

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	Martan Salt	15631.07	Veterans Service Commission	Haldron, Greg	66.37
Engineer	Martan 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	Kleem, Inc.	629.44	Sheriff	Sciata Shoe Mart	125.98
Engineer	Huntman Market LLC	100	Sheriff	ID Network	3495
Engineer	Hauer & San Farm Equipment	194	Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police	1443.64
Engineer	Hart, Linda	725	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Engineer	Kenuearth Truck Co.	1606.54	Sheriff	Premier Health Care Services	42260.23
Engineer	Fartona Company	198.67	Sheriff	Adena Health System	387.64
Engineer	Dexter Company	320	Sheriff	Allen's Pharmacy	902.44
Engineer	County Sanitary Service, Inc	350	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	49.49
Engineer	Calumbar Equipment Co.	79.78	Sheriff	Adena Health System	454.5
Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	322.42	Sheriff	Printex Printing	530.61
Engineer	Airgar Great Lakes	113.38	Sheriff	Adam H Buckler DDS, LLC	131.67
Engineer	Advanced Hydraulics and Hardware	685.24	Sheriff	Penuell, Julia	1682.23
Engineer	A-1 Limortane	36.64	Sheriff	Dell Marketing LP	12634
Engineer	A-1 Limortane	423.36	Sheriff	Office City Express	5
Emergency Management	Emergency Management Assoc	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	Garden Flerch 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	Firhol, Dauney, Albrecht & Rie	1150
Emergency Management	Alexander, Sharan	99	Sheriff	Firhol, Dauney, Albrecht & Rie	500
Dag Warden	Penuell, Julia	40.95	Sheriff	Valvaline, Inc.	92.62
Dag Warden	Amazon Capital Services	65.58	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	407.28
Dag Warden	Penuell, Julia	430.97	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	330.96
Dag Warden	Amazon Capital Services	254.92	Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	378.73
Dag Warden	Pneu-Dart, Inc.	146.58	Sheriff	Gla Fiber	1631.69
Caraner	Kent Harzhbarger, M.D.	50	Sheriff	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	219.98
Caraner	AT&T Mobility	149.57	Sheriff	Max Adair	210.6
Caraner	Kent Harzhbarger, M.D.	5500	Sheriff	T-Mobile	250
Camman Floor Court #2	Office City Express	186.25	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	103.2
Camman Floor Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	78.99	Sheriff	Gla Fiber	2328.63
Camman Floor Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	60.69	Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	891.81
Camman Floor Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	67.99	Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	430.24
Camman Floor Court #1	Brittany Jadwin	48.25	Ross County Court System	Stepmobile LLC	94
Commisrioners	Mackinac Software, LLC	1068	Prosecuting Attorney	Garden Flerch Co, Inc.	1095
Commisrioners	Atech Fire & Security	1130	Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	750
Commisrioners	Dynatec, Inc	3220	Probate Court	Globe Furniture	65
Commisrioners	Satterlin Building Company	187337.3	Planning Commisrion	Ohio Historical Society, Inc	58216.17
Commisrioners	Sedquick Claims Management	4625	Planning Commisrion	American Structure Paint, Inc	2719.24
Commisrioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	22.7	Planning Commisrion	Village of Zaleski	407793.7
Commisrioners	Griegby Environmental Control	1600	Planning Commisrion	Ohio Regional Development Co	18750
Commisrioners	DTE Distributors, Inc.	262.96	Planning Commisrion	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	2418.55
Commisrioners	Warly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	465.77	Planning Commisrion	Ross County Treasurer	3736
Commisrioners	B & B Roofing, Inc.	720	Planning Commisrion	Ohio Regional Development Co	3734
Commisrioners	Gla Fiber	238.58	Planning Commisrion	Roger Hamming Contractor LL	6350
Commisrioners	Warly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	62.6	Planning Commisrion	Roger Hamming Contractor LL	23525
Commisrioners	Sherwin Williams Company	105.63	Planning Commisrion	Athens County Historical Soci	159979.73
Commisrioners	Bricker Graydan LLP	743.75	Planning Commisrion	Goodhue Consulting, Inc	602.5
Commisrioners	Ross County Historical Society	5000	Planning Commisrion	Parcel N Part Express	83.97
Commisrioners	Bricker Graydan LLP	1262.5	Planning Commisrion	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	25.5
Commisrioners	Bricker Graydan LLP	937.5	Planning Commisrion	Adams County Regional Medic	267563.62
Auditor	American Electric Power	2826.87	Planning Commisrion	Bricker Graydan LLP	4367.5
Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	2841.91	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	26
Auditor	South Central Power Company	1613	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	21
Auditor	Rutherford, Charee Galin	250	Juvenile Court	Genesis Lutheran Services	4000
Auditor	Benzon, Melinda J	250	Juvenile Court	Genesis Lutheran Services	11000
Auditor	Berry, Jennifer	96	Juvenile Court	Ohio Association of Magistrate	125
Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	236.71	Juvenile Court	King, Krinton	117.68
Auditor	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	550	Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	3900.95
Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defen	118128	Engineer	WW. Williams	234.04
Auditor	City of Chillicothe Auditor's Of	60571.89	Engineer	U.S. Postmaster	418
Auditor	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	60	Engineer	Tau 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 AMINISTRATOR**  
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
1	Brother Printer	15869	Surplus Property

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**

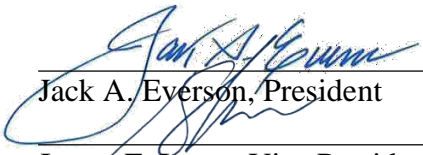
The executive session called at 9:20 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:13 am. No action was taken.

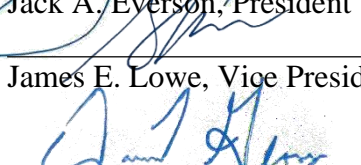
**OTHER BUSINESS**

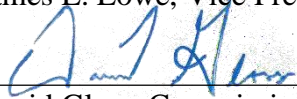
**Work Session Ross County Park District**

**ADJOURN**

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

  
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Jack A. Everson, President

  
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James E. Lowe, Vice President

  
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David Glass, Commissioner