07
Auditor	2024000184	First Communications, LLC	20.33
Auditor	2024000190	Litter Quality Propane Gas	411.33
Auditor	2024000207	Treasurer, State of Ohio	1778.39
Auditor	2024002387	Pivot Point Partners LLC	17000
Auditor	2024000190	Litter Quality Propane Gas	5277.9
			\$104,291.66

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 December 9 through December 23, 2024, in the amount of \$20,493.13 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 \$5,500.00 from General fund into account code 100-01-23-7103 Town & Country Services, per a request of December 23, 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 \$1,000.00 from General fund into account code 100-01-23-7552 Remit to City of Chillicothe, per a request, of December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Building Department.

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 \$45,450.00 from General fund into account codes 100-52-61-7103 Allowances (\$22,345.00) and account code 100-52-62-7361 Burial Plot (\$23,105.00), per a request of December 23, 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 appropriate \$6,906.25 from Indigent Guardianship fund into account code 230-19-00-7105 Probate Court Guardianship Services of Chillicothe, per a request, of December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Probate Court.

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 \$4,879.98 from account code 100-02-42-7101 Advertising & Printing, into account code 100-02-00-7150 Supplies, per a request December 23, 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 \$55.33 from account code 100-02-42-7101 Advertising & Printing, into account code 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 \$1,512.59 from account codes 100-20-00-7157 Postage (\$500.00), into account code 100-20-00-7001 Salaries, from account code 100-20-00-7100 Travel (\$179.97) into account code 100-20-00-7150 Supplies, from account code 100-20-00-7103 Contract Services (\$500.00) into account code 100-20-00-7001 Salaries, from account code 100-20-00-7100 Travel (\$120.00) into account code 100-20-00-7017 Medicare, from account code 100-20-00-7103 Contact Services (\$199.20) into account code 100-20-00-7150 Supplies and from account code 100-20-00-7550 Other Expenses (\$13.42) into account code 100-20-00-7150 Supplies, per a request December 23, 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 \$1,964.74 from account code 100-20-00-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 100-20-00-7150 Supplies, per a request December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Clerk of Courts.

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 \$212.32 from account code 100-26-00-7001 Salaries, into account code 100-26-00-7000 Salaries, per a request December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Board of Elections.

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 \$1,889.24 from account code 203-32-00-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 203-32-00-7001 Salaries, per a request December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 \$20.32 from account code 207-01-00-7013 Workers Comp, into account code 207-01-00-7001 Salaries, per a request December 23, 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 \$3.81 from account code 208-02-00-7012 PERS, into account code 208-02-00-7017 Medicare, per a request December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 \$.12 from account code 224-20-00-7013 Workers Comp, into account code 224-20-00-7001 Salaries, per a request December 23, 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 \$938.15 from account code 231-51-00-7409 Auditor & Treasurer Fees, into account code 231-51-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 \$161.60 from account code 420-29-07-7103 Jail Diversion Contract Services, into account code 420-29-07-7001 Jail Diversion Salaries, per a request December 23, 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 \$979.20 from account code 420-18-42-0010 Juvenile Court IV-E, into account code 228-11-00-5204 Computer Legal Research and \$489.60 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General into account code 228-11-00-5204 Computer Legal Research, per a request December 23, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT HANGER LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a contract with Bruce Cook, for hangar 25 at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport, effective January 1, 2025 for \$135.00 monthly.

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

DEEDS FOR CONVEYANCE OF ROSS COUNTY PARK AND CAMP SHERMAN PARK TO ROSS COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the quitclaim deeds for Ross County Park and Camp Sherman Park to convey these properties to the Ross County Park District.

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

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO THINKGARD

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a contract with THINKGARD, effective 12/23/2024 and shall remain in force for a period of 3 year(s), and be reviewed yearly to address any necessary adjustments or modifications. Should adjustments or modifications be required that affect the monthly fees paid for the services rendered under this Agreement, said fee adjustment will be negotiated and agreed to between the county and THINKGARD in writing. Absent such a written adjustment, the agreement automatically renews for a subsequent one-year term beginning on the day immediately following the end of the initial term unless either party gives the other thirty (30) day's prior written notice of its intent not to renew this Agreement. This Agreement cannot be automatically renewed more than five (5) times.

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

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO VEREGY/ DYNAMIX ENERGY

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an agreement with Dynamix Energy Services LLC for engineering and Technical Services to Ross County related to the HVAC System Operation for the four (4) facilities included in the Energy Project for \$1,800.00 monthly or \$21,600.00 annually.

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

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO SPEER MECHANICAL

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded to enter into a contract with Speer Mechanical for preventive maintenance services per the specification attached, hereto, on the listed equipment at the Ross Co. Law Enforcement Center for an annual cost of \$29,308.00.

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

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO SETTERLIN BUILDING COMPANY

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an agreement with Setterlin Building Company for Jail Cell Alterations. The Project and Work for the Project consists of all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary for construction of the Project, all in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications prepared by the Design Professional. The Contractor shall-achieve Substantial Completion of its Work on the Project, as defined in the General Conditions, on or before August 5, 2025 ("Date of Substantial Completion"). The cost for the project is \$1,404,000.00.

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

AMENDMENT TO OWNER ENGINEER AGREEMENT MS CONSULTANTS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded to approve the amendment to the contract with MS Consultants for the 104 Sewer Project, to secure the services of Burgess & Niple to monitor flow for the Union Heights Sewer project at an additional cost of \$54,500.00.

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

ROSS CHILLICOTHE VISITORS BUREAU UNSPENT FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to support the Ross Chillicothe Visitors Bureau absorbing the unused funds from the Wayfinding project, into their operating budget, to the amount of \$34,256.66.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 11:20am, to discuss Personnel Matters.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED


The executive session called at 11:20am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:40am. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

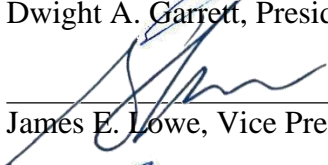
Supporter of the Outdoor Recreation Association attended the meeting to show support for their ask for \$360,000.00 over a three year period, to hire an administrator and to work on a plan for adding bike trails to our area. The Commissioners requested more information before committing funds to this project.

ADJOURN

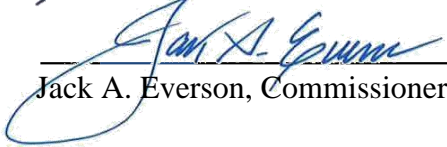
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of December 23, 2024, at 12:30 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner