

FEBRUARY 24 – MEETING 8
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The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, February 24, 2025, in regular session.

Commissioner Jack Everson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioners 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 18, 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:

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Wellness	Amazon Capital Services	299.22	Engineer	Coughlin Auto	485.96
VOCA	U.S. Postmaster	438	Engineer	Terminal Supply Co	26.53
Veterans Service Commissi	Ackley, Janet	650	Engineer	Unifirst First Aid Corp	292.87
Treasurer	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	8.75	Engineer	Main & High Shortstop	337.48
Sheriff	Flock Group, Inc	24000	Engineer	Seitz Trucking, Inc.	2320.5
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	13.99	Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	451.97
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	104.97	Engineer	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LL	106.26
Sheriff	Office City Express	4.85	Engineer	Huntsman Market LLC	189.95
Sheriff	Office City Express	80.13	Engineer	Houser & Son Farm Equipment	3600
Sheriff	Office City Express	31.18	Engineer	Houser & Son Farm Equipment	798.77
Sheriff	American Jail Association	60	Engineer	Hart, Linda	500
Sheriff	Jividen Scope Group, LLC	1280	Engineer	Diamond Mowers, Inc	246.64
Sheriff	Public Agency Training Cour	1300	Engineer	D.G.M., Inc	26444
Sheriff	Public Agency Training Cour	1300	Engineer	Paul Cottrill	102.14
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	7040.51	Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	443.83
Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	300	Dog Warden	Ohio Federsted Humane Socie	300
Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	328	Coroner	AT&T Mobility	105.3
Sheriff	Welch, David Michael	492	Common Pleas Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	83.92
Sheriff	Tharp Animal Health Care C	148	Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	63.98
Sheriff	AutoZone	27.4	Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	51.32
Sheriff	AutoZone	314.82	Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	50.49
Sheriff	Axon Enterprise, Inc.	2863.18	Common Pleas Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	18.97
Sheriff	Axon Enterprise, Inc.	2863.19	Commissioners	Ohio Software Services	2030
Sheriff	Rape Aggression Defense S	75	Clerk of Courts	US Bank Equipment Finance	11.12
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	30.54	Clerk of Courts	US Postal Service	1175
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	474.44	Clerk of Courts	US Bank Equipment Finance	105.07
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	396.1	Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	123
Sheriff	Menards	32.23	Clerk of Courts	Sunrush Water	23.15
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	4068.56	Clerk of Courts	KELLCIE SNYDER	26.62
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	774.95	Clerk of Courts	Columbus Time Recorder Co.	680.55
Sheriff	FBI- LEEDA	50	Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	355
Sheriff	Jividen Scope Group, LLC	7960	Clerk of Courts	Printex Printing	40
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	213.85	Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	55
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	2450.9	Building Department	OHIO BUILDING OFFICIALS A	75
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc	407.28	Building Department	OHIO BUILDING OFFICIALS A	50
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc	378.73	Building Department	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc.	23
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc	330.96	Building Department	Verizon Wireless	80.22
Sheriff	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	429.4	Board of Elections	Gannett Ohio LocaliQ	92.4
Sheriff	Allen's Pharmacy	1256.11	Automatic Data Processing B	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	404.14
Ross County Court System	GFC Leasing-OH	1467.95	Automatic Data Processing B	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	94.81
Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	858.24	Automatic Data Processing B	Glo Fiber	7842.04
Ross County Court System	Courtview Justice Solutions	15000	Automatic Data Processing B	Glo Fiber	3701.81
Ross County Court System	Courtview Justice Solutions	9458	Automatic Data Processing B	Verizon Wireless	99.56
Recorder	Modern Office Methods, Inc	76.44	Automatic Data Processing B	Amazon Capital Services	161.38
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	5.04	Automatic Data Processing B	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	377.38
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	597	Automatic Data Processing B	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	316.74
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	4424	Auditor	Office City Express	53.83
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	738	Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1690.44
Planning Commission	Adams County Regional Me	10900	Auditor	Appraisal Research Corp.	51434.74
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	16277.85	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	630
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	38550	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1305
Planning Commission	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	18950	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	427.5
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	16000	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	600
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Sc	146142	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	3112.5
Planning Commission	DESIGNING LOCAL LTD	11800	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	984	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	502.5
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	95700	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	600
Planning Commission	ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCL	91199.6	Auditor	Barrington, James E.	622.5
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	62.35	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	1725
Litter Control	Amazon Capital Services	62.73	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	712.5
Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	1230.13	Auditor	City of Chillicothe Auditor's O	97982.48
Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	1251.25	Auditor	City of Chillicothe Auditor's O	74551.6
			Adult Probation	Redwood Toxicology Labora	38
					1836,324.28

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 February 10, 2025 through February 24, 2025, in the amount of \$27,515.51 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, \$1,458.75 be appropriated from DTAC into account code 229-03-00-7013 Workers Comp, per a request of February 24, 2025 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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, \$14,900.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account codes 100-21-00-7106 Rentals (\$4,000.00), account code 100-21-00-7107 Cell Phone Service (\$900.00) and account code 100-21-00-75555 Out of County Autopsies (\$10,000.00), per a request of February 24, 2025 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, \$7,480.63 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-00-00-7013 Workers Comp, per a request of February 24, 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$1,053.40 from account codes 233-46-52-7013 Workers Comp DS Children , into account code 233-46-21-7013 Workers Comp Indirect, \$155.56 from account code 233-46-05-7013 Workers Comp Help me Grow, into account code 233-46-22-7013 Workers Comp Program Supervision, \$282.78 from account code 233-46-12-7013 Workers Comp DS Family, into account code 233-46-51-7013 Workers Comp DS Children, \$987.80 from account code 233-46-73-7013 Workers Comp Speech, into account code 233-46-53-7013 Workers Comp Children, \$942.74 from account code 233-46-73-7013 Workers Comp Speech, into account code 233-46-90-7013 Workers Comp SSA, and \$35.79 from account code 233-46-73-7013 Workers Comp Speech, into account code 233-46-98-7013 Workers Comp Adult, per a request February 24, 2025 from the Ross County Board of DD.

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 \$325.66 from account code 208-02-00-7001 Salaries Employees, into account code 208-02-00-7013 Workers Comp, per a request February 24, 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 \$30.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 81C-00-00-7901 Unclaimed Funds, per a request February 24, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Auditor for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	2009 Chevrolet Impala	2489	Auction

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, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Auditor for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
3	Motorola Dispatch Console/ACU-1000	124ced0058, 124ced0059 124ced00060, 135000034801	Surplus Property

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

APPROPRIATION TO ATTEND MEETING/CONVENTION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve a request for appropriation to attend training at the Columbus Humane Society in Hilliard OH on April 27, 2025 for a cost of \$300.00 to the county.

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

BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM INFORMATION REPORT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to certify the validity of the workers comp claim filed by Maintenance employee Wendell Price. Mr. Price was injured on 12/12/24.

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

AUTHORIZATIN TO APPLY FOR US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RURAL & TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to authorize Goodhue Consulting to develop the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program application on behalf of Ross County and the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners authorize the following individuals to sign and submit the R TA application:

- Paul Goodhue, P.E. (Goodhue Consulting)
- Eric Damian, P .E. (Goodhue Consulting)
- Lindsey Kieres, P.E. (Goodhue Consulting)
- J. Devon Shoemaker, (Ross County Planning and Development)

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

COMPASS INTEGRATION NETWORK SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to enter into an agreement as of January 1, 2025 and between the Ross County Board of Commissioners, Ross County Common Pleas Courts on its own behalf and on behalf of any related, affiliated, associated, or subsidiary entities, partnerships, trusts or corporations, predecessors, successors and assigns, and its and their respective present and former officers, directors, agents, attorneys, employees, and insurers and Compass Integration, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company. In consideration of the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, and for other valuable consideration.

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an MOU to provide a mass notification system for the residents of Ross County in times of natural and man-made disasters, local emergencies, and public health emergencies. The City of Chillicothe currently shares twenty-seven percent the cost associated with the current contract that expires on April 30, 2025. The City of Chillicothe agrees to continue reimbursing Commissioners at the current rate. Year one fees will total \$2,904.00 and years two and three will be \$2,634.00.

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

COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERIFICATION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to certify the 2024 Ross County Highway System Mileage Certification provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The total length of county maintained public roads in Ross County was 400.043 miles as of December 31, 2024.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into negotiations for a construction management contract with the firm determined to provide the best value by the evaluation committee in accordance with the Revised Code and to accept and approve the best value rankings of the evaluation committee. Projects include: Ross County in partnership with the National Park Service will construct visitor access and experience improvements to four UNESCO World Heritage sites (Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks) including Mound City Group, Seip Earthworks, Hopewell Mound Group, and Hopeton Earthworks. This project will use the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) delivery method.

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

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO THE ARCHITECT AGREEMENT FELSON PARK PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to enter into an Amendment to the Architect Agreement between Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., dba OHM Advisors and the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, specific to the Felson Park project and executed on or about September 9, 2024

- 1. As adjusted by this Amendment, the Basic Services fees to be paid to the Architect are decreased by \$263,605 as outlined below:
 - a. Includes Quarry design through Design Development and Construction Documents;
 - b. Includes subconsultants geotech, mussel survey, and cultural survey for both Felson and Quarry; and
 - c. Assumes designed program elements that are eliminated as a result of VE-budget coordination will be excluded from the construction, and so is excluded from the Construction Administration portion of the A/E fee.
- 2. The total amount of fees payable to the Architect under this Amendment shall not exceed \$727,695.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Chase Carter, Assistant Director Trial Services, OPD – provided an update on the Ohio Public Defenders Indigent Defense remibusement.


Heather Cunningham, Administrator Soil & Water – asked for clarification of the appropriations that were approved in Soil & Water’s 2025 budget.

Julie Stevens, Representative for Senator Bernie Moreno – Ms. Stevens visited the Commissioners to introduce herself and let them know she is available to answer to relay questions and concerns to Senator Moreno.

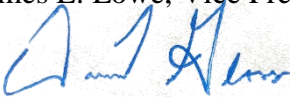
Ross Chillicothe Convention & Visitors Bureau Annual Report – Melody Young, Executive Director, CVB along with board members, Curt McAllister, Patti Cavender, and Mike Throne presented the 2024 Annual Report.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of February 24, at 3:00p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio


Jack A. Everson, President

James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner
