

**FEBRUARY 2– MEETING 5
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, February 2, 2026, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the minutes of the January 27, 2026 meeting, be approved as submitted. On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Glass, absent. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
VOCA	First Communications, LLC	6.23
VOCA	Glo Fiber	177.72
Veterans Service Commissi	Tyler Technologies Inc.	1903.76
Sheriff	Tim Lally Chevrolet, Inc	239456.25
Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	330.76
Sheriff	PAUL HA'WK	660
Sheriff	Fayette County Commission	246.62
Sheriff	South Central Power Comp	51.45
Sheriff	Central Center Hardware	275.88
Sheriff	American Electric Power	18932.51
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	1092.79
Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	2714.88
Sheriff	American Electric Power	462.76
Sheriff	Indigital Telecom	1462.9
Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	238
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	956.75
Sheriff	Adena Health System	216.13
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	243.43
Sheriff	Office City Express	43.03
Sheriff	Office City Express	7.71
Sheriff	Office City Express	25.57
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	7999.55
Sheriff	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	1080
Sheriff	Krace Gill	320
Sheriff	BRYAN SMITH	280.08
Sheriff	Menards	37.26
Ross County Court System	Charter Communications	169.98
Ross County Court System	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	500.67
Recorder	David Hirschler	110.65
Recorder	GOVOS INC	2759.15
Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	141.58
Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	391.44
Probate Court	Montgomery County Probate	157.13
Probate Court	Hamilton County Probate C	543
Planning Commission	Treasurer, State of Ohio	200
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	69384.2
Planning Commission	Roger Hemming Contractor	1363
Planning Commission	Roger Hemming Contractor	500
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	5422
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	3219
Planning Commission	HARDLINES DESIGN COM	9879.87
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	42120
Planning Commission	Beyond Consulting Group LL	40385.11
Planning Commission	BDT AID, Inc	32703.12
Planning Commission	City of Logan	28200
Planning Commission	Ohio Historical Society, Inc	29058.12
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	2413.88
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	25.48
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	20.98
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	447.76
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	84.96
Engineer	U.S. Postmaster	32
Engineer	Morton Salt	64032.13
Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	605.13
Engineer	Noble Plumbing & Heating	852.78

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Engineer	Advance Auto Parts	303.51
Engineer	Main & High Shortstop	233.94
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	20153.75
Engineer	United Rotary Brush Corp.	1665.94
Engineer	The Chas E. Phipps Compan	207.36
Engineer	LPR Enterprises LLC	450
Engineer	Fastenal Company	690.45
Engineer	Coppel Coal & Supply Co.	7282
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	834.61
Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	646.46
Coroner	Ohio State Coroners Assoc	3499
Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	33.01
Common Pleas Court #2	Speirs, Tammy	1698
Common Pleas Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	99.62
Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	76.97
Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	94.33
Commissioners	Ross County CAC	7887.59
Commissioners	American Electric Power	36.42
Commissioners	The FoulkeBlock LTD	4500
Commissioners	TAM Construction, Inc.	67000
Commissioners	Fastenal Company	376.46
Commissioners	Capital One Commercial	445.61
Commissioners	American Electric Power	634.75
Commissioners	American Electric Power	64.16
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	2927.77
Commissioners	South Central Power Comp	126.25
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1837.24
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	150
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	69.9
Commissioners	Iron City Implement	155.88
Commissioners	County Loss Control Coord	150
Commissioners	Paper City Mentoring Projec	10000
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	160.68
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	196.28
Commissioners	American Electric Power	3587.91
Commissioners	SOUTH WESTERN COMMUN	23279.38
Clerk of Courts	Nina Kilgour	46.02
Clerk of Courts	AJ-Allegheny Systems LLC	546.4
Clerk of Courts	UPS	87.79
Board of Elections	Thinking Farther Inc.	2758
Auditor	American Electric Power	2650.44
Auditor	Madelyn Graves	185.4
Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	501.13
Auditor	Bryce Shaffer	3.78
Auditor	Litter Quality Propane Gas	6335.27
Auditor	Jessica McDonald	912.75
Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	202.5
Auditor	ANTHONY M SKOWRONEH	270
Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	367.5
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	487.5
Adult Probation	Sports Plus	75
Adult Probation	Frizzell, Robert	2704
Adult Probation	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	900.64
Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	188.9
Adult Probation	Pike Co. Recovery Council	38.52
		\$795,769.81

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 19, 2026 through February 2, 2026, in the amount of \$26,173.47 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. Glass, absent. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$13,127.96 from Jail Diversion Fund into account codes 420-29-07-7001 Salaries (\$9,440.00), account code 420-29-07-7103 Contract Services (\$1,167.99), account code 420-29-07-7150 Office Supplies (\$535.97) and account code 420-29-07-7151 Educational Supplies (\$1,984.00), per a request of February 2, 2026 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to de-appropriate (\$33,000.00) from EMA Fund, account code 215-15-00-7103 Contract Services (\$3,000.00) and account 215-15-00-7200 Equipment (\$30,000.00), per a request of February 2, 2026 from the Ross County EMA.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$276,563.62 ACPG Development Grant Fund into account code 420-07-32-7457 122151 Mr. Brow-Mt. Orab, per a request of February 2, 2026 from the Ross County Planning Dept.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$4,286.00 from account code 215-15-00-7200 Equipment, into account code 215-15-00-7001 Salaries, per a request of February 2, 2026 from the Ross County EMA.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$26,000.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 097-67-01-59010 Park District, per a request of February 2, 2026 from the Ross County EMA.

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Changing Table	03387	Surplus Property

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 9:38 am, to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 9:38 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:05am. No action was taken.

PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY ROSS COUNTY SHERIFF

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the Public Records Policy of the Sheriff's Office.

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

AMENDMENT 3 AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT ARCHITECT AGREEMENT SERPENT MOUND

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve amendment 3 to the American Structurepoint Architect Agreement for the Serpent Mound project which is part of the Appalachian Community Grant program. There is no expense to the BoC as the amendment is covered with ACGP funds. The Agreement is adjusted by this Amendment as follows: the Architect's compensation for its Basic Services for site visits for the Project will be increased by \$14,250. To the extent not inconsistent with the Agreement, the additional Basic Services for up to six site visits, including summary progress reports with representative photographs in the amount of \$2,375 per visit, shall not exceed \$14,250.

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

PAY APPLICATION 1 BAINBRIDGE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve pay application 1 for the Bainbridge water line replacement project in the amount of \$711,080.97.

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

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY WIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to certify that they have reviewed the cost allocation plan prepared by Maximus US Services, Inc. and submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief

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

PAY APPLICATION NO 1 STOCKMEISTER ENTERPRISES INC

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve pay application 1 from Stockmeister Enterprises Inc. for work done at the Ross County Service Center in the amount of \$84,065.44.

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

CONTRACT FOR RIGHT OF ENTRY

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the Contract for Right of Entry to allow the Ross County Board of Commissioners to enter upon, occupy and have exclusive possession of the real property described in Exhibit A for the purposes of constructing a highway or facility incidental to the highway while the Parties attempt to negotiate further the sale and purchase of the property described in Exhibit A.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 11:18 am, to discuss certain personnel matters.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

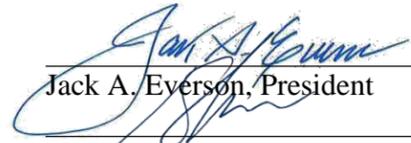
The executive session called at 11:18 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 12:02am. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS**Monthly Staff Meeting**

VOIP Phone System – The courts system is interested in changing their phone system from GloFiber to a VOIP system. They will provide a contract and pricing for the Commissioners to review.

Economic Development Work Session**ADJOURN**

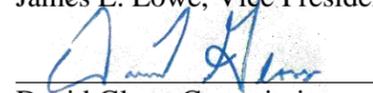
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of February 2, 2026, at 12:03 pm, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner