

**JUNE 3 – MEETING 23
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 3, 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 May 28, 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 VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	Office City Express	146.2	Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	26.99
Auditor	South Central Power Company	825	Juvenile Court	Integrated Services of Appalachia	5000
Auditor	Curt Partee	14.99	Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	117.24
Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	2649	Juvenile Court	Build a Home Inc	1224
Auditor	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	29	Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	82.27
Auditor	Glo Fiber	552.47	Planning Commission	KIM HARDESTY	91
Auditor	Dept of Veterans Affairs	584	Planning Commission	Stacey Boroff	58
Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	812.81	Probate Court	Rutherford, Sherri K.	200
Automatic Data Processing Board	CDW Government, Inc.	391.82	Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	220.06
Board of Elections	Office City Express	19.26	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	17.36
Building Department	Wex Bank	354.37	Ross County Court System	Avertest, LLC	1664
Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	398.73	Ross County Court System	Amazon Capital Services	54.96
Commissioners	South Central Power Company	75	Ross County Court System	Chillicothe Gazette	54
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	227.17	Ross County Court System	Office Depot Inc.	27.86
Commissioners	American Electric Power	34.07	Ross County Court System	Chillicothe Gazette	413.7
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	95.98	Ross County Court System	WINDSWEPT FARM INC.	374.97
Commissioners	Menards	14.65	Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	847.27
Commissioners	Detillion Landscaping Co.	65.55	Sheriff	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	454	Sheriff	American Electric Power	173.69
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	8517.5	Sheriff	American Electric Power	35.92
Coroner	AMY K LUCKEYDOO MD	36.58	Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	157.5
Dog Warden	Wex Bank	1854.5	Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	93.04
Emergency Management	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	31.09	Sheriff	Treasurer, State of Ohio	262
Emergency Management	Alexander, Sharon	56	Sheriff	Insight Public Sector, Inc	127.89
Emergency Management	Glo Fiber	145.85	Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	165.46
Emergency Management	GFC Leasing	121.65	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Engineer	A & A Safety	170	Sheriff	Trinity Services Group	6183.23
Engineer	Agro Chem Inc.	469.2	Sheriff	PAUL ARLEDGE	31.4
Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	278.84	Sheriff	Welch, David Michael	400
Engineer	All-Ways Construction LLC	550	Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	360
Engineer	Bane-Welker Equipment, LLC	5207.05	Sheriff	Cottrill-Baskerville, Treiva J.	1844.8
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	434.13	Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	200
Engineer	Cooper Glass Service	749.44	Sheriff	Office City Express	68.76
Engineer	Fastenal Company	536.81	Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police Supply	250.95
Engineer	Lucas Tool Sales, LLC	107	Sheriff	DanCo Lettering	78
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	3305.8	Sheriff	Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy	250
Engineer	Menards	54.99	Sheriff	South Central Power Company	46
Engineer	Old Canal Stop	41.25	Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1035.97
Engineer	Scioto Valley Truck Center	808.25	Sheriff	American Electric Power	169.41
Engineer	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	90.85	Sheriff	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	195
Engineer	Value Added Business Services	95.25	Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	2391.24
Engineer	Office City Express	49.99	Veterans Service Commission	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	57.5
Engineer	State Electric Supply, Inc.	67.36	Veterans Service Commission	Johnetta Pulver	125.6
Engineer	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	125.3	Veterans Service Commission	Ware Funeral Home	1000
Engineer	John Deere Financial	37.97	Veterans Service Commission	Ohio State Association of Veterans	375
Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.62	VOCA	First Communications, LLC	8.22
					\$67,216.50

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 May 20 through June 3, 2024, in the amount of \$400,104.53 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, \$75.22 be transferred from account codes 420-29-03-7001 Wages (\$.98), account code 420-29-03-7012 PERS (\$.05), account code 420-29-03-7017 Medicare (\$71.29) and account code 420-29-03-7200 Equipment (\$2.90) into account code 420-29-03-7550 Other Cost ,per a request of June 3 2024 from the Ross County OCJS Drug Law Enforcement.

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 Dog & Kennel fund into account code 203-32-00-7102 Contract Repairs, per a request of June 3, 2024 from the Ross County Dog Warden.

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 \$473,000.00 from STBG/SCGP Development fund into account code 420-07-32-7165 Comprehensive Plan, per a request of June 3, 2024 from the Ross County Planning Department.

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. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending June 1, 2024.

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

The following Resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on May 20, 2024, with James E. Lowe, Jack A. Everson and Dwight A. Garrett in attendance

RESOLUTION 023-24

WHEREAS, The Ross County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC). OVRDC is a public regional planning commission within the State of Ohio, whose purpose is to influence favorably the future economic, physical, and social development of the twelve-county region through its regional development planning programs and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission promotes a cooperative planning process involving local governments, public and private agencies, and individual citizens, toward improving their region within a democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), prepared by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$7,650.00 as participating local funds for the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission to be used as part of the agency budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025. The appropriated funds to be paid on or after January 1, 2025, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ross County Board of Commissioners continues to support the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission’s Economic Development District planning partnership investment grant program with the USDOC Economic Development Administration for the annual performance period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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 10:52am, 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 10:52am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:28am. No action was taken.

ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to sign the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice contract prepared by Ohio Regional Development Corporation as part of the CDBG 2023 allocation grant.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

The monthly staff meeting was held

Ms. Heidi Carter discussed the Law Library and the difficulty finding someone there to allow entry. Ms. Carter stated there are no business hours listed, making it difficult to be able to use their services.

Auditor Lehner discussed his plan to do revaluations on properties in Ross County. He stated the last time a revaluation was done was in 2007. This will help to close the gap between the commercial and residential property values. The increased tax would be phased in over a period of time so as not to over burden the property owners with a sizeable increase all at once. Auditor Lehner also discussed reducing the 3.1 mil property tax. The Commissioners are not in favor of reducing taxes at this time do to the infrastructure projects they have planned.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 3, 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