

OCTOBER 20 – MEETING 42
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, October 20, 2025, 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 October 14, 2025 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
Veterans Service Commission	Gustin, Tom S.	500	Engineer	MD Solutions	17924.5
Veterans Service Commission	The Corner Market	500	Engineer	MD Solutions	2306.5
Veterans Service Commission	Printex Printing	120	Engineer	Hedges Supply Inc	521.1
Veterans Service Commission	Sewards, Randy A.	295.61	Engineer	G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc.	496.83
Veterans Service Commission	McGee, Matt	453.76	Engineer	Carpenter Marty Transportati	37384.65
Veterans Service Commission	Finley , John	261.25	Engineer	Auto Truck Tire Center, Inc	1100
Veterans Service Commission	Robert Davis	364.38	Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	304.68
Treasurer	NAR Solutions	450	Engineer	All-Ways Construction LLC	280
Sheriff	Dell Marketing LP	897.42	Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	1218.89
Sheriff	KEVIN PIERCE	513.1	Engineer	Adena Health System	50
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	1348.36	Emergency Management	Ohio Treasurer of State	180
Sheriff	Treasurer of State	321	Dog Warden	Amazon Capital Services	53.95
Sheriff	AutoZone	204.02	Dog Warden	Muffler Brothers	283.94
Sheriff	BRENTON DAVIDSON	192.08	Dog Warden	Ross County Humane Society	1220
Sheriff	APCO, AFC, Inc.	35	Coroner	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	11.79
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1540.21	Coroner	MARK A GRAY	19
Sheriff	DPS Media, Inc	143	Coroner	NMS Labs	877
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	59.13	Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	145.13
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	236.48	Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	5550
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	118.24	Common Pleas Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	78.99
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	295.65	Common Pleas Court #1	Sheila R. Skaggs	115.9
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9	Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	14
Sheriff	Adena Health System	12.73	Commissioners	Schooley Caldwell Associates	42.96
Sheriff	Premier Health Care Services, In	38893.25	Commissioners	The Theater People	6983.42
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	242.37	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	176.1
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	298.08	Commissioners	Charles E. Harris & Associates	750
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	12.85	Commissioners	B & C Communications	3300
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8123.47	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	57.23
Sheriff	Fayette County Commissioners	2682.03	Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.72
Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	368	Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	1127.34
Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	352	Certificate of Title	Office City Express	398.81
Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	11691	Certificate of Title	US Bank Equipment Finance	115.58
Sheriff	North Coast Polytechnic Institu	110	Building Department	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	8.5
Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	2923.94	Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	11.74
Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	4647.25	Building Department	Verizon Wireless	160.44
Ross County Court System	Stepmobile LLC	84	Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software, In	1828
Probate Court	JENNIFER ATER	30	Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	83.59
Probate Court	CNBLA'w, LLC	750	Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	89.99
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	200	Board of Elections	Office City Express	23.96
Probate Court	Safeguard Business Systems	115.55	Board of Elections	Triad Governmental System	232
Probate Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	30.25	Board of Elections	Printex Printing	122
Planning Commission	Schooley Caldwell Associates	3031.4	Automatic Data Processing Bo	US Bank Equipment Finance	492.85
Planning Commission	Village of Chauncey	20000	Auditor	Glo Fiber	931.95
Planning Commission	Monroe Arts Council	9250	Auditor	Glo Fiber	678
Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	25	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	250
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	31.89	Auditor	KARYN JUSTICE	1582.5
Planning Commission	DESIGNING LOCAL LTD	9400	Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At La	615
Planning Commission	HARDLINES DESIGN COMPA	14040.55	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	442.5
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corpor	1770	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	847.5
Planning Commission	Goodhue Consulting, Inc	1687.5	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1770
Planning Commission	Montrose Group, LLC	5000	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	607.5
Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	810	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	817.5
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	318	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1357.5
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate	32.25	Auditor	Berry, Jennifer	192
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	12.79	Adult Probation	Casey Oates	511
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	2916.67	Adult Probation	Casey Oates	23.61
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	7916.66	Adult Probation	Josie Simmons	147.8
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitorin	1925	Adult Probation	Cathy List	46.19
Engineer	Dexter Company	161.69	Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	237.8
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	24858.38	Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	44.99
Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	296.43	Adult Probation	U.S. Postmaster	226
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	18377.88	Adult Probation	Brandon Puckett	462
Engineer	Unifirst First Aid Corp	277.9	Adult Probation	Intrinsic Interventions, Inc	6000
Engineer	Southeastern Equipment Co.	212.88	Adult Probation	Verizon Wireless	128.84
Engineer	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	248.34	Adult Probation	Brandon Puckett	42.88
Engineer	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	473.99			
Engineer	MD Solutions	17924.5			
Engineer	MD Solutions	2306.5			

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. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated October 6, 2025 through October 20, 2025, in the amount of \$10,253.59 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$37,949.50 account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 088-06-01-5901 SCOJFS Public Assist, per a request of October 20, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$38,128.00 from General Fund into account code 100-11-02-7123 Public Defender Office, per a request of October 20, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to de-appropriate (\$27,777.15) from Ohio Recovery Grant Fund, account code 420-29-11-7200 Equipment, per a request of October 20, 2025 from the Ross County US 23 Major Crimes Task Force.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$35,000.00 from General Fund into account code 100-19-00-7014 Group Insurance Probate Court, per a request of October 20, 2025 from the Ross County Probate Juvenile Court.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$80.00 from Drainage Ditch Golf View Fund into account code 239-01-13-7201 Golf View Estates, per a request of October 20, 2025 from the Ross County Commissioners.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 Sheriff for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	2016 Ford Explorer	002969	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 October18, 2025.

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

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule as listed below.

Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday January 19
Washington’s Birthday	Monday February 16
Good Friday (close at noon)	Friday April 3
Memorial Day	Monday May 25
Juneteenth Independence Day	Friday June 19
Independence Day	Friday July 3
Ross County Fair Day (close at noon)	Wednesday August 5
Labor Day	Monday September 7
Columbus Day	Monday October 12
Veterans Day	Wednesday November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday November 26
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday November 27
Christmas Eve	Thursday December 24
Christmas Day	Friday December 25
New Year’s Eve	Wednesday December 31
New Year’s Day	Thursday January 1, 2027

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

CONTRACT FULFILLMENT PLEASANT VALLEY SEWER OCTOBER 25 2025

Mr. Glass move, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners waive the payment due December 15, 2024 and declare as of October 25, 2024, all terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement between the County and the Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District have been fully satisfied and fulfilled.

Accordingly, the County Commissioners hereby convey full ownership, including all rights, title, and interest, in and to the facilities and all associated appurtenances and easements, to the Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District.

Effective upon this conveyance, the County shall retain no further interest in the facilities or easements, and the Lease Agreement shall be considered null, void, and of no further force or effect.

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

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PAYMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the payment for two projects, Design - \$2,125.00, 2177 West Junction Rd. and Repair - \$7,415.00, 149 Camelin Hill Rd. for a total cost of \$9,540.00.

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

AMENDMENT 2 UNESCO/WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Mr. Glass move, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve Amendment no.2 for the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the UNESCO/World Heritage contract between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and Bruns Construction. This project is fully funded under the Appalachian Community Grant Program. GMP #2 Total: \$1,467,341.23

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

REAPPOINTMENT PLEASANT VALLEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to re-appoint Greg Williamson to the Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District as representative for Ross County Water, for a three-year term, effective October 31, 2025.

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

ADDENDUM TO COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTION SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the addendum between the State of Ohio, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and Ross County (name of organization) located at 15 N Paint St (address). ODRC and the Grantee entered into an agreement effective the original date of approval. ODRC and the Grantee now desire to amend the original fiscal year 2026/2027 Community Corrections Grant Agreement.

	Base Award	PSI Award	Incentive Award	Addendum Increase	Addendum Decrease	New Total Award
CCA 2.0	\$378,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,831.00	\$0.00	\$405,831.00
TCAP	\$615,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$615,690.00
PSG	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

This addendum shall be effective on the date of the last signature. Total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 will not in any case exceed \$1,021,521.00 (total grant award amount).

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

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve pay application No. 1 from Burglund Construction for services rendered for the Courthouse Restoration Project in the amount of \$48,249.80.

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

BID OPENING ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER

Bids were opened at 10:00am, as advertised. 7 bids were received; Stockmeister, LLC - \$1,039,555.00, D.E. Huddleston - \$1,084,500.00, Roger Himmings - \$1,197,000.00, Nex-Gen - \$1,249,850.00, Lehman Damon - \$1,291,800.00, Elford - \$1,339,000.00 and TAT Realty - \$1,429,950.00. Bids will be given to Bricker Grayden to review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Economic Work Session was held

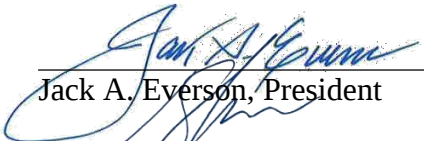
Budget meetings – Treasurer, Job and Family Services, Soil & Water

Bottoms up Diaper Bank – Mr. Tim Welsh provided information on the program Bottoms Up - We currently partner with 7 food pantries and childcare centers in Ross County. We provide both diapers and potty-training kits to these partners to distribute to those in need to make sure babies are clean dry and healthy and also have the opportunity to potty train at the appropriate age. We have currently reached out to additional partners and anticipate growing in Ross county in the future.

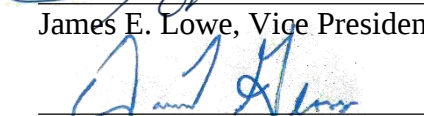
Buckskin Township – Trustees James VanZant and Bart Barton, along with the Township Zoning Inspector, Mark McCloskey discussed HB501 regarding solar projects within counties and townships. The county comprehensive plan does not determine which businesses townships may allow within their jurisdiction. Instead, it offers guidelines to help identify the most appropriate types of growth for specific areas. If a township wishes to allow solar projects it is their discretion to do so.

ADJOURN

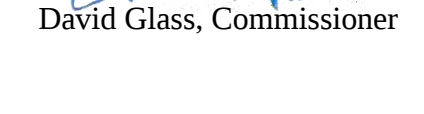
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of October 20 at 11:00 a.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner