

**JUNE 17 – MEETING 25
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 17, 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 June 10, 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	Printex Printing	2100	Fire	Lexis-Nexis	177.1
Board of Elections	B. Fink Consulting Inc.	3250	Fire	Indivision International, Inc	5000
Board of Elections	KNOWiNK, LLC	975	Fire	Compass Integration LLC	1489.47
Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	52.94	Fire	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	1426.96
Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	529.97	Fire	Compass Integration LLC	3386.46
Commissioners	Lowe's	1143.48	Fire	Amassa Capital Services	345.04
Commissioners	Springdale Garden Center	4873.44	Fire	DANA COUSINS	15.98
Commissioners	Advanced Industrial Services	18569	Fire	Empower Parcel, Inc	325
Commissioners	Speer Mechanical	1284.98	Fire	Child Protection Center of Ross	2834.89
Commissioners	American Electric Power	6627.33	Fire	Charter Communications Hold	164.98
Commissioners	World Plumbing Supply, Inc.	269.54	Fire	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC	200
Common Pleas Court #2	Office Depot Inc.	213.43	Fire	GFC Leasing	384.48
Coroner	Central Center, LLC	648.98	Fire	Printex Printing	150
Coroner	NMS Labs	630	Fire	ERIC BARBEE	43.92
Coroner	Lexis-Nexis Risk Data Mana	105	Fire	BRANDON FUCKETT	326.3
Coroner	Thomas, Jodi L.	140	Fire	CATHY LIST	38.17
Coroner	Ohio Treasurer of State	135	Fire	CATYARA RATLIFF	13.35
Coroner	MARK A GRAY	19	Fire	CASEY GATES	44.48
Dog Warden	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	130.91	Fire	BRANDON FUCKETT	1726.97
Emergency Management	Mark Thompson	16	Fire	JEFF COAKLEY	47.89
Emergency Management	Ohio Treasurer of State	165	Fire	The Water Express	26.75
Emergency Management	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	15.47	Fire	Humble Aids, LLC	887.95
Engineer	Adena Health System	100	Fire	Spacie Plus	32
Engineer	Advance Auto Parts	141.92	Fire	Hessards	3.88
Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	1022.33	Fire	Devin Tire of Chillicothe	1886.4
Engineer	B & C Communications	4590	Fire	Ralston	25.49
Engineer	Carpenter Marty Transportat	6500	Fire	Presnell, Julia	64.5
Engineer	Carpenter Marty Transportat	6142.05	Fire	Sparkle Cleaners	285.8
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	406.2	Fire	Sparkle Cleaners	18.6
Engineer	Chillicothe Steel Co.	1656	Fire	Treasurer - State of Ohio	4277
Engineer	Houser & Son Farm Equipme	8550	Fire	Amassa Capital Services	38.49
Engineer	Kleem, Inc.	302.92	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	12.8
Engineer	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio L	1500	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	5.14
Engineer	Modern Office Methods, Inc	447.65	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	18.24
Engineer	Parcel N Post Express	65.58	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	2.56
Engineer	Southern Ohio Equipment Co	137.94	Fire	Roughr Of Ohio, Inc	1285.19
Engineer	StarTec Security LLC	150	Fire	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	700
Engineer	Tow Path Materials	386.4	Fire	PR Commissioner Secretary	79
Engineer	Utility Truck Equipment	1274.5	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	268.75
Engineer	M.P. Dory	416.51	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	187.5
Jury Commission	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	160.8	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	245
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	2916.67	Fire	Roughr Of Ohio, Inc	74.54
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Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	87.58	Fire	Madara Office Methods, Inc.	59.75
Juvenile Court	Abraxas Ohio	8234.7	Fire	ChD Hauling Co.	419.4
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monito	1342	Fire	Gia Fiber	544
Juvenile Court	Verizon Wireless	538.99	Fire	Gia Fiber	155
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	3063	Fire	Gia Fiber	54.74
Juvenile Court	FIRST CAPITAL LEGAL SU	225	Fire	Gia Fiber	9247.72
Litter Control	Central Center Hardware	32.96	Fire	Callhill-Buckeyeville, Tervis	1844.8
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	706	Fire	Cogitatus	353.87
Probate Court	Hirsch Law LLC	200	Fire	Pilang Power	116.24
Probate Court	Cutright, James K.	200	Fire	Pilang Power	48.3
Probate Court	Montgomery County Probate	379	Fire	Pilang Power	48.3
Probate Court	Hamilton County Probate C	1281	Fire	Pilang Power	17.24
Probate Court	Office City Express	301.23	Fire	VISA	358
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	0.4	Fire	VISA	388
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	106.33	Fire	VISA	2239.5
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, L	29.99	Fire	Allora's Pharmacy	1587.47
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, L	1775	Fire	Adena Health System	352.94
Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	416.2	Fire	Fayette County Commissioners	7349.84
Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	177.1	Fire	Essomilla, Vanessa	228
			Fire	Welch, David Michael	488
			Fire	Jessica Johnson	548
			Fire	Trially Services Group	6163.87
			Fire	ChD Hauling LLC	184.85
			Fire	Premier Health Care Services	49866.59
			Fire	Red Diamond Uniform & Polier	1859.69
			Fire	Fellen, Lisa A.	475
			Fire	Humble Aids, LLC	189.3
			Fire	RatLIFF, Roger	196.3
			Treasurer	DAVID JEFFERS	186.94
			Yellow Springs Commission	Step-A-Lot	6824.89
			Yellow Springs Commission	The Carrot Market	1294.19
			Yellow Springs Commission	Coales Cast Metal Products	6438.65
			Yellow Springs Commission	Halter Federal Home, LLC	1888
					\$244,867.67

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 June 3 through June 17, 2024, in the amount of \$3,784.57 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, \$20,000.00 be transferred from account code 237-20-50-0010 Certificate of Title into account code 100-20-00-5937 General, per a request of June 17, 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, \$13,812.50 be transferred from account code 230-19-00-7117 Attorney Fees into account code 230-19-00-7105 Guardianship Services, per a request of June 17, 2024 from the Ross County Juvenile Probate Courts.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal form submitted by the Ross County EMA for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Laser Printer	13229	Surplus Property

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

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM JUVENILE COURT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept Judge J. Jeffrey Bensons appointment in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided, to hereby appoint Stacy Hazelton to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem in the Juvenile Division of the Ross County Court of Common Pleas, Ross, Ohio.

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

The following Resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on June 10, 2024, with James E. Lowe, Jack A. Everson and Dwight A. Garrett in attendance.

RESOLUTION 027-24

AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF THE ROSS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION BY LEAD APPLICANT, VINTON COUNTY, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE USDOT'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (ATIIP) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for active transportation spines, including sidewalks, bikeways, and pedestrian and bicycle trails, that connect between destinations with communities, and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners agrees to be co-applicant for ATIIP funds on behalf of all Co-Applicants to the project; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the co-applicant and is a qualified project under ATIIP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Ross County Commissioners:

Section 1: The Board hereby supports acting as co-applicant to the USDOT for funds as described above.

Section 2: The Board supports entering into agreements with Co-Applicants as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Section 3: That the Co-Applicants shall provide the personnel resources to support the PROJECT, with which the Lead Applicant will serve as a pass-through entity for funds between the Co-Applicant and the USDOT, where the Ross County Commissioners certifies no financial obligation of the Hocking, Athens, Vinton, Jackson, Ross, Highland, Gallia, Washington and Pike Counties Community Mobility and Connection Corridor Project other than to properly certify the use of funds of the Co-Applicant and the USDOT as specified in the project scope and the reimbursement of funds agreement.

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

CONTRACT AWARD DUNCAN & DANIELS LLC WPCLF 2023&2024 FUNDING

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to award the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Batch 5 contract to Duncan and Daniels LLC. The bid for \$40,195 was awarded on May 28, 2024. Duncan & Daniels was the only bid. This contract will repair or replace 3 systems and will be paid out of the 2023 and 2024 WPCLF funding.

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

OHIO 2025 WORKERS COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to agree to comply with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program rules, that we are a member of the County Commissioners Association Retro Group sponsoring organizations or a certified affiliate organization and would like to be included in the Group-Retrospective-Rating Program it sponsors for the policy year beginning January 1, 2025.

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

EMA DRONE PURCHASE APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the purchase of a drone for the Emergency Management Agency's use at a cost of approximately \$959.00.

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

BID OPENING RUNWAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

Bids were opened, as advertised, at 11:30am in the Commissioners Conference room. Two (2) bids were received; Shelly and Sands, Base bid - \$2,217,574.26, Alt. 1 - \$158,438.00, Alt. 2 - \$370,854.32, Alt. 3 - \$291,413.62 with the total bid of \$3,380,280.20 and Shelly Company, Base bid - \$2,149,993.40, Alt. 1 - \$141,063.80, Alt. 2 - \$417,596.75, Alt. 3 - \$346,670.46, with the total bid of \$3,055,324.41. Bids were given to Mr. Nathan Hall from Stantec for review and to make a recommendation for bid award.

CAMP CATTAIL AND PORT AUTHORITY ADDED TO CORSA

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to add the property known as Camp Cattail to the county insurance plan and to cover the newly founded Port Authority members as well.

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

QUOTE APPROVED PAINTING BY JOHNSON

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a quote from Painting by Johnson for painting the walls and door frames of the Board of Education, at a cost of \$12,900.00.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Melissa Bodey, Senior Benefit Specialist, CEBCO Health and Wellness Plans delivered the 1st. quarter reports.

ROSS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOAN ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to adjust the Ross County Health Departments loan payment to include only the principal and to forgive the interest on the loan for the rest of the payments.


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

Adjourn

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 17, 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