

AUGUST 31 – MEETING 36

VOLUME 29

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, August 31, 2026, in regular session.

Commissioner James Lowe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioner David Glass in attendance and Commissioner Everson, absent.

Commissioner Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the minutes of the August 24, 2026 meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Glass 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
Planning Commission	Adams County Regional Med	577957.77	Ross County Court System	Charter Communications	169.98
Commissioners	MS Consultants	41318.33	Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5
Automatic Data Processing B	Westside Media	180	Common Pleas Court #2	Shoemaker , Teresa L.	336
Board of Elections	Pitney Bowes	182.13	Common Pleas Court #2	Speirs, Tammy	618
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	340.8	Coroner	Extra Packaging, LLC	777.17
Automatic Data Processing B	Amazon Capital Services	249.99	Coroner	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	6.37
Automatic Data Processing B	Miller, Brady	300	Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	120
Clerk of Courts	UPS	57.76	Sheriff	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	7902
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	2167.5	Coroner	American Security	50.85
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	51.76	Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	9090.27
Clerk of Courts	Ohio Clerk of Courts Associat	210	Sheriff	American Electric Power	280.2
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	99.56	Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1337.68
Commissioners	Wex Bank	1541.64	Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	398.1
Automatic Data Processing B	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	94.81	Sheriff	LARRY MCGARVEY	450
Building Department	Wex Bank	547.49	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	5.99
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Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	45550.92	Sheriff	South Central Power Compan	58.8
Engineer	DAVID CARNES	46.5	Sheriff	Ohio Peace Officer Training A	800
Engineer	Adena Health System	604	Sheriff	American Electric Power	19077.71
Engineer	Advance Auto Parts	157.56	Commissioners	The FoulkeBlock LTD	2700
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	390.18	Sheriff	APCO, AFC, Inc.	1140
Engineer	Menards	61.23	Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Poli	38.97
Engineer	Ohio CAT	176.07	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	140.82
Engineer	Ohio South Central Railroad	39310.5	Sheriff	OhioHealth Physician Group	5.88
Engineer	Phil Leak Company	404.9	Sheriff	Mid-Ohio Emergency Services	94.23
Engineer	Rowley Brothers Inc	287.7	Sheriff	Grant Medical Center	22.86
Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	385.07	Sheriff	Adena Health System	177.03
Engineer	Southeastern Equipment Co.	271.5	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	47.64
Engineer	WW. Williams	626.21	Sheriff	American Electric Power	118.55
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	24716.92	Sheriff	American Electric Power	312.26
Commissioners	South Central Power Compan	108.95	Auditor	Google, Inc.	3344.25
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	189.75	Veterans Service Commission	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
Automatic Data Processing B	CDW Government, Inc.	885.95	Auditor	South Central Power Compan	1658
Commissioners	Printex Printing	414	Auditor	American Electric Power	4740.69
Commissioners	JAMES R HARRIS	750	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	315
Emergency Management	Gordon Flesch Company	121.65	Board of Elections	US Postal Service	1130
Planning Commission	Strennen Construction LLC	3450	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	450
Planning Commission	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	5522.27	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	480
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	1972.61	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	322.5
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	2719.24	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1515
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	38.38	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	262.5
Planning Commission	City of Logan	1486717.81	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1065
Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	39.04	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	202.5
Planning Commission	Ross County Treasurer	30000	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	172.5
Commissioners	American Electric Power	47.16	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	187.5
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	833	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1005
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	3333	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225
Planning Commission	Joshua Houck	24995	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1050
Planning Commission	City of Logan	36425	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	150
Engineer	Eli Martin Surveying, LLC	2000	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	322.5
Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	63.14	VOCA	Glo Fiber	30.7
Certificate of Title	US Bank Equipment Finance	118.89	VOCA	Glo Fiber	107.49
Commissioners	American Electric Power	625.07	VOCA	First Communications, LLC	6.58
Commissioners	Accurate Heating & Cooling	500	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	510
Commissioners	Liberty Mutual	100	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	112.5
Engineer	Shelly & Sands, Inc	147526.47	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	300
Planning Commission	Mount Zion Black Cultural Ce	95846.58	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	300
Planning Commission	HARDLINES DESIGN COMPANY	8337.5	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	412.5
Adult Probation	Casey Oates	182.5	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	127.5
Veterans Service Commission	OSACVSO	100	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	112.5
Probate Court	Ohio Judicial Conference	375	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	180
Probate Court	Ohio Association of Probate	150	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	135
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	2333	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	405
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	863	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	405
Law Library	West Group	1280.55	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	165
Board of Elections	The Water Express	27.48	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	495
Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	151.97	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	142.5
Board of Elections	US Bank Equipment Finance	584.98	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	112.5
Ross County Court System	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	733.52	Auditor	Jessica McDonald	352.5
			Auditor	Brehm, Eric	3840
			Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	125
			Emergency Management	Alexander, Sharon	74
			Emergency Management	B & C Communications	160
					\$3,016,446.95

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated August 17, 2026 through August 31, 2026, in the amount of \$8,905.52 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. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, absent, Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$8,000.00 from account codes 100-01-05-7107 Utilities AP (\$2,500.00), account code 100-01-05-7150 Supplies (\$2,500.00), account code 100-01-05-7200 (\$1,000.00) and account code 100-01-10-7150 (\$2,000.00), into account code 100-01-04-7107 Utilities, per a request of August 31, 2026 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$10,050.00 from account code 100-01-00-7123 Legal Council, into account code 100-01-04-7156 Fuel (\$8,000.00) and account code 100-01-04-7106 Rental (\$2,050.00), per a request of August 31, 2026 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$2,000.00 from account code 100-01-23-7001 Salaries Employees, into account code 100-01-23-7100 Travel, per a request of August 31, 2026 from the Ross County Building Department.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$4,238.00 from account code 207-01-00-7001 Salaries Employees, into account code 207-01-00-7014 Group Insurance, per a request of August 31, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$4,500.00 from account code 100-52-61-7101 Outreach & Advertising, into account code 100-52-61-7014 Group Insurance, per a request of August 31, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$4,187.28 from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS, into account code 231-51-00-0010 Children Services, per a request of August 24, 2026 from the Ross County Veterans Service.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Common Pleas 2 for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Stool	165922	Good

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

RESERVE INVESTIGATOR CORONERS OFFICE

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the appointment, by the Ross County Coroner, of Westly Spradlin as Reserve Investigator for the Ross County Coroner’s office effective June 1, 2026. He will be subject to a BCI/FBI Background check and to all policies of this office and of that of Ross County. His duties will include death investigations. His salary, while in training, will be \$200 per pay period. He has the New Hire Paperwork and was instructed to submit when completed.

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

ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL ESTATE TAXES – UNION HEIGHTS SEWER SUB-DISTRICT SUBSCRIBER DELINQUENCIES

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners submit to the auditor of Ross County the following list of Union Height Sewer Sub-District subscriber delinquencies for three (3) months or more, and request that such delinquencies be assessed against the subject property taxes, effective as of August 31, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6119.06 (W) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that the billing clerk for the said sewer sub-district be authorized to record such assessments and remove these delinquencies from the current billings of the Union Heights Sewer Sub-District, effective with the close of business on September 2, 2025.

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

REQUEST TO REQUEST/NOT REQUEST HEARING FOR NEW LIQUOR PERMIT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to not request a hearing for a new liquor permit for Cottrill's Buckskin Market, 3501 State Route 28, South Salem OH 45681, Muni/Village/Twp: Buckskin Twp.

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

AMENDMENT 3 BLACK HORSE INN MONROE THEATER GEORGETOWN STREETScape

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the third amendment to the ACGP grant agreement between Ohio Department of Development and Ross County which provides additional grant funding for the Black Horse Inn, Monroe Theater, and Georgetown Streetscape/Visitor Center. The amendment increases the total award to \$155,075,958.00. These additional funds will help ensure the project is transformational as the ACGP set out to do.

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

CERTIFICATION SUBSTANIAL COMPLETION CLARKSBURG THIRD STREET REPLACEMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve the Change Order 3, Estimate of Work Complete, and Certification of Substantial Completion for the Clarksburg Third Street Replacement Project that is funded using CDBG Critical Infrastructure funding.

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

AUTHORIZED CERTIFICATION FOR OPWC DISBURSEMENTS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve Disbursement Request Certification is for C016AC (Project ID) Request Number 2 (Final) in the amount of \$130,148.13. This request reflects Project completion at an estimated 100%.

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

ALARM MONITORING SERVICE INTEGRATED PROTECTION SERVICES

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve the alarm monitoring services for the Ross County Courthouse for courtroom one, charged annually in the amount of \$600.00. Payments for these services shall begin on September 01, 2026.

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

ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT CLOSEOUT REPORT RUNWAY 5 BLAST PAD

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve the close out report to Construct Runway 5 Blast Pad for the amount of \$354,878.00, which 90% of the project was paid by FAA grant funds. The ESA was complete on 2/8/2024. The AIP grant agreement was completed on 09/03/2024. The construction contract was complete on 9/17/2024. Construction began on 05/05/2025 and was completed on 07/29/2025.

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

ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT CLOSEOUT REPORT RUNWAY 23 REHAB AND BLAST PAD

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve the close out report to Rehabilitate Runway 5/23 (5,405 feet x 100 feet) - Construction (Phase 2 of 3); Construct Runway 23 Blast Pad (150 feet x 120 feet) for a cost of \$2,552,990.00 which 90% of the project was paid by FAA grant funds. The ESA was complete on 2/8/2024. The AIP grant agreement was completed on 09/09/2024. The construction contract was complete on 9/17/2024. Construction began on 05/05/2025 and was completed on 07/29/2025.

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

PAY APPLICATION 9 TAM CONSTRUCTION STATE ROUTE 104 SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve pay application 9 for work completed on the State Route 104 Sewer project in the amount of \$355,624.91.

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

CHANGE ORDER 6 STATE ROUTE 104 SEWER PROJECT TAM CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve change order 4 for the State Route 104 Sewer project or an additional lateral at the Ross County Airport. This change order is necessary to provide sanitary sewer service for the airport at 1498 Stone Road at an increase of \$14,005.00.

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

VANDERMARK LANE/ROAD VACATION REQUEST

Mr. Glass moved, and Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the recommendation of County Engineer regarding the vacation of a portion of the right-of-way on Vandermark Lane/Road. Under the recommendation, all right-of-way located on the **Bruce side of the line** shall be vacated, while a **30-foot-wide by 60-foot-long portion** shall remain public for use by Mr. Dailey and Mr. Bruce, the Township, U.S. Mail delivery, trash collection, and other necessary public services. The 60-foot measurement shall be taken from the centerline of the paved portion of Vandermark Lane. The remaining portion on the **Dailey side**, beginning 60 feet from the centerline and extending thence northeasterly to the end of the lane, shall also be vacated. Any individual utilizing the remaining public portion of the roadway to facilitate improvements or work on the vacated private portion shall be required to obtain a permit through the County Engineer’s Office. The County Engineer’s Office shall coordinate any necessary Township permits.

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

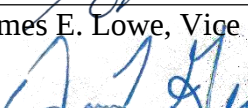
OTHER BUSINESS

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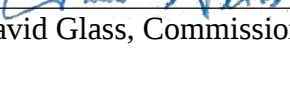
Mr. James E. Lowe, Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of August 31, 2026, at 10:30, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner