

**JANUARY 27- MEETING 4
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, January 27, 2026, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting, be approved as submitted. On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. 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
Engineer	Smith Spring, Inc.	2049.04	Wellness	Amazon Capital Services	140.68
Engineer	Office City Express	209.41	Veterans Service Commission	Robert Davis	309.75
Engineer	Morton Salt	15631.07	Veterans Service Commission	Haldren, Greg	66.37
Engineer	Morton Salt	13086.42	Veterans Service Commission	McGee, Matt	368.77
Engineer	The McGlaughlin Oil Co.	4943.7	Veterans Service Commission	Seward, Randy A.	331.79
Engineer	M&M Fabrication	490	Veterans Service Commission	Chillicothe Utilities Department	200
Engineer	Main & High Shortstop	311.96	Veterans Service Commission	J&W Enterprises Inc	500
Engineer	Kleen, Inc.	629.44	Sheriff	Scioto Shoe Mart	125.98
Engineer	Huntrungan Market LLC	100	Sheriff	ID Networks	3495
Engineer	Hawer & Son Farm Equipment	194	Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police	1442.64
Engineer	Hart, Linda	725	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Engineer	Kenworth Truck Co.	1606.54	Sheriff	Premier Health Care Services	42260.23
Engineer	Fartional Company	198.67	Sheriff	Adena Health System	387.64
Engineer	Dexter Company	320	Sheriff	Allon's Pharmacy	902.44
Engineer	County Sanitary Service, Inc	350	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	49.49
Engineer	Columbus Equipment Co.	79.78	Sheriff	Adena Health System	454.5
Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	322.42	Sheriff	Printex Printing	530.61
Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	113.38	Sheriff	Adam H. Buckler DDS, LLC	131.67
Engineer	Advanced Hydraulics and Hard	685.24	Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	1692.23
Engineer	A-1 Limestane	36.64	Sheriff	Dell Marketing LP	12634
Engineer	A-1 Limestane	423.36	Sheriff	Office City Express	5
Emergency Management	Emergency Management Area	400	Sheriff	Office City Express	34.2
Emergency Management	AT&T Mobility	286.57	Sheriff	Office City Express	32.06
Emergency Management	Printex Printing	412	Sheriff	Janina Johnson	253
Emergency Management	Gordon Flech Company	121.65	Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc.	8152.28
Emergency Management	Ohio Treasurer of State	180	Sheriff	Ercamilla, Vanessa	484
Emergency Management	Mark Thompson	16	Sheriff	Furhol, Dauney, Albrecht & Rio	1150
Emergency Management	Alexander, Sharon	99	Sheriff	Furhol, Dauney, Albrecht & Rio	500
Dog Warden	Penwell, Julia	40.95	Sheriff	Valvaline, Inc.	92.62
Dog Warden	Amazon Capital Services	65.58	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	407.28
Dog Warden	Penwell, Julia	430.97	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	330.96
Dog Warden	Amazon Capital Services	254.92	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	378.73
Dog Warden	Pneu-Dart, Inc.	146.58	Sheriff	Glo Fiber	1631.69
Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	50	Sheriff	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc.	219.98
Coroner	AT&T Mobility	149.57	Sheriff	Max Adair	210.6
Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	5500	Sheriff	T-Mobile	250
Common Plea Court #2	Office City Express	186.25	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	103.2
Common Plea Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	78.99	Sheriff	Glo Fiber	2328.63
Common Plea Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	60.69	Sheriff	Ross County Court System	891.81
Common Plea Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	67.99	Sheriff	US Bank Equipment Finance	430.24
Common Plea Court #1	Brittany Jodwin	48.25	Sheriff	Stepmobile LLC	94
Commissioners	Mackinac Software, LLC	1068	Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flech Co., Inc.	1095
Commissioners	Attack Fire & Security	1130	Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	750
Commissioners	Dynatec, Inc.	3220	Probate Court	Globe Furniture	65
Commissioners	Setterlin Building Company	187337.3	Planning Commission	Ohio Historical Society, Inc.	58216.17
Commissioners	Sedquic Claims Management	4625	Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc.	2719.24
Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	22.7	Planning Commission	Village of Zaleski	407793.7
Commissioners	Griegby Environmental Consult	1600	Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development Co.	18750
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	262.96	Planning Commission	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	2418.55
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	465.77	Planning Commission	Ross County Treasurer	3736
Commissioners	B & B Roofing, Inc.	720	Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development Co.	3734
Commissioners	Glo Fiber	238.58	Planning Commission	Roger Hemming Contractor LLC	6350
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	62.6	Planning Commission	Roger Hemming Contractor LLC	2325
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	105.63	Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Soci	159979.73
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	743.75	Planning Commission	Goodhus Consulting, Inc.	602.5
Commissioners	Ross County Historical Society	5000	Planning Commission	Parcels N' Part Express	93.97
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	1262.5	Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Battled Wat.	25.5
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	937.5	Planning Commission	Adams County Regional Medic	267563.62
Auditor	American Electric Power	2826.87	Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	4367.5
Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	2841.91	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Battled Wat.	26
Auditor	South Central Power Company	1613	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Battled Wat.	21
Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	250	Juvenile Court	Genacross Lutheran Services	4000
Auditor	Benzan, Melinda J	250	Juvenile Court	Genacross Lutheran Services	11000
Auditor	Berry, Jennifer	96	Juvenile Court	Ohio Association of Magistrate	125
Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	236.71	Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	117.68
Auditor	J.L. Uhriq & Associate	550	Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	3900.95
Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defor	118128	Engineer	WW. Williams	234.04
Auditor	City of Chillicothe Auditor's Of	60571.89	Engineer	U.S. Partmaster	418
Auditor	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	60	Engineer	Tow Path Materials	138.6
Adult Probation	The Water Express	64.13	Engineer	State Electric Supply, Inc.	408.84
		\$1,513,660.38	Engineer	Southeastern Equipment Co.	98.99

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated January 12, 2026 through January 26, 2026, in the amount of \$45,090.70 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, yes. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$7,887.59 from Marriage License Fund into account code 216-19-00-7127 Shelters, per a request of January 26, 2026 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on January 27, 2026, with Jack A.

Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass in attendance:

RESOLUTION 006-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS STATE-OWNED LAND TO ROSS COUNTY, OHIO FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROSS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), owns approximately 1,200 acres of land in Ross County associated with the Chillicothe Correctional Institution and the Ross Correctional Institution; and

WHEREAS, portions of this state-owned property are noncontiguous with secure correctional operations and have historically been used for agricultural or residential purposes; and

WHEREAS, Ross County has identified three areas of particular strategic importance (See attached maps): approximately 77.8 acres of undeveloped land fronting State Route 104 and approximately 95 acres fronting Pleasant Valley Road, and approximately 51 acres fronting Sandusky Boulevard all of which are located within high-demand growth corridors identified in the Ross County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Comprehensive Plan establishes a clear vision for supporting additional housing, expanding economic opportunities, and encouraging infill development in targeted corridors to strengthen the county's long-term economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, local control of these excess state-owned lands—whether through the Ross County Land Reutilization Corporation, the Ross County Community Improvement Corporation, or other authorized county economic development entities—would enable Ross County to advance the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and respond to increasing demand for housing and job-creating development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the strategic reuse of publicly owned land is essential to supporting workforce retention, attracting new investment, and ensuring that Ross County remains competitive in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes that collaboration between Ross County and the State of Ohio is necessary to ensure that excess state-owned land is evaluated, designated, and transferred in a manner that benefits both state and local interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, that the Board hereby expresses its full support for the transfer of excess state-owned land within Ross County to county-controlled economic development entities for the purposes of:

- advancing economic development initiatives;
- supporting the creation of additional housing;
- promoting infill development along the SR-104 and Pleasant Valley Road corridors; and
- implementing the goals and strategies outlined in the Ross County Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners formally requests that the State of Ohio engage with Ross County officials to evaluate and initiate the survey and transfer of the identified areas, and that the Board stands ready to collaborate fully in this process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the State of Ohio consider enacting legislation authorizing Ross County and the appropriate State agencies to coordinate efforts, engage in direct discussions, and evaluate the identified areas of interest for development suitability, and to facilitate the transfer of excess state-owned property within those areas to Ross County through the Ross County Land Reutilization Corporation, the Ross County Community Improvement Corporation, or another appropriate mechanism."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and to any other state officials as appropriate.

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

AMENDMENT 1 ARCHITECT AGREEMENT CHAUNCEY STREETSCAPE PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve Amendment 1 to the Architect Agreement for the Chauncey Streetscape Project. The Basic Services fees to be paid to the Architect are increased by \$7,500 for the design and construction administration costs related to (1) design of safety improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Converse and Main Street to reduce hazards, and (2) analysis of maneuverability for recommended infrastructure to allow truck network access along Converse Street, and design improvements to infrastructure based on analysis. The total amount of Basic Services fees, as revised by this Amendment, payable to the Architect under this Agreement shall not exceed \$195,500 including Reimbursable Expenses.

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

2026 CHIP GRANT AD FOR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the ad for Request for Proposals to administer the 2026 CHIP Grant.

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL EXCISE TAX

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve signing the Certificate of Exemption from Federal Excise Tax to prevent certification and hereby claims exemption from taxes imposed by Section 4251 of the Internal Revenue Code on the purchase of taxable services from GloInternet for Ross County Juvenile Court.

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

CHANGE ORDERS ACGP UNESCO CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a change order for the UNESCO Construction Project at no expense to the County.

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

AMENDMENT 1 BAINBRIDGE GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve signing amendment 1 for the ACGP grant agreement between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Village of Bainbridge. This amendment increases the grant agreement by \$468,473. Additional project funding was received from Department of Development.

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

REQUEST FOR HEARING LIQUOR PERMIT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to not hold a hearing for the transfer of a liquor permit from Neills Pit Stop LLC, 122 Old Vandenmark Rd., Sidney OH 45365 to Cross Creek Petroleum LLC, Plaza 50, 29094 US Rt. 50, Chillicothe OH 45601, Liberty Township.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
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1	Brother Printer	15869	Surplus Property
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On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

TIME SHEET APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending January 24, 2026.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 9:20 am, to discuss matters Required to be Kept Confidential.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 9:20 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:13 am. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Work Session Ross County Park District

ADJOURN

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of January 27, at 10:15 am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner