

JUNE 16 – MEETING 24
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 16, 2025, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the June 9, 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

Jeanville Court	Amazon Capital Services	22.74	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Jeanville Court	LightHouse Youth Services	5416.67	Volunteer Service Commission	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000
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Jeanville Court	Amazon Capital Services	55.43	Volunteer Service Commission	Chilliwacke Utilities Dept.	152.23
Jeanville Court	Amazon Capital Services	104.37	Volunteer Service Commission	Smurda, Randy A.	529.30
Jeanville Court	LightHouse Youth Services	1057.34	Volunteer Service Commission	Robert Davis	105.63
Jeanville Court	Problems Electronics Maintenan	1300	Volunteer Service Commission	Finley, Jake	40.43
Engineer	Clemens, Melissa & Associates, L	7022.35	Volunteer Service Commission	McGee, Mall	220
Engineer	Shenita Williams Company	143.65	Volunteer Service Commission	All Signs of Chilliwack Inc	270
Engineer	Ramph OF Ohio, Inc	220.7	Treasurer	Ohio Secretary of State	5
Engineer	Tim's Time & Associates	600	Treasurer	Glacier HouseLain Pulled/Water	17.5
Engineer	Southern Equipment Co.	479.51	Sheriff	Viva	720.5
Engineer	Safe Trucking, Inc.	403.5	Sheriff	Gardes CDJR	1377.05
Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	220	Sheriff	Ramph OF Ohio, Inc	74.51
Engineer	The Chris E. Phipps Company	430	Sheriff	Highland Co. Sheriff	4233.36
Engineer	The Ohio Bridge Corp	1702.56	Sheriff	Officer City Express	24.65
Engineer	HD Solutions	1530	Sheriff	Exxonville, Yoncos	320
Engineer	S & S Aggregates	737.3	Sheriff	Justin Johnson	246
Engineer	Lucas Tool Sales, LLC	11.45	Sheriff	Welsh, David Michael	533
Engineer	Klomp, Inc.	314.33	Sheriff	Payroll County Commissioners	13435.55
Engineer	Jack's Time & Auto Center, Inc.	440.44	Sheriff	Officer City Express	3.5
Engineer	Paulral Company	501.04	Sheriff	Officer City Express	24.02
Engineer	Roe Excess Enterprises	7450	Sheriff	Officer City Express	05.7
Engineer	Dealer Company	360.24	Sheriff	Rutledge, Roger	156.3
Engineer	Citrus Corporation # 330	401.55	Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police S	352.50
Engineer	Central Cooler Hardware	5.50	Sheriff	Armark Services, Inc	7730.74
Emergency Management	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	254	Sheriff	CHD Maintering LLC	104.05
DogWarden	Gla Fiber	131.27	Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	04.45
Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	1717.20	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	720.00
Coroner	HARK & GRAY	43	Sheriff	Tim's Time & Associates	301.36
Coroner	HMS Lake	350	Sheriff	Adena Health System	663.32
Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	14.33	Sheriff	Viva	35
Coroner	FedEx	14.01	Sheriff	Viva	100.50
Common Pleas Court #2	The Water Express	20.1	Sheriff	Allen's Pharmacy	1533.40
Commissioners	Drillillan Landscape Materials L	379.6	Sheriff	APCO, APC, Inc.	50
Commissioners	HS Councils	40013.64	Sheriff	Treasurer - State of Ohio	4074
Commissioners	Griegby Environmental Council	1600	Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	103.1
Commissioners	Ross County Health District	6100	Sheriff	Solo's Shoe Mart	433.36
Commissioners	Ross County Recycling Coalition	40000	Sheriff	Doris Time of Chilliwack	403.55
Commissioners	Drisker Gragdas LLP	15050.70	Sheriff	Premier Health Care Services,	45020.35
Commissioners	Drisker Gragdas LLP	1337.5	Sheriff	AutoZone	46.02
Commissioners	R/Wright and Sons LTD	605.07	Sheriff	AutoZone	32.64
Commissioners	General Ohio Locali9	300.4	Sheriff	Madara Officer Melinda, Inc.	53.43
Commissioners	American Electric Power	6515.0	Sheriff	Madara Officer Melinda, Inc.	236.40
Commissioners	Jeanville Delatline Cooler	30152.03	Sheriff	Madara Officer Melinda, Inc.	110.24
Commissioners	DTP Distributors, Inc.	63.65	Sheriff	Madara Officer Melinda, Inc.	235.65
Commissioners	Prisler Printing	414	Sheriff	Ohio Prison Officer Training A	275
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	505.24	Sheriff	APCO, APC, Inc.	35
Commissioners	Chilliwacke Utilities Department	741.57	Sheriff	Ramph OF Ohio, Inc	1377.75
Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.35	Sheriff	Gla Fiber	541
Commissioners	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	361.4	Sheriff	Gla Fiber	244.63
Commissioners	Central Cooler Hardware	249.62	Sheriff	Finley, Dawang, Alkernah & Ring	302.66
Commissioners	Integrated Protection Services	102	Sheriff	Finley, Dawang, Alkernah & Ring	2629.37
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	26.54	Sheriff	Finley, Dawang, Alkernah & Ring	2453.97
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	27.04	Sheriff	DPS Media, Inc	30.10
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	04.0	Sheriff	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5
Commissioners	Drisker Gragdas LLP	079.75	Ross County Court System	Gardes Fleach Co., Inc.	1467.35
Commissioners	Drisker Gragdas LLP	106.25	Ross County Court System	Thomas Brothers -West	333.00
Commissioners	Drisker Gragdas LLP	737.5	Ross County Court System	Lois-Hesia	423
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	256.14	Ross County Court System	Company Integration LLC	7201.5
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	403.73	Ross County Court System	DIONNA HATFIELD ORR	203.04
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	1455.03	Ross County Court System	Amazon Capital Services	800.36
Commissioners	Ramph OF Ohio, Inc	736.06	Ross County Court System	The Gardes Family Admnsyng Co	2221.45
Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	131.20	Prosecuting Attorney	Gardes Fleach Co., Inc.	0.61
Commissioners	County Jailing Services, Inc	400	Prosecuting Attorney	Gardes Fleach Co., Inc.	400.33
Clerk of Courts	Officer City Express	455.57	Prosecuting Attorney	Lois-Hesia	141.03
Building Department	JOSH HETTINGER	32.21	Prosecuting Attorney	Hieroglyphics Inc	416.3
Building Department	Solo's Shoe Mart	112.40	Probate Court	Hamilton County Probate Court	543
Building Department	JOSH HETTINGER	33.35	Probate Court	Hirsch Law LLC	200
Building Department	Quill Corporation	64.50	Probate Court	J. JEFFREY BENSON	579.32
Board of Elections	General Ohio Locali9	50	Probate Court	Glacier HouseLain Pulled/Water	16.75
Board of Elections	Officer City Express	4.06	Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	1550
Board of Elections	Officer City Express	12.10	Planning Commission	NEW RIVER ENGINEERS INC	40
Board of Elections	GeZIT Group	1024.44	Planning Commission	Seabury Caldwell Associates L	10103.4
Board of Elections	GeZIT Group	2030.1	Planning Commission	City of Chilliwacke Auditor's Of	25172.24
Auditor	Gla Fiber	4237.53	Planning Commission	Village of Peckles	4432.32
Auditor	Gla Fiber	1070	Planning Commission	Haral Zim Black Cultural Crea	235174.23
Auditor	Brice T Goldberg	205	Planning Commission	Goodner Consulting, Inc	515
Auditor	Derry, Jennifer	372	Planning Commission	Harlowe Group, LLC	5000
Auditor	Clark, Jake K. Jr.	525	Planning Commission	HARDLINES DESIGN COMPANY	33362.57
Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	244.06	Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	74.30
Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	302.33	Planning Commission	DESIGNING LOCAL LTD	7600
Auditor	J.L. Ubrigg & Associates	5000	Jeanville Court	JEFF TATHAN	303.02
Auditor	Madriga Group	10.22	Jeanville Court	Government Forms and Supplies	310
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Collis	125	Jeanville Court	CDW Government, Inc.	523.36
Adell Probation	Sparks Plus	403.6	Jeanville Court	Amazon Capital Services	133.35
Adell Probation	Verizon Wireless	00.51	Jeanville Court	Glacier HouseLain Pulled/Water	10.75
		\$557,400.33			

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated June 2, 2025 through June 16, 2025, in the amount of \$173,306.84 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. Glass, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$10,556.76 be appropriated from General Fund into account codes 100-21-00-7103 Contract Services (\$2,791.62) and 100-21-00-7550 Other Expenses (\$2,189.52), per a request of June 16, 2025 from the Ross County Coroner.

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, \$91,214.50 be appropriated from 2024 DL-LEF-5625 Fund into account codes 420-29-03-7001 Personnel Salary (\$42,181.43), account code 420-29-03-7012 Personnel Retirement (\$5,905.40), account code 420-29-03-7017 Personnel Medicare (\$532.49), account code 420-29-03-7100 Travel (\$2,721.00) account code 420-29-03-7550 Other Costs (\$29,634.96) and account code 420-29-03-7104 Confidential Funds (\$10,239.22), per a request of June 16, 2025 from the US 23 Major Crimes Task Force.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$4,500.00 from TCAP Grant Fund account code 420-20-18-7801 Reimb. General, into account code 420-20-18-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of June 16, 2025 from the Ross County Common Pleas Court Admin.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$46,850.00 from General Fund account code 100-00-00-0010 into account code 203-02-00-5901 Dog & Kennel Fund, per a request of June 16, 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 transfer \$19,559.54 from General Fund account code 100-00-00-0010 into account code 81F-00-00-4560 4th District Court of Appeals, per a request of June 16, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	DJIM60 Drone	3825	Surplus Property
1	DJI Phantom Drone	4632	Surplus Property

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

APPLICATION AUTHORIZED – MUNICIPAL COURT VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Victim/Witness Assistance Program be authorized to submit an application, on behalf of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, to the Crime Victims Assistance Office of the Ohio Attorney General, for grant funding October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$34,000.00 (VOCA) and \$2,709.00 (SVAA), for the continuation of the Ross County Victim/Witness Assistance Program, administered through the Chillicothe Municipal Court with the Commissioners providing matching funds of \$4,250.00.

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

OHIO EPA PERMIT TO INSTALL/PLAN APPROVAL APPLICATION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the Ohio EPA Permit to Install/Approval Application for construction of a sanitary sewer and three pump stations to convey flow from Ross County Shoemaker Airport to connection point at Chillicothe Correction Institute Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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 June 14 and June 28, 2025.

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

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a grant agreement by and between the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services, Bureau of Community Sanctions, and Ross County Sheriff’s Office Day Reporting Program. Funds from this grant will be used to cover staffing costs, evidence-based programming materials, participant incentives, transportation assistance, and operational needs within the Day Reporting Center. The goal is to ensure individuals have access to the tools and support necessary to comply with court mandates while addressing the root causes of their criminal behavior. By investing in these services, the NSTP grant helps to ease the burden on local jails, support public safety, and provide participants with a structured path toward positive life changes. The total amount of funding for this agreement is \$293,546.00.

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

REQUEST TO CHANGE BELL TOWER LIGHTING

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded to approve a request to light the Bell Tower in Purple for Overdose Awareness, August 24-30, 2025.

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE STEPS AND PORTICO

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request from the Ross County Veterans Service Commission for use of the courthouse steps and portico for the Silent Watch, September 22, 2025.

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 1:04 pm, to discuss confidential business information, regarding Pixelle.

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 1:04 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 1:57 pm. No action was taken.

AMENDMENT TO ARCHITECT AGREEMENT YOCTANGEE PARK & ARMORY

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to amend the Architect Agreement Yoctangee Park & Armory portion of the Appalachian History, Heritage, and Culture Project, to move the Ross County Visitors Center.

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

UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR PAINT CREEK STREAMGAGE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded to continue to fund the operation and maintenance of the Paint Creek streamgage at Chillicothe during the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 for the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

INTEGRATED PROTECTION SERVICES QUOTE FIRE ALARM PANEL

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a quote from IPS to replace the existing fire alarm control panel, that was struck by lighting, in the Ross County Courthouse for a cost of \$16,501.39.

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

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Watercraft to maintain and operate a marine patrol. Under this program, the purpose of a marine patrol is to enforce Chapters 1547 and 1548 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules adopted under these Chapters, and to provide emergency response to boating accidents that occur on the water. This marine patrol will serve to protect the lives and property of persons participating in recreational boating on the Scioto River, Paint Creek Lake, Ross Lake, Pine Lake, Caldwell Lake, Paint Creek, and Scioto Trails. Expenditures will include salary costs, fuel, yearly maintenance and upkeep of equipment, citation books, and lock box.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

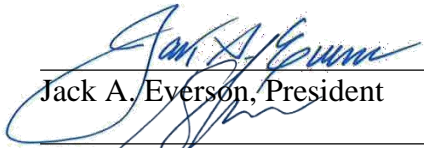
Ms. Pam McGinnis discussed the slip and erosion on Alum Cliff Hill. Ms. McGinnis would like to see a weight limit placed on Alum Cliff to prevent heavy trucks and equipment that may cause damage to the road.

Humane Society – Jenn Thomas, Sidney Ford, Waneta Wellinghoff, Brad Adams, Pam Longlott, Jodi Hart, Johnnie Johnson, and Dave Pinkerton – talked about the procedure for taking in a dog(s) and issuing a citation to the owner to appear in court. The process is lengthy and housing the animals that have been removed from homes, and are awaiting court dates, causes overcrowding in the humane society and is extremely costly. The consensus is to provide more training for the County Dog Warden and staff and then share that information with the courts to try and streamline the process.

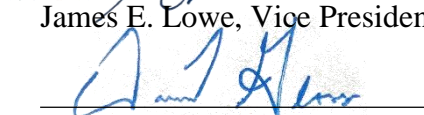
Ohio Erie Development Company – Franklin Conaway – spoke about the restoration of the property located on the corner of Mulberry and Main St., know as Preservation Hall. Mr. Conaway would like to see the Port Authority, granted/loaned \$300,000.00 to purchase the property and then secure other funding through grants to restore the building as a multi-use facility. The timeline for action to be taken on the property is 30 days.

ADJOURN

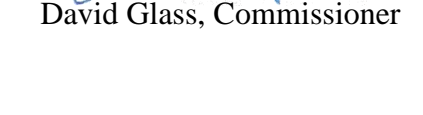
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 16, at 1:00 p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner