

**FEBRUARY 9– MEETING 6
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, February 9, 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 February 2, 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass 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	Sewards, Randy A.	582.6	Emergency Management	New Fig	1186.2
Veterans Service Commission	McGee, Matt	206.51	Emergency Management	Mark Thompson	53.74
Veterans Service Commission	Finley, John	346.62	Emergency Management	US Bank NA	67.45
Veterans Service Commission	Robert Davis	125.38	Emergency Management	Amazon Capital Services	60.98
Veterans Service Commission	Save-A-Lot	8028.29	Emergency Management	Action Automotive LLC	633.1
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	327.13	Coroner	Glo Fiber	285
Sheriff	Ohio Association of Polygra	175	Coroner	Westside Media	360
Sheriff	T-Mobile	50	Coroner	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1300
Sheriff	AT&T	70	Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	50
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	349.75	Common Pleas Court #2	Clevenger, Leah	324
Sheriff	B.P.O.E., Elks Lodge #52	2100	Common Pleas Court #2	The Water Express	20.24
Sheriff	Wex Bank	12108.58	Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	97.04
Sheriff	ALAN REED	5.35	Common Pleas Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	19.99
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	38.98	Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	28.83
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	768.27	Commissioners	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	936.14
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	290.51	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	70.78
Sheriff	MOBILEXUSA	1810	Commissioners	General Sales Company	397.64
Sheriff	MOBILEXUSA	590	Commissioners	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	568.43
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8596.55	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	48
Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	135.77	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	771.38
Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	2496.64	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	57
Sheriff	Chillicothe Utilities Departme	866.97	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	137.01
Sheriff	Chillicothe Utilities Departme	2991.33	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	560.3
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	79.95	Commissioners	DSA Detection LLC	40.21
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	71.51	Commissioners	Lowe's	864.68
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	177.32	Commissioners	Lowe's	743.48
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	91.37	Commissioners	General Sales Company	691.38
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	228	Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	232.17
Sheriff	US Bank Equipment Finance	172.98	Commissioners	First Communications, LLC	10.2
Sheriff	American Electric Power	148.58	Commissioners	JCKL Architects	450
Sheriff	American Electric Power	55.44	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	159.02
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	449	Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	22.25
Sheriff	H-M COMPANY	1316.8	Commissioners	Wex Bank	1511.98
Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	440	Commissioners	John Deere Financial	849.52
Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	230	Commissioners	K&K Carpet Care of Chillicot	14940
Sheriff	Scioto-P.V. Mental Health	14166.65	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	1557.19
Sheriff	American Electric Power	37.39	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	329
Sheriff	DANA HUTTON	23.99	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	252.5
Sheriff	AT&T	120	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	3791
Sheriff	Wex Bank	1603.32	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	50.04
Ross County Court System	Glo Fiber	1374	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	1757
Ross County Court System	Gordon Flesch Company	1467.95	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	9325
Ross County Court System	Thomson Reuters - West	333.88	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Servic	1609.41
Ross County Court System	Lexis-Nexis	450	Commissioners	Ohio Valley Regional Develo	7605
Recorder	GOVOS	3795.32	Commissioners	Jack's Equipment Repair LTI	124.33
Recorder	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	25	Commissioners	Ag-Pro Ohio, LLC	333.35
Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	826	Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	29
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	307.5	Commissioners	MS Consultants	17534.95
Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LL	34.5	Commissioners	Iron City Implement	3.99
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	74	Commissioners	MS Consultants	5150.3
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	400	Clerk of Courts	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	68.75
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Cor	32300	Clerk of Courts	The Envelope Printery Inc	1174.59
Planning Commission	DESIGNING LOCAL LTD	7297.2	Clerk of Courts	NINA KILGOUR	110.93
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Cor	2100	Clerk of Courts	UPS	36.76
Planning Commission	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	12676.37	Clerk of Courts	Printex Printing	240
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Cor	2500	Building Department	City of Chillicothe Building D	15
Planning Commission	JOHN W HEMMINGGS III	15271.73	Building Department	Town & County Engineering	3300
Planning Commission	Ohio Historical Society, Inc	2084.82	Building Department	Quill Corporation	177.47
Planning Commission	City of Chillicothe Auditor's	1770691.32	Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	328.27
Planning Commission	Village of Peebles	418568.55	Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	16.55
Planning Commission	Holzer Health Systems	168548.19	Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	9.35
Planning Commission	Bruns Construction Enterpri	82932.94	Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	56.8
Planning Commission	City of Chillicothe Auditor's	29949	Building Department	Scioto Shoe Mart	116.98
Planning Commission	APG Architects LLC	2430	Building Department	Wex Bank	352.9
Planning Commission	Adams County Regional Me	332717.51	Board of Elections	Ohio Dept of Job & Family S	89.57
Planning Commission	City of Hillsboro	779.35	Board of Elections	US Bank Equipment Finance	527.48
Planning Commission	CCAO	85	Board of Elections	Go2ITGroup	1824.44
Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	15.5	Automatic Data Processing	Glo Fiber	1451.68
Planning Commission	Westside Media	30	Automatic Data Processing	Glo Fiber	2215.95
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	56642.66	Automatic Data Processing	Charter Communications	305
Planning Commission	Parcel N Post Express	79.34	Automatic Data Processing	Westside Media	466.5
Law Library	Lexis-Nexis	12059.82	Automatic Data Processing	CDW Government, Inc.	55.85
Law Library	Lexis-Nexis	4958.37	Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	428.24
Law Library	West Group	1174.82	Automatic Data Processing	PDQ.COM Corporation	3256.8
Law Library	Glo Fiber	70.87	Automatic Data Processing	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	94.81
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	17	Automatic Data Processing	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	232.59
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	9	Automatic Data Processing	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	265.11
Juvenile Court	Paper City Coffee	45	Auditor	CEBCO	1186511.74
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	282	Auditor	Glo Fiber	68.99
Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	150	Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	930
Juvenile Court	Abraxas Ohio	17799	Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	585
Juvenile Court	Verizon Wireless	383.37	Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	607.5
Juvenile Court	Government Forms and Sup	113.93	Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	1222.5
Juvenile Court	ALLYSSA SANDOVAL	274.78	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	885
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	19.83	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1537.5
Juvenile Court	Speedway Prepaid Card LLC	731.45	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
Juvenile Court	CHERI SMITLEY	69.68	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1830
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	70.94	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	975
Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	527.03	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	735
Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	720	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
Engineer	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	472.5	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	540
Engineer	Bainbridge 1st Stop	216.26	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1582.5
Engineer	Unifirst First Aid Corp	151.36	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	465
Engineer	Westside Media	435	Auditor	ANTHONY M SKOWRONEH	1162.5
Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	100	Auditor	ANTHONY M SKOWRONEH	862.5
Engineer	Ohio Forestry Association, I	325	Auditor	Printex Printing	700
Engineer	Morton Salt	34957.28	Auditor	Miller, Jason	1425
Engineer	Noble Plumbing & Heating	556.26	Auditor	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	527.23
Engineer	Moore, Greg	600	Auditor	Glo Fiber	323.97
Engineer	Menards	510.82	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	125
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	10175.69	Auditor	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	550
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	40410.78	Auditor	Fairfield Computer Services,	165
Engineer	Main & High Shortstop	334.71	Auditor	Ross County Humane Socie	10000
Engineer	Lowe's	559.17	Auditor	Google, Inc.	3244.5
Engineer	Kenworth Truck Co.	759.8	Auditor	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	16
Engineer	John Deere Financial	116.08	Adult Probation	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECT	297.6
Engineer	Dexter Company	356.67	Adult Probation	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECT	536.92
Engineer	Columbus Equipment Co.	39.25	Adult Probation	Wex Bank	142.25
Engineer	Iron City Implement	1759.9			
Engineer	Buckeye Container Carriers	16344			
Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	2021.33			
Emergency Management	Insite Towers, LLC	1400			
					\$4,476,831.68
DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	Pivot Point Partners LLC	17000	Board of Elections	Pitney Bowes	3000
		\$17,000.00			\$3,000.00

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 January 26, 2026 through February 9, 2026, in the amount of \$61,350.50 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 \$80,000.00 from One Ohio Opioid Fund into account code 420-01-14-7450, per a request of February 9, 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.

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$37,500.00 from General Fund into account codes 100-21-00-7555 Autopsies (\$30,000.00), account code 100-21-00-7103 Contract Services (\$4,000.00), account code 100-20-00-7107 Cellphone services (\$500.00), and account code 100-20-00-7551 Toxicology (\$3,000.00), per a request of February 9, 2026 from the Ross County Coroner.

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 \$83,838.00 from ACGP Fund into account code 420-07-32-7463, 122201 Jack Welsh, per a request of February 9, 2026 from the Ross County Planning & Development.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$1,425.00 from account code 100-11-01-7118 Juror Fees, into account code 100-11-02-7121 Foreign Judges, per a request of February 9, 2026 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 transfer \$12,634.00 from account code 212-29-56-7200 Equipment, into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment, and \$2,000.00 from account code 212-29-01-7550 Other Expenses into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment, per a request of February 9, 2026 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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 transfer \$693.62 from account code 237-20-50-7014 Group Insurance, into account code 237-20-50-7015 Unemployment, per a request of February 9, 2026 from the Ross County Clerk of Courts.

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

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16 RESCHEDULED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of February 16, 2026, be rescheduled to February 17, 2026.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Glass, 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 February 7, 2026.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER INVOICE

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the invoice from South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center for services rendered in the month of January at a cost of \$93,790.84.

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

EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT ROSS COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, approve an application of an Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification, for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice, to establish a separate account for federal seized money from drug related cases, for the Ross County Prosecutor.

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

VILLAGE OF CLARKSBURG 3RD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the contract between Ross County Board of Commissioners, Village of Clarksburg, and Prime Civil for the Clarksburg 3rd Street Reconstruction project. The bid award was accepted 12-8-2025 per resolution 050-25.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Glass, 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 9:19 am, to discuss matters 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 9:19 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 9:35am. No action was taken.

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on February 9, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance:

**RESOLUTION 007-26
AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND
TO THE 80-H FUND**

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to temporarily advance funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 to the 80-H fund for the purpose of disbursement to Townships and School Districts; and
WHEREAS, the General Fund has sufficient cash balance to support this advance without impairing operations; and

WHEREAS, this advance will be repaid to the General Fund upon receipt of the first half 80-H fund settlement amount.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Fiscal Officer to advance the amount of **\$200,000.00** from the General Fund to the 80-H Fund.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Auditor Jeff Lehner is authorized to execute the transfer and maintain records of the repayment.

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

The following proclamations were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on February 9, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance:

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS**

WHEREAS: 2026 marks a century of national commemorations of Black History. Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, George Cleveland Hall, William B. Hartgrove, Jesse E. Moorland, Alexander L. Jackson, and James E. Stamps institutionalized the teaching, study, dissemination, and commemoration of Black history when they founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History on September 9, 1915; and
WHEREAS: for the 100th theme, the founders of Black History Month urge us to explore the impact and meaning of Black history and life commemorations in transforming the status of Black peoples in the modern world; and

WHEREAS: this year, when we are also commemorating the 250th anniversary of United States independence, it is important to tell not only an inclusive history, but an accurate one. Black history's value is not its contribution to mainstream historical narratives, but its resonance in the lives of Black people; and

WHEREAS: the County of Ross is proud to honor the history and influence of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, we call upon the public to seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans, and the Ross County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2026 to be

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

“Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.”

.... Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.....

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

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2026
AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, February 2026 has been designated National Career and Technical Education (CTE) month by the Association for Career and Technical Education, providing an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and impact of CTE programs across the nation and state; and

WHEREAS, Ross County CTE programs continue to serve as a vital and rigorous component of the state's educational system, equipping students with the academic knowledge, technical competencies, and employability skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly complex and competitive workforce; and

WHEREAS, strategic partnerships between CTE programs and business and industry leaders ensure that students are prepared with the communication, leadership, and technical skills essential for success in both college and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, students across the state benefit from meaningful, hands-on learning experiences through apprenticeships, internships, simulated workplaces, and other work-based learning opportunities that prepare them for real-world challenges and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, two out of every three high school students are currently enrolled in CTE programs, underscoring the broad reach and transformative impact of these opportunities on student engagement, achievement, and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, CTE programs prepare students for a lifetime of success by providing opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials, gain workplace experience, and earn college credit while still in high school; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ross County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 2026 as Career and Technical Education Month and encourages local boards of education, schools, business professionals, and community organizations to participate in this celebration through activities that demonstrate the importance of career and technical education programs and their positive impact on student achievement.

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 2:07 pm, to discuss matters 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 2:07 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 2:38 pm. No action was taken.

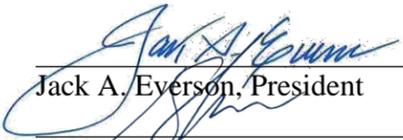
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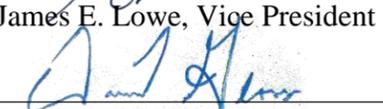
Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MSS) – Teresa Bolt, Cyrus Horsley discussed the involvement of MSS with ADAMH. They will be onsite at the new ADAMH facility where they are able to provide support for young people facing a behavioral health crisis.

Ross County Community Action – Julie Bolen, Executive Director requested One Ohio Opioid Funds to help support the Community Resource Center. She provided statistics for the number of people they have provided services for in the last two years. She will also provide a budgetary document for the Commissioners review to support the request.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of February 9, 2026, at 11:16 am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President


James E. Lowe, Vice President


David Glass, Commissioner