

**APRIL 29 – MEETING 18
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, April 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 April 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. 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
Auditor	2024001134	Dept of Veterans Affairs	584	Engineer	2024000069	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	25.5
Auditor	2024000173	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	125	Engineer	2024001020	Menards	21.88
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225	Engineer	2024001020	Office City Express	193.09
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225	Engineer	2024000069	Tow Path Materials	261.8
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225	Engineer	2024001020	Unifirst First Aid Corp	300.05
Auditor	2024000170	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	465	Engineer	2024001020	Value Added Business Serv	113.04
Auditor	2024000170	Benson, Melinda J	412.5	Engineer	2024000115	Southeastern Equipment Co	995.19
Auditor	2024000170	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	75	Engineer	2024001020	CertaSite, LLC	548.76
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chase Colin	75	Engineer	2024000996	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	1132.5
Auditor	2024000785	City of Chillicothe Auditor's Office	63392.57	Juvenile Court	2024000475	Zane Trace Local School Dist	1368.36
Auditor	2024000187	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	71.4	Juvenile Court	2024000479	Office City Express	1203.23
Auditor	2024000182	South Central Power Company	1102	Juvenile Court	2024000556	Amazon Capital Services	319.86
Automatic Data Processing B	2024000542	CDW Government, Inc.	479.81	Juvenile Court	2024000556	Fox Run Hospital, Inc.	2590
Automatic Data Processing B	2024000103	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	538.57	Juvenile Court	2024000572	Printex Printing	40
Board of Elections	2024001152	Connie Bowers	145.26	Juvenile Court	2024000570	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	15.5
Board of Elections	2024001151	US Bank Equipment Finance	242.25	Juvenile Court	2024000575	King, Jamie	1400
Board of Elections	2024001150	Election Systems & Software, I	608	Law Library	2024001130	Lexis-Nexis	8048.65
Building Department	2024000895	Amazon Capital Services	66.73	Law Library	2024001131	Lexis-Nexis	631.75
Building Department	2024000262	JOSH HETTINGER	33.95	Planning Commission	2024001083	Amazon Capital Services	68.99
Clerk of Courts	2024000101	Shred-It USA	786.24	Planning Commission	2024000248	Quill Corporation	53.76
Clerk of Courts	2024000098	Sunrush Water	22.83	Probate Court	2024000563	Cutright, James K.	400
Clerk of Courts	2024000097	Modern Leasing	121.57	Probate Court	2024000560	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	13.5
Clerk of Courts	2024000577	UPS	59.44	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000806	Axia Technology Partners, L	29.99
Commissioners	2024000685	Economic Development Allian	25000	Recorder	2024001149	Kathy Dunn	64.43
Commissioners	2024001114	A-1 Limestone	153	Ross County Court System	2024001133	Chillicothe Gazette	61.46
Commissioners	2024001127	All Signs of Chillicothe Inc	90	Ross County Court System	2024001140	Office Depot Inc.	471.22
Commissioners	2024000308	South Central Power Company	81.85	Ross County Court System	2024001139	Office Depot Inc.	112.35
Commissioners	2024000293	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	493.16	Sheriff	2024000124	SHAUNE M ANDERS	122.3
Commissioners	2024000297	American Electric Power	518.81	Sheriff	2024000258	Southern Ohio Oral & Facial	3845.71
Commissioners	2024000296	American Electric Power	1801.88	Sheriff	2024000482	Abigail Barnhart	34.84
Commissioners	2024000611	Muller Brothers	321.23	Sheriff	2024000482	Barbara Netter	23.89
Commissioners	2024001146	Jack Everson	57.2	Sheriff	2024000551	Trinity Services Group	6139.66
Commissioners	2024001148	County Loss Control Coordina	125	Sheriff	2024000494	Office City Express	183.92
Commissioners	2024000484	DTB Distributors, Inc.	752.54	Sheriff	2024000697	Office City Express	132.78
Commissioners	2024000332	Sedgwick Claims Management	4625	Sheriff	2024000495	Office City Express	19.36
Commissioners	2024001154	Horizon Business Systems	400	Sheriff	2024000496	Penwell, Julia	266.95
Common Pleas Court #2	2024000378	Office Depot Inc.	317.99	Sheriff	2024000494	Printex Printing	112.71
Common Pleas Court #2	2024000377	Clevenger, Leah	36	Sheriff	2024000508	South Central Power Comp	46
Common Pleas Court #2	2024000379	The Water Express	33.5	Sheriff	2024000506	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1531.91
Coroner	2024000239	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	5250	Sheriff	2024000504	American Electric Power	195.07
Coroner	2024000235	AT&T Mobility	102.81	Sheriff	2024000503	American Electric Power	15614.95
Dog Warden	2024000121	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	59.95	Sheriff	2024000501	Dick, Kenneth W.	380
Emergency Management	2024000465	Lowe's	30.34	Sheriff	2024000496	Central Center Hardware	6.58
Emergency Management	2024000625	GFC Leasing	121.65	Sheriff	2024000496	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	37.95
Emergency Management	2024001138	Glo Fiber	148.85	Sheriff	2024000496	Ronald C Grooms	315
Emergency Management	2024001064	Joshua Garrett	163.9	Sheriff	2024000922	Perry Township, Franklin Co	13000
Emergency Management	2024000653	Mark Thompson	25.69	Sheriff	2024000124	Office City Express	662.01
Engineer	2024001020	Agro Chem Inc.	1810	Sheriff	2024000131	Amazon Capital Services	14.3
Engineer	2024001020	Amazon Capital Services	46.54	Sheriff	2024000496	Amazon Capital Services	527
Engineer	2024001057	Auto Truck Tire Center, Inc	3860	Veterans Service Commissio	2024001128	Macy K. Enterprises	500
Engineer	2024001020	Bane-Welker Equipment, LLC	77.26	Veterans Service Commissio	2024000197	ComDoc Inc	49.79
Engineer	2023002086	Houser & Son Farm Equipmen	22000	Veterans Service Commissio	2024000276	Ed Secrest	371.27
Engineer	2024000069	Kleem, Inc.	1690.22	Veterans Service Commissio	2024000700	Holdren, Greg	103.14
Engineer	2024000069	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	25.5	Veterans Service Commissio	2024001129	Stephen M. Delfenbaugh	267.44
				Veterans Service Commissio	2024000275	Price, Harold S.	446.89
				Veterans Service Commissio	2024000277	Sewards, Randy A.	323.12
				VOCA	2024000630	Horizon Technology	136.4
							\$206,172.29

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 April 15 through April 29, 2024, in the amount of \$13,269.66 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$319.00 be transferred from account code 100-00-00-0010 General into account code 239-01-13-5901 Drainage Ditch, per a request of April 29, 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$7,436.00 from Special Assessment fund into account codes per a request of April 29, 2024 from the Ross County Commissioners.

Arrow Head Village	239-01-18-7201	\$ 795.00	Northview	239-01-01-7201	\$ 585.00
Autumn Woods Executive Ctr	239-01-07-7201	\$ 510.00	Teays Valley 1	239-01-03-7201	\$ 305.00
Clayton Mills A	239-01-15-7201	\$ 255.00	Teays Valley 2	239-01-05-7201	\$ 305.00
Clayton Mills B	239-01-19-7201	\$ 255.00	Teays Valley 3	239-01-11-7201	\$ 305.00
Creekview	239-01-10-7201	\$ 585.00	Scenic Acres	239-01-04-7201	\$ 1,170.00
Cross Creek Meadows	239-01-17-7201	\$ 585.00	Slate Creek Cove	239-01-09-7201	\$ 795.00
Golfview	239-01-13-7201	\$ 476.00	Willow Creek	239-01-06-7201	\$ 510.00

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 \$319.00 from General fund into account code 239-01-13-7201 Golf View Estates, per a request of April 29, 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 \$20,000.00 from General fund into account code 100-01-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of April 29, 2024 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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 \$20,000.00 from SR 104 Sewer Project fund into account code 650-56-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of April 29, 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 \$1,198,823.00 from MV & Gas fund into account code 210-58-66-7204 Contract Projects, per a request of April 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, to appropriate \$319.00 from General fund into account code 100-00-00-7939 Drainage Ditch, per a request of April 29, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 9:12 am, 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 9:12 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 9:20 am. No action was taken.

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

RESOLUTION 019-24 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) SALT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5513.01 (B), may participate in the contracts entered into by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for supplies and materials; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has invited the Board to participate in its winter (018-25) salt contract in order to purchase rock salt; and

WHEREAS, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby enters into the ODOT Salt Participation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall execute the Agreement in the name of the Ross County Engineer as its political subdivision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and instructs the Ross County Engineer, Charles Ortman, to complete all necessary paperwork order forms and be the contract person, for the county to participate in the ODOT Salt Participation Program. Adopted this 29th day of April, 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024

WHEREAS, the Ross County Engineer, Ross County, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this, written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party's own errors, actions, and failures to act.
- d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically submitted salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 3rd, by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person (s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract.

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

COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY SURETY BOND

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the surety bond for the underground storage tanks located at the Courthouse (1), the Ross County Airport (2) and the County Engineers (4). The coverage guaranteed herein is for taking corrective action and compensates third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases from operating the underground storage tank.

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

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/ GUARDIAN AD LITEM AGREEMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the following court appointment; John Welch, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so. The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile

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

LETTER OF SUPPORT ONEOHIO GRANT ADULT PROBATION

Mr. Garrett moved Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign a letter of support for the OneOhio Grant for the Adult Probation Department for the Pretrial Case Manager Project.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to permit the event National Day of Prayer to use the Courthouse steps and Portico on Thursday May 2, 12:00 – 1:00 pm.

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

ROSS COUNTY PARK DISTRICT INTERAGENCY LICENSE AGREEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into an Interagency License Agreement made and effective this 29th day of April, 2024, by and between the Ross County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter called the "Licensor", and the Ross County Park District, hereinafter called the "Licensee". The Licensor hereby grants to Licensee, its guests and invitees, the right, privilege and permission to enter into and on a certain tract of real property known as Ross County Park. Duration of this agreement is for a period of (20) years beginning on the date of the execution hereof subject however to early termination as provided in Section Fourteen herein.

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

OTHER BUSINESS


Judge Benson updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Guardianship fund set up with MRDD, JFS, ADAMH, and Probate Court. Each member has contributed \$27,625.00 to provide Guardianship services for legally incompetent individuals. The court has tentatively contracted with Kohlman Guardianship Services to provide a Social Worker to take on this responsibility. Judge Benson requested use of a vacant office space, in his court, at no cost to the program. If he is unable to find space in another facility the Commissioners will reconsider his request.

PUBLIC HEARING CHIP 2024

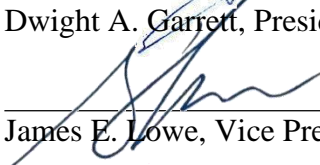
Mr. Dale Hartle President and CEO of the Ohio Regional Development Corporation held the first Public Hearing for the PY 2024 Community Housing Improvement Program available for Ross County partnering with the City of Chillicothe, to apply for funding from the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Enhancements (OCE) in 2024. The next Public Hearing will be held May 20, 2024 at 10:30 am in the Commissioners conference room.

ADJOURN

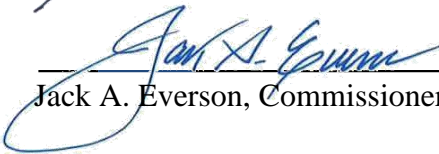
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of April 29, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner