

**APRIL 13 – MEETING 15
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, April 13, 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 April 6, 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
Veterans Service Commission	Wex Bank	34.93
Veterans Service Commission	South Central Power Company	264
Veterans Service Commission	Sports Plus	130
Veterans Service Commission	Save-A-Lot	6551.65
Veterans Service Commission	South Central Power Company	200
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	71.51
Sheriff	Litter Quality Propane Gas	1921.49
Sheriff	DPS Media, Inc	143
Sheriff	Central Center Hardware	10.47
Sheriff	Office City Express	200
Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	19.9
Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	31.5
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	1331.57
Sheriff	Treasurer - State of Ohio	2670
Sheriff	Galls, LLC	183.83
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	379.97
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	511
Sheriff	DPS Media, Inc	30.18
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	244.69
Sheriff	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5
Sheriff	Wex Bank	2903.77
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	177.08
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	42.63
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	1979.01
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	79.95
Sheriff	Allen's Pharmacy	2426.55
Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police	28.98
Sheriff	Ratcliff, Roger	136.3
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	300
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	9171.25
Sheriff	Printex Printing	60
Sheriff	MOBILEXUSA	1560
Sheriff	Fayette County Commissioner	4372.5
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	331.42
Sheriff	Galls, LLC	12.25
Ross County Court System	Glo Fiber	1374
Ross County Court System	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	1467.95
Ross County Court System	Westside Media	516.5
Ross County Court System	Lexis-Nexis	450
Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	863
Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	428.66
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	300
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	15.01
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	123
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	58
Planning Commission	Westside Media	30
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	28889.55
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	17093.7
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	8190
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	14986
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	6398.75
Planning Commission	C. T. CONSULTANTS INC	21218.06
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	2400
Planning Commission	BDT AID, Inc	17603
Planning Commission	ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCLIMENT	5220.05
Planning Commission	City of Logan	53.96
Planning Commission	Village of Peebles	664512.35
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corpora	5000
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Society	99820
Planning Commission	Village of Greenfield	234726.75
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Society	63020
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corpora	5600
Planning Commission	DESIGNING LOCAL LTD	16540
Law Library	West Group	1198.7
Law Library	Glo Fiber	45.5
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	104.85
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	525
Juvenile Court	Globe Furniture	6000
Juvenile Court	Verizon Wireless	379.32
Juvenile Court	Abraxas Ohio	12564
Engineer	Iron City Implement	1164.83
Engineer	State Electric Supply, Inc.	131.49
Engineer	Westside Media	18.75
Engineer	Utility Truck Equipment	869.05
Engineer	Tim's Tires & Accessories	223
Engineer	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	835.99
Engineer	Southeastern Equipment Co.	381.01
Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	1507.88
Engineer	Printex Printing	335
Engineer	Menards	590.76
Engineer	Northern Tool & Equipment Cata	399
Engineer	Moore, Greg	2000
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	3692.46
Engineer	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	1596.5
Engineer	Lowe's	244.06
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Engineer	Lowe's	244.06
Emergency Management	Wex Bank	106.48
Emergency Management	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	121.65
Emergency Management	Joshua Garrett	97.97
Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	289.97
Coroner	Printex Printing	30
Coroner	Interactive Data LLC	125
Coroner	Thomas, Jodi L.	140
Coroner	ANDREW SCOTTY LAGAR	75
Coroner	MIKE RATLIFF	75
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	295.09
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	351.11
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	1405.65
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	8.5
Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	229.01
Commissioners	Ross Co Community Improv	31250
Commissioners	Schindler Elevator Corporati	3004.47
Commissioners	Treasurer of State	346.25
Commissioners	County Sanitary Service, Inc	525
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	83.55
Commissioners	Ross Co. Agricultural Societ	3200
Commissioners	Juvenile Detention Center	76738.01
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	5450
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	1065
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	383.75
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	318.75
Commissioners	Buckeye Power Sales Co.	1868.35
Commissioners	Buckeye Power Sales Co.	1494.17
Commissioners	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	596.85
Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	361.89
Commissioners	Harris & Leach, Inc.	750
Commissioners	Atech Fire & Security	355
Commissioners	B & C Communications	3300
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	28.83
Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	140
Commissioners	Southern Ohio Shredding LL	389.2
Commissioners	Master Locksmith and Safe	45
Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	85.38
Clerk of Courts	Ohio Judicial Conference	50
Certificate of Title	Office City Express	618.13
Certificate of Title	Office City Express	21.47
Certificate of Title	Shred-It USA	862.58
Certificate of Title	Government Forms and Sup	223.92
Certificate of Title	Sunrush Water	18.15
Building Department	JOSHUA HETTINGER	33.95
Building Department	Town & County Engineering	4462.5
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	673.89
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	7.9
Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BB	25.4
Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	101.21
Board of Elections	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	544.6
Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	7.55
Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	171.38
Automatic Data Processing	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	204.37
Automatic Data Processing	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	236.2
Automatic Data Processing	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	417.86
Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	327.29
Auditor	Glo Fiber	640
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Auditor	American Electric Power	1282.34
Auditor	Ross Co. Water Company	97.55
Auditor	Zane Village Mobile Homes	715.58
Auditor	Wex Bank	186.82
Auditor	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	129
Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	405
Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	255
Auditor	Curt Partee	51.96
Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Det	118128
Adult Probation	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECT	320.42
Adult Probation	Printex Printing	240
Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	20.72
Adult Probation	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECT	275.2
Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	16.35
Adult Probation	Wex Bank	263.22
Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	21.5
Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	115.76
		\$1,568,046.82

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 March 30, 2026 through April 13, 2026, in the amount of \$1,925.14 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$37,949.50 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General Fund, into account code 088-06-01-5901 SCOJFS Public Assist, per a request of April 13, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$2,000.00 from account code 100-52-61-7101 Out Reach, into account code 100-52-61-7100 Travel, per a request of April 13, 2026 from the Ross County Veterans Services.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer the following, per a request of April 13, 2026 from the Ross County Board of DD.

ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT
Salaries - Service & Support Administration	233-46-90-7001	Salaries - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7001	\$ 60,309.60
Salaries - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7001	Salaries - Direct Services - Children	233-46-54-7001	\$ 164,574.85
PERS - Service & Support Administration	233-46-90-7012	PERS-STRS - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7012	\$ 8,443.34
PERS-STRS - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7012	PERS - Direct Services - Children Unassigned	233-46-54-7012	\$ 23,040.59
Insurance - Service & Support Administration	233-46-90-7014	Insurance - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7014	\$ 21,432.16
Insurance - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7014	Insurance - Direct Services - Children	233-46-54-7014	\$ 63,924.96
Medicare - Service & Support Administration	233-46-90-7017	Medicare - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7017	\$ 801.04
Medicare - Program Supervision	233-46-22-7017	Medicare - Direct Services - Children	233-46-54-7017	\$ 2,149.30

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Office Chair	16492	Surplus Property

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Gun Vault SV500	18066	Surplus Property

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PY2026 CHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for the PY 2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). Ross County shall coordinate with Chillicothe to form a partnership. The maximum award for the partnership will be \$750,000.00. Ross County's budgeted amount is \$400,000, City of Chillicothe's budgeted amount is \$350,000.

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

CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR PY2026 CHIP

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter an agreement between Ross County and the Ohio Regional Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation engaged in community and economic development, planning and housing, and located in the City of Coshocton, Ohio. Joanne Price, Housing & Community Development Specialist, will be the local government representative for providing oversight to the Ohio Regional Development Corporation. There will be detailed reports provided, as needed, from the program administrator describing the status of each program and its funds. There will be a constant flow of communication between the two agencies to insure, that the grant is being implemented properly, and in a timely manner.

RESOLUTION 010-26

AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR PY 2026 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING ORDC TO SUBMIT THE PY 2026 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO ON BEHALF OF ROSS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Ross County, hereinafter the "Grantee", together with the City of Chillicothe, (the Partner), is applying for PY 2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) funding from the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Community Enhancements (OCE) in the amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of addressing local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, OCD Policy 24-02, 2 CFR 200.320 authorizes the Grantee to hire an administrative consultant, on its behalf, to perform administrative services and those services are detailed in the contract for administrative services; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Regional Development Corporation, hereinafter the "Consultant", is an Ohio non-profit Corporation engaged in community and economic development, planning and housing, and located in the City of Coshocton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Grantee and Consultant understand this agreement is contingent on PY 2026 CHIP funding from the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Community Enhancements (OCE);

WHEREAS, this agreement is in effect until the CHIP funds are expended and the funded activities are complete and closed out.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio:

Section 1: The Ross County Commissioners authorize the execution of an Agreement for the PY-2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program for Administration and Implementation Services with the Ohio Regional Development Corporation (ORDC). However, the agreement is only enforceable upon funding of the PY 2026 CHIP, therefore contingent upon funding from the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Community Enhancements (OCE). ORDC is to work with and at the direction of the Ross County Commissioners in order to assure that all services, information, and documentation required by said Agreements, HUD, the State of Ohio and/or CHIP guidelines are provided.

Section 2: That Ross County hereby approves and authorizes Ohio Regional Development Corporation, to submit a PY-2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program Application with the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Community Enhancements (OCE), on behalf of Ross County and the City of Washington Court House, and to provide all information and documentation required in said Application submission. Ross County is the Grantee, and accepts responsibility for and authority over the entire CHIP Program Grant.

Section 3: Ross County authorizes Ohio Regional Development Corporation to execute the HOME written agreement on their behalf for the CHIP projects, or any other necessary documents for CHIP projects.

This resolution also authorizes the president and/or vice president of the board of commissioners to sign any, and all documentation related to the execution of said contract/agreement.

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

CONTRACT AWARD HOPEWELL VISITORS CENTER

Mr. Glass moved, Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners award a contract, on the recommendation of American Structure Point, to Equity Construction Solutions, LLC, for the Hopewell Visitor's Center, contract price \$4,384,757.00. Bids were opened as advertised March 30, 2026, 12:00pm. Funding for this project is through state grant funds.

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

LETTER OF SUPPORT GREAT SEAL MEDICAL AND SPORTS COMPLEX

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve sending a letter of support to the Ohio Department of Development, for the Great Seal Medical and Sports Complex.

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

The following proclamation was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on April 13, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance:

HONORING THE UNIOTO HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Unioto High School Boys Basketball Team has demonstrated outstanding dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship throughout their season, going 20-4 overall and 14-0 in the Scioto Valley Conference winning the SVC and District Championships, leading up to the Regional Semifinal game; and

WHEREAS, Led by Senior Blake Fitch the SVC Player of the Year, 1st Team All SVC, 1st Team All SE District, and 1st Team District 14, North-South Game, Jack Welch: 2nd Team All SVC, 2nd Team All SE District and 2nd Team District 14, Isaac Coy: 2nd Team All SVC, 3rd Team All SE District and Honorable Mention District 14, and Dawson Mitchell and Jaxon Zickafoose both Honorable Mention All SVC; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team; Freshmen Brayden Harsha, Laykin Langolf and Blake Braden, Sophomores: Cayden Patterson, and Mathias Geise, Juniors: Aiden Cox, Isaac Coy, Jack Welch, Johnny Wetzels, and Cam Shackelford and Seniors: Blake Fitch, David Long, Jaxon Zickafoose and Dawson Mitchell have committed countless hours to practice, teamwork, and personal growth both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Matt Combs and staff have provided exceptional leadership, guidance, and mentorship, fostering not only athletic excellence but also character and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the team has brought pride and recognition to Unioto High School and the surrounding community through their achievements and competitive spirit; and their success serves as an inspiration to fellow students, young athletes, and community members alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Unioto High School Boys Basketball Team is hereby recognized and commended for their accomplishments, teamwork, and representation of excellence.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we celebrate their hard work, honor, and achievements, and wish them continued success in all future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proclamation is presented in recognition of a remarkable season and the enduring spirit of the Unioto High School Boys Basketball Team.

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

PAY APPLICATION 3 ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER RENOVATION

Mr. Glass moved, Lowe seconded, to approve pay application 3 from Stockmeister Enterprises, Inc. for work done on the Ross County Service Center Renovation at a cost of \$205,275.46.

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

OTHER BUSINESS


Investment Advisory Board Meeting

Ross County Sheriff and IT Department – with GloFiber no longer supporting the phone system within the Sheriff's Department, the IT Department and the County IT Director, Andy Wettersten will work together to bring a new and updated system into the LEC in a timely manner.

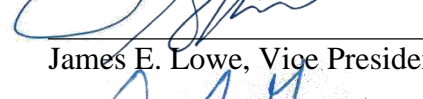
Work Session – Land Bank/GOPC, Brad Park – Foulke Block

ADJOURN

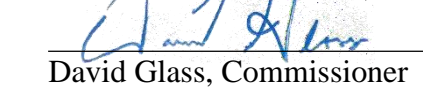
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of April 13, 2026, at 9:53am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner