

**MARCH 13, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING - #11**  
**VOLUME 20**

**MEETING**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, March 13, 2017, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., with Commissioners Stephen A. Neal and Dwight A. Garrett also in attendance.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of March 6, 2017, be approved as submitted.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
2/1/2017	2017000575	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	48.00
2/21/2017	2017000128	All Around Home Maintenance	6000.00
11/29/2016	2017000986	ALLEN'S PHARMACY	1048.43
1/26/2017	2017000986	ALLEN'S PHARMACY	1962.47
1/23/2017	2017000073	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	60.33
3/1/2017	2017000798	APCO,AFC,INC.	95.00
12/2/2016	2017000444	AUTOZONE	39.64
2/26/2017	2017000316	AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY INC.	225.00
3/3/2017	2017000134	B & C COMMUNICATIONS	64.00
3/3/2017	2017000746	B & C COMMUNICATIONS	64.00
3/8/2017	2017000615	B.P.O.E., ELKS LODGE, #52	250.00
2/17/2017	2017000604	BENSON & SESSER LLC	1505.00
2/28/2017	2017000575	BOB'S BOOTERY	85.00
1/26/2017	2017000290	BRANDY MCCORD	100.55
3/2/2017	2017000886	BRANDY MORRIS	38.43
3/3/2017	2017000062	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	737.88
3/2/2017	2017000441	C & D MONITORING CO	104.85
2/23/2017	2017000892	CANDICE L BLACK, FISCAL OFFICER	5332.20
2/23/2017	2017000891	CANDICE L BLACK, FISCAL OFFICER	1350.00
2/28/2017	2017000919	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	2153.18
1/11/2017	2017000982	CHILLICOTHE UTILITIES DEPT.	5045.93
2/13/2017	2017000824	CHILLICOTHE UTILITIES DEPT.	711.09
2/17/2017	2017000483	CINTAS CORPORATION # 530	649.74
3/2/2017	2017000589	COOPER GLASS SERVICE	46.65
2/3/2017	2017000198	COPPEL COAL & SUPPLY CO.	145.79
3/1/2017	2017000987	CORONERME	400.00
1/1/2017	2017000282	COUNCIL FOR ROSS COUNTY FAMILIES	6023.70
2/3/2017	2017000958	COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION	125.00
1/15/2017	2017000693	CTL Engineering, Inc	10723.00
2/20/2017	2017000055	DAVID A MORRISON	580.00

2/20/2017	2017000055	DAVID MICHAEL WELCH	480.00
2/15/2017	2017000205	DE LAGE LANDEN	263.26
2/14/2017	2017000567	DEERE & COMPANY	43954.89
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2/23/2017	2017000891	DONNA I. SNYDER, FISCAL OFFICER	1536.00
2/23/2017	2017000892	DONNA I. SNYDER, FISCAL OFFICER	6066.85
2/28/2017	2017000199	ELI MARTIN SURVEYING LLC	1800.00
12/9/2016	2017000126	EnviroHab, LLC	1200.00
2/28/2017	2017000746	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	26.76
2/28/2017	2017000803	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	32.91
2/28/2017	2017000803	FISHEL, HASS, KIM, ALBRECHT LLP	185.00
3/8/2017	2017000609	FOULKE BLOCK/ALTHOFF	2000.00
2/28/2017	2017000444	GALLS, LLC	51.70
2/27/2017	2017000814	GFC LEASING	259.52
2/1/2017	2017000959	GOOGLE, INC.	508.76

3/2/2017	2017000739	GORDON FLESCH CO.,INC.	54.17
3/1/2017	2017000027	GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORPORATION	1436.25
3/1/2017	2017000552	GRIGSBY ENVIRON. CONS. SVC. LLC	1300.00
2/23/2017	2017000892	HARRY B JUNK III, FISCAL OFFICER	14604.29
2/23/2017	2017000891	HARRY B JUNK III, FISCAL OFFICER	3697.50
2/23/2017	2017000891	HEATHER GUMM, FISCAL OFFICER	991.50
2/23/2017	2017000892	HEATHER GUMM, FISCAL OFFICER	3916.20
3/1/2017	2017000560	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	83.95
3/1/2017	2017000555	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	44.90
3/1/2017	2017000482	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	44.90
3/1/2017	2017000547	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	59.34
3/1/2017	2017000086	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	5452.22
3/1/2017	2017000083	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	42.95
3/1/2017	2017000361	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	24.95
3/1/2017	2017000724	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	252.75
3/1/2017	2017000136	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	189.98
3/1/2017	2017000045	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	123.61
3/1/2017	2017000311	HORIZON TECHNOLOGY	9.95
3/7/2017	2017000030	INDUSTRIAL APPRAISAL CO.	785.00
2/14/2017	2017000965	INTEGRATED CORP SOLUTIONS	338.63
2/14/2017	2017000347	INTEGRATED CORP SOLUTIONS	284.12
3/8/2017	2017000346	J. JEFFREY BENSON	47.70
3/6/2017	2017000012	J. L. UHRIG & ASSOC.	2250.00
2/17/2017	2017000890	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER, INC.	343.99
2/25/2017	2017000575	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER, INC.	16.00
2/20/2017	2017000055	JAMES A. SMITH	80.00
3/7/2017	2017000062	JAMES E BARRINGTON, CO., LPA	432.00
2/28/2017	2017000362	JAMES K CUTRIGHT	400.00
3/3/2017	2017000123	JEM CUSTOM BUILDERS, LLC	3850.00
3/3/2017	2017000363	Jennifer M Hancock	15.00
3/6/2017	2017000049	JIM DAVIS TIRE CENTER	16.00
1/11/2017	2017000355	Joseph P Glandon	88.20
3/2/2017	2017000335	JOSH HETTINGER	91.11
3/2/2017	2017000326	JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	37937.28
2/23/2017	2017000891	KAREN R. GOSSMAN, FISCAL OFFICER	4882.50
2/23/2017	2017000892	KAREN R. GOSSMAN, FISCAL OFFICER	19284.78

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2/22/2017	2017000589	KENWORTH TRUCK CO	40.76
3/2/2017	2017000946	KOFILE PRESERVATION, INC.	4480.60
3/7/2017	2017000362	LAURA J. HILL	200.00

2/21/2017	2017000990	Lee County Clerk of Courts	28.94
2/1/2017	2017000151	LEXIS-NEXIS	739.70
3/7/2017	2017000144	Linda Wood	9.55
2/21/2017	2017000724	LITTER QUALITY PROPANE GAS	321.54
2/19/2017	2017000431	LORI HUSTON	2000.00
1/25/2017	2017000589	LOWES	774.87
2/17/2017	2017000949	MARSH ARCHITECTS	5856.00
2/27/2017	2017000589	MATCO TOOLS	39.50
2/17/2017	2017000358	Matthew G Sutherland	49.50
2/2/2017	2017000355	Matthew G Sutherland	176.85
3/9/2017	2017000062	MATTHEW P BRADY	668.00
2/8/2017	2017000788	MEDIA NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO	97.50
2/20/2017	2017000055	MELISSA NERVIANO	100.00
2/10/2017	2017000465	MENARDS	207.36
2/23/2017	2017000963	Michael M. Ater	52.93
3/1/2017	2017000589	MIKE BUCHANAN	261.43
3/3/2017	2017000004	MILLHUFF-STANG CPA'S	14900.00
2/26/2017	2017000319	MODERN LEASING	97.17
2/27/2017	2017000955	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	135.84
3/7/2017	2017000794	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	684.82
3/6/2017	2017000347	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	45.40
3/6/2017	2017000359	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	45.40
3/6/2017	2017000351	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	8.30
3/1/2017	2017000354	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	181.80
1/11/2017	2017001000	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	134.00
2/24/2017	2017000139	OFFICE MAX CONTRACT INC.	392.28
3/10/2017	2017000995	OFFICE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER	148853.00
3/1/2017	2017000215	OHIO AFSCME CARE PLAN	315.00
2/28/2017	2017000980	OPENONLINE, LLC	49.88
3/1/2017	2017000031	OSU EXTENSION-ROSS CO.	72500.00
2/20/2017	2017000950	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	4034.55
2/20/2017	2017000055	PAMELA K SCHOLL	60.00
2/16/2017	2017000135	PARCEL N POST EXPRESS	33.01
2/16/2017	2017000348	PARENT PROJECT, INC.	1550.01
2/16/2017	2017000966	PARENT PROJECT, INC.	90.87
2/16/2017	2017000281	PARENT PROJECT, INC.	25209.12
3/1/2017	2017000997	PEACHTREE ELECTRONIC MONITORING, LLC	280.00
2/1/2017	2017000998	PEACHTREE ELECTRONIC MONITORING, LLC	800.00
2/20/2017	2017000055	PHILLIP RUTHERFORD	966.00
2/27/2017	2017001001	PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	4050.00
3/1/2017	2017000007	PITNEY BOWES	2040.00
1/15/2017	2017000748	PREMIER HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC.	21316.24
2/16/2017	2017000589	PRINCIPAL TRUCK SUPPLY	27.03
3/2/2017	2017000722	PRINTEX PRINTING	29.50
12/31/2016	2016000885	RICK'S PARK -N- SAVE	5089.40
Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value

2/17/2017	2017000589	RIFFLE & SON MACHINE WORKS	40.00
2/28/2017	2017000589	RIVERS BEND BIKE SHOP	108.00
2/23/2017	2017000891	ROBIN L. SNYDER, FISCAL OFFICER	3533.25
2/23/2017	2017000892	ROBIN L. SNYDER, FISCAL OFFICER	13955.54
12/19/2016	2017000126	ROSS CO. HEALTH DISTRICT	516.00
3/1/2017	2017000001	ROSS CO. HUMANE SOCIETY	10000.00
2/28/2017	2017000781	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	43.97
2/28/2017	2017000782	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	27.82
2/28/2017	2017000778	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	51.43
1/6/2017	2017000077	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	80.98
2/13/2017	2017000126	ROSS COUNTY RECORDER	132.00
3/1/2017	2017000724	RUMPKE WASTE, INC.	61.39
1/31/2017	2017000484	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO	420.32
2/21/2017	2017000167	Sarah Williamson	393.03
2/5/2017	2017000569	SCIOTO SHOE MART	109.98
2/15/2017	2017000444	SCIOTO SHOE MART	198.96
2/21/2017	2017000465	SHERWIN WILLIAMS COMPANY	32.08
2/23/2017	2017000891	SHIRLEY MANSON, FISCAL OFFICER	1605.75
2/23/2017	2017000892	SHIRLEY MANSON, FISCAL OFFICER	6342.37
2/22/2017	2017000860	SIMPLEXGRINNEL	5956.00
3/8/2017	2017000037	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	300.00
3/2/2017	2017000037	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	300.00
2/12/2017	2017000403	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	105.00
2/2/2017	2017000575	SPARKLE CLEANERS	42.10
2/2/2017	2017000444	SPARKLE CLEANERS	102.30
1/23/2017	2017000305	SPRINT PCS	77.10
1/26/2017	2017000728	SPRINT PCS	42.84
2/27/2017	2017000575	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	149.51
2/23/2017	2017000891	STEVEN G WISECUP, FISCAL OFFICER	3495.00
2/23/2017	2017000892	STEVEN G WISECUP, FISCAL OFFICER	13804.47
3/8/2017	2017000608	STEVEN MADDUX LLC	800.00
2/13/2017	2017000589	SUGAR LOAF POWER EQ.	70.38
2/15/2017	2017000181	SUNRUSH WATER	26.25
2/28/2017	2017000589	SUTHERLANDS RADIATOR SERV	574.00





APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – SHERIFF & PROSECUTOR DIVERSION

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$21,120.00 be appropriated in the Correctional Law Enforcement Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account codes listed below, according to a request of this date from the sheriff:

AMOUNT	TO
\$ 5,500.00	212-29-56-7001, Salaries-Jail
880.00	212-29-58-7001, Salaries-Civil
<u>14,740.00</u>	212-29-01-7001, Salaries,-Law
<b>\$21,120.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$6.78 be appropriated in the Prosecutor Diversion Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #420-04-37-7151, Supplies, according to a request of this date from the prosecutor diversion.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION APPLICATION APPROVED FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE – BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$0.00 (approx.), submitted by Josh Hettinger, Ross County Building Department, for his attendance upon the Wood use in the IBC & Recogn of fire-retardant treated wood, to be held on April 14, 20127, at Westerville, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

ASSET DISPOSAL FORMS APPROVED – TITLE DEPARTMENT & SHERIFF

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Title Department for disposal of the following surplus personal property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
One (1)	Humidifier, Tag #8120	Transfer to Surplus Property
One (1)	Fellowes Laminator, Tag #16359	“ “ “ “
One (1)	Floor lamp, Tag #11856	“ “ “ “

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Sheriff for disposal of the following surplus personal property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
Two (2)	Adding machine, Serial #2D010280, #91051373, Tag#15512, #05190	Transfer to Surplus Property

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$5,032.00 TO MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC)

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize a payment (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017), in the amount of \$5,032.00 to be paid from account code #100-01-13-7450, Regional Planning, to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, for purpose membership dues for 2017.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

NATIONAL ORGAN DONOR DAY AUTHORIZED - DISPLAY GREEN AND BLUE LIGHTS ON THE TOWER OF THE COURTHOUSE

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners authorize by displaying green and blue lights on the tower of the courthouse, April 21, 2017, for National Organ Donor Day.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

FUNDS RELEASED – ROSS COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Office of the Ross County Auditor be authorized to release the appropriated funds to the Ross County Health District from the General Fund account code #100-44-00-7918, Grant Health Department, in the amount of \$108,000.00, according to a request of this date, from the Ross County Health District.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

## **AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A LEASE AGREEMENT – 596 YELLOWBUD ROAD, CHILlicothe, OHIO, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, authorize the Release of a Lease Agreement, as requested this date, March 8, 2017, from Nelson Drummond (Lessee), for property located at 596 Yellowbud Road, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601, upon which Lessee, entered into a lease agreement, dated September 12, 2016, and recorded on October 5, 2016, in Volume 496, Pages 271-280, of the official records of the Office of the Recorder of Ross County, Ohio, 45601, as described in Exhibit A; and, Lessee no longer wishes to have an interest or responsibility for the aforementioned property.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

## **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – PY 2017 OHIO STATE ADMINISTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS**

At 10:00 a.m. on this date, the commissioners held the first public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation Grant, to provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG program, including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements, and to solicit citizen input into the program. The Community Development Implementation Strategy meeting will be discussed and taken in another meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at the Commissioner's conference room, for fiscal year 2017.

The following persons were in attendance: Joanne Price and James D. Shoemaker, of the Ross County Planning Department; John Wetzel, Ross County Engineer.

Mr. Corcoran called to order the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. I want to welcome everyone here today. We will turn this meeting over to Devon Shoemaker from the Planning Department to give an overview of the programs along with Joanne Price.

Mr. Shoemaker said that we will touch on a Benefiting low-and moderate-income persons, preventing or eliminating slums or blight, or meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The available CDBG Programs are:

### **Community Development Program**

The Community Development Program provides communities with flexible funding for housing and community development projects to address the needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and to eliminate slum and blight. The program also includes competitive grants for Neighborhood Revitalization, Downtown Revitalization, and Critical Infrastructure projects. Ross County should receive a similar amount for the PY 2015 Allocation Grant as last year of around \$119,000. Ross County can also apply for competitive grants such as Neighborhood Revitalization, Critical Infrastructure, and Downtown Revitalization.

Allocation Grant is a flexible program designed to benefit areas that are predominately low and moderate income or to meet another national objective. This is now a biennial allocation program. The County is eligible to receive up to \$270,000. The final figure could be lower or greater.

Neighborhood Revitalization projects are designed to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed areas and neighborhoods to carry out a comprehensive revitalization strategy. This includes, but is not limited to, projects designed to stabilize and enhance residential neighborhoods or activities that support Brownfield redevelopment sites adjacent to low- and moderate-income residential neighborhoods, or commercial, non-central business district or industrial sites. Max Grant \$500,000

Downtown Revitalization projects are designed to improve Central Business Districts, aid in eliminating slum or blight, and create and retain permanent, private-sector job opportunities for low- and moderate-income households. Max Grant \$300,000

Critical Infrastructure projects are designed to assist communities with high-priority infrastructure improvements. This includes roads, storm drainage, and other public facilities projects. Water and sanitary sewer projects not eligible for the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant (RPIG) may also be considered for Critical Infrastructure program funding. Max Grant \$300,000. This program is now on an open grant cycle

### **Economic Development Loan and Public Infrastructure Program**

The Economic Development Loan Program provides up to \$500,000 per project for: Eligible activities include providing financial assistance to private for-profit entities (through eligible units of general local government) to carry out economic development projects directly and primarily related to creating, expanding or retaining a particular business. Financing under the State CDBG Economic Development Program may cover fixed assets, including land, building, machinery and equipment, and site preparation directly related to business or industrial development. The amount and type of financial assistance provided to a project must be deemed appropriate with respect to the financial gap and the public benefit to be derived. Financing for fixed assets must be provided in the form of a non-forgivable loan. In addition, job training is an eligible CDBG Economic Development Program activity. The State may provide applicants up to an additional \$50,000 in Economic Development Program funds to provide training for low-and moderate-income individuals whose positions were created or retained by the recipient business.

The Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program helps local governments build, maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems in low- and moderate income communities. Communities receive grants up to \$600,000 to improve the safety and reliability of drinking water and sanitary sewer systems, and on-site improvements.

CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant Programs: The CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant Program provides funding for “target of opportunity” projects. The CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant Program includes the Economic and Community Development Program and a set-aside for the New Horizons Fair Housing Program. Program requirements for both programs are outlined below.



The CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant Programs must be administered according to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Economic and Community Development Target of Opportunity Program: This program will provide funds for “targets of opportunity” investments in:

- Economic development projects that create and/or retain permanent job opportunities and are not eligible for Economic Development Program funding or feasible within the Economic Development Program guidelines.
- Community development projects that are not feasible in other funding categories or eligible for Community Development Program competitive set-aside or open-cycle Critical Infrastructure funds.
- Downtown Target of Opportunity projects. Only single building projects will be considered. To qualify, a building must be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or in a Local Historic District.
- Housing projects benefitting severely disabled adults. Benefitting populations must meet both CDBG Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 eligibility requirements.
- Imminent threat grants covered by the Federal CDBG Regulation.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

The Ohio Department of Development Services Agency/Office of Community Development now requires a meeting that will supplement the Citizen Participation process in odd years. The meeting is intended to facilitate communication with stakeholders (your jurisdiction or organization) about available programs, identify and discuss public infrastructure, facilities and services and economic needs/opportunities, fair housing requirements, and to go over the application process and requirements for applying with the County. This meeting is part of Ross County’s Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) that will result in a priority ranking list of projects to be considered for CDBG funding over the next two years. The CDIS is scheduled for Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> here in the commissioners conference room.

## **FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM**

Ms. Price said that the County obligated under CDBG regulations to operate a fair housing program. There are laws which require that persons who are renting or buying property must receive fair treatment regardless of sex, race, religion, national origin, family status, disability and Military Status to: Refuse to rent, sell, finance, or insure housing accommodations or residential property; represent to any person that housing accommodations are not available for inspection, sale, rental, or lease; refuse to lend money for the purchase, construction, repair, rehabilitation, or maintenance of housing; Accommodations or rental property; discriminate against any person in the purchase, renewal, or terms and conditions of fire, extended overage, of homeowners or renters insurance; refuse to consider without prejudice the combined income of both spouses; print, publish, or circulate any statement or advertisement which would indicate a preference or limitation; deny any person membership in any multiple listing services or real estate broker’s organization. Anyone with specific questions or complaints related to fair housing can contract the Ross County Planning Department. We have brought brochures with us today.

Mr. Shoemaker said that the deadlines for applications due to the Planning Department is April 10, 2017; CDIS meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. The Second Public Hearing will be scheduled as a later date. County Application is due to State on June 16, 2017.

Mr. Corcoran said we appreciate all attending the meeting today. The planning department staff is available to help potential applicants in any way possible. We encourage all of you that will need to conduct an income survey, first contact the Ross County Planning Department who will assist you in this process before submitting the application. The next public hearing will be scheduled in the near future.

No other comments were offered, and the hearing was closed at 10:25 a.m.

## **VACATION LEAVE AUTHORIZED**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that Gail L. Stout, clerk to the Board, be authorized to take sixteen (16) hours vacation during pay period ending March 18, 2017; and, forty (40) hours vacation during pay period ending April 15, 2017.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

## **SUBJECTS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Michael K. Burns, Director Public Finance for BAIRD, met with the commissioners to discuss the refunding of the Series 2008 Bonds and some financing structures for the Jail project.

Mr. Burns presented some informational handouts for refinancing and also financing illustration for Ross County for the Law Enforcement Complex and County Jail Construction Project as of March 8, 2017. He indicated that the rates were low right now. Ross County’s credit rating is AA2 which is high quality to investors. If the county is looking to refinance, the direct placement is the best way to go.

Mr. Corcoran said that we need to go back to the drawing board and put the numbers together. Then we can move forward. At present, we are uncertain that we can do everything as requested as far as the Law Enforcement project is concerned. We are still in the planning stages.


## **OTHER BUSINESS**

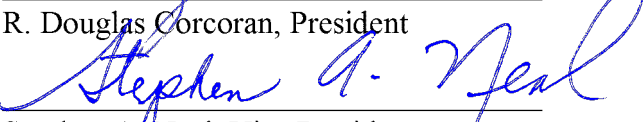
The commissioners were invited to attend the Ross County Health District’s finance committee meeting, held at 150 E. Second Street, Chillicothe Ohio, in regards to planning the 2018 budget with levy success and with levy failure.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

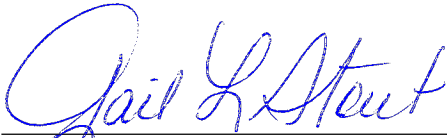
Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, March 13, 2017, at 3:45 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,  
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R. Douglas Corcoran, President

  
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