

**MAY 4 – MEETING 18
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, May 4, 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 27, 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	PURCHASE ORDER	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	TOTAL VALUE
VOCA	2026001193	1214.04	Engineer	2026001119	1270
VOCA	2026000598	130	Engineer	2026001014	98.98
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000128	612.13	Engineer	2026001014	27.5
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000127	892.36	Engineer	2026001014	828.36
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000129	232.3	Engineer	2026000097	1023.05
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000126	368.75	Engineer	2026001119	406.4
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000130	59	Engineer	2026001014	325.09
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000445	590	Engineer	2026000796	13537.4
Veterans Service Commisri	2026001183	1000	Engineer	2026001119	300
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000445	663.39	Engineer	2026001014	60.05
Veterans Service Commisri	2026000947	55.62	Engineer	2026001014	561.7
Sheriff	2026000495	2650.17	Engineer	2026001119	2500
Sheriff	2026000685	2145.7	Engineer	2026001014	828.65
Sheriff	2026000685	66.45	Engineer	2026001014	119.9
Sheriff	2026000685	97.65	Engineer	2026001014	74.59
Sheriff	2026000684	738.81	Engineer	2026001014	544.42
Sheriff	2026000763	276	Emergency Management	2026000530	121.65
Sheriff	2026000762	396	Caraner	2026001059	50.85
Sheriff	2026000687	8753.68	Commisrioners	2026000793	6.54
Sheriff	2026000684	181.26	Commisrioners	2026001135	204.75
Sheriff	2026000684	759.18	Commisrioners	2026000667	314.4
Sheriff	2026001233	435.54	Commisrioners	2026000384	47.93
Sheriff	2026000110	227.65	Commisrioners	2026001215	36525
Sheriff	2026000110	50.95	Commisrioners	2026001213	340
Sheriff	2026000117	304.42	Commisrioners	2026001214	48.76
Sheriff	2026000119	65.5	Commisrioners	2026000808	1090.94
Sheriff	2026000492	89.25	Commisrioners	2026000431	10.35
Sheriff	2026000505	100	Commisrioners	2026000382	580.47
Sheriff	2026000505	115.56	Commisrioners	2026000826	1094.54
Sheriff	2026000505	695.51	Commisrioners	2026000431	79.9
Sheriff	2026000505	642.77	Commisrioners	2026000433	159.02
Sheriff	2026000505	1399.88	Commisrioners	2026000430	23440.8
Sheriff	2026000494	265.13	Commisrioners	2026000588	304.65
Sheriff	2026000493	18395.24	Commisrioners	2026001210	1726.02
Sheriff	2026000110	190.94	Commisrioners	2026001211	173.75
Ross County Court System	2026001220	169.98	Commisrioners	2026000387	598.85
Recorder	2026001239	152.25	Commisrioners	2026000383	72.75
Recorder	2026000692	32	Commisrioners	2026000429	106
Prosecuting Attorney	2026000637	51.5	Commisrioners	2026000507	314.4
Probate Court	2026000423	200	Commisrioners	2026000588	680.12
Probate Court	2026000419	25.64	Clerk of Courts	2026001234	1174.59
Probate Court	2026000422	14677.16	Clerk of Courts	2026001044	48
Planning Commisrion	2026000148	204723	Clerk of Courts	2026000455	84.29
Planning Commisrion	2026000143	70	Certificate of Title	2026000897	97.01
Planning Commisrion	2026000143	55	Certificate of Title	2026000897	100.05
Planning Commisrion	2026000231	11162.23	Building Department	2026000333	691.93
Planning Commisrion	2026000239	43837.54	Building Department	2026000337	13.99
Planning Commisrion	2026000134	27.7	Board of Elections	2026001236	74.62
Planning Commisrion	2026000309	2272.5	Board of Elections	2026001235	86.02
Planning Commisrion	2026000146	49734.6	Board of Elections	2026001217	652.9
Planning Commisrion	2026000314	4881.25	Automatic Data Processing	2026001126	3375
Planning Commisrion	2026000233	24700.15	Automatic Data Processing	2026001178	3556.8
Planning Commisrion	2026000330	4644.24	Auditor	2026000282	45.61
Planning Commisrion	2026000238	43490	Auditor	2026000368	1202212.3
Planning Commisrion	2026000328	38750	Auditor	2026000365	3244.5
Planning Commisrion	2026000233	32733.43	Auditor	2026000363	10000
Planning Commisrion	2026000308	1083.75	Auditor	2026000350	345
Planning Commisrion	2026001218	114.23	Auditor	2026000351	442.5
Planning Commisrion	2026000236	684311.11	Auditor	2026000351	682.5
Planning Commisrion	2026000325	5447.34	Auditor	2026000287	78
Planning Commisrion	2026000240	961496.38	Auditor	2026000350	225
Planning Commisrion	2026000327	3000	Auditor	2026000350	157.5
Planning Commisrion	2026000246	226975.68	Auditor	2026000350	300
Planning Commisrion	2026000307	3399.05	Auditor	2026000350	112.5
Planning Commisrion	2026000152	459628.57	Auditor	2026000367	250
Planning Commisrion	2026000293	27774.1	Auditor	2026000350	90
Planning Commisrion	2026000316	17525.41	Auditor	2026001137	1120
Litter Control	2026000372	377.28	Auditor	2026001219	748.8
Litter Control	2026000378	80.75	Auditor	2026000350	862.5
Juvenile Court	2026000674	560	Auditor	2026000824	20.37
Juvenile Court	2026000402	204.59	Auditor	2026001212	22750
Juvenile Court	2026000411	57.16	Auditor	2026000350	112.5
Juvenile Court	2026000354	153.35	Adult Probation	2026000213	2600
Engineer	2026001216	20300	Adult Probation	2026001028	60.73
Engineer	2026001119	5179.8			
Engineer	2026001014	679.09			
					\$4,286,612.68

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 April 20, 2026 through May 4, 2026, in the amount of \$20,866.91 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$18,200.00 from Special Projects into account codes 219-20-00-7200 Equipment (\$2,000.00) and account code 219-20-00-7550 Other Expenses (\$16,200.00), per a request of May 4, 2026 from the Ross County Common Pleas.

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 appropriate \$68,581.63 from Recorders Equipment into account code 238-30-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of May 4, 2026 from the Ross County US Major Crimes Task Force.

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 \$300.00 from Opioid Stimulant and Substance Abuse into account code 410-29-25-7550 Other, per a request of May 4, 2026 from the Ross County Common Pleas.

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 \$34,887.67 from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS, into account code 231-51-00-0010 Children Services, per a request of May 4, 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 \$103,577.50 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General Fund, into account code 343-00-99-5943 Bond Retirement, per a request of May 4, 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 100-30-00-7001 Salaries Employees, into account code 100-30-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of May 4, 2026 from the Ross County Recorder.

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 Clerk of Courts for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Compaq Monitor	9520	Surplus Property
1	Metal Filing Cabinet	9986	Surplus Property
1	Mobile File Cabinet	15597	Surplus Property
1	Heater	16241	Surplus Property
2	Chairs	n/a	Surplus Property

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 May 1, 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 April at a cost of \$72,179.41.

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

AD APPROVAL FOR 2ND PUBLIC HEARING CHIP 2026

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the ad for the 2nd public hearing for the 2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program on May 18, 10:00am in the Commissioners Conference room.

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

The following proclamations were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on March 30, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance:

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

whereas, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor older adults in **Ross County** and their contributions to our community.

Whereas, the 2026 theme for Older Americans Month, "Champion Your Health," focuses on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging.

Whereas, communities that prioritize healthy aging foster independence, dignity, and quality of life for residents of all ages by promoting accessible services, age-friendly environments, and inclusive opportunities to remain active and engaged; and

Whereas, organizations, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and community partners work diligently to support older adults in championing their health and well-being, helping them thrive and remain connected

Now, therefore, we, the **Ross County Commissioners**, do hereby proclaim May 2026 to be Older Americans Month.

We encourage all residents to recognize, celebrate, and support older adults as they *Champion Their Health* and continue enriching our

Mental Health Awareness Month May 2026

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to the overall well-being and prosperity of our community, affecting how we think, feel, and act every day; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 people experience a mental health condition each year, and 5 in 5 are managing their mental health daily, regardless of their background or circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme, "**More Good Days, Together**," reminds us that "good" is defined by unique individual experiences and that healing begins when we connect people to the right support at the right time; and

WHEREAS, stigma remains a significant barrier to seeking help, and it is our collective responsibility to foster open dialogue, show compassion, and replace silence with hope; and

WHEREAS, our community is committed to increasing access to mental health services, supporting early intervention, and ensuring that no one has to face these challenges alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I the Ross County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May as **Mental Health Awareness Month** in Ross County, Ohio.

I CALL UPON all citizens, government agencies, businesses, and schools to recommit to increasing awareness, reducing stigma, and taking tangible steps to support the mental health of our neighbors, colleagues, and families.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

“GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS – SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS”

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer’s 75th annual observance coincides with the 250th anniversary of America’s independence, focusing on magnifying God, repentance, and interceding for the nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Americans have sought the guidance, strength, and blessing of Almighty God in times of trial and triumph; and

WHEREAS, the theme “Glorify God Among the Nations – Seeking Him in All Generations” calls people of every age and background to unite in humble prayer, recognizing God’s sovereignty and faithfulness; and

WHEREAS, prayer has been a foundational expression of faith and hope, bringing communities together, strengthening families, and encouraging leaders to seek wisdom and justice; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to set aside a time to acknowledge our dependence on God, to repent of our shortcomings, and to seek His grace for our nation and its future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim this day as a National Day of Prayer, and I encourage all citizens to join-together in prayer and reflection, seeking God’s guidance for our nation, its leaders, and all generations to come.

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, David Glass, yes; Jack Everson, yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 016-26
RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS
OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION**

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of County Commissioners, Ohio has heretofore declared the necessity to levy a renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Ross County, Ohio and the Ross County Health District, in order to provide the Ross County Health District with sufficient funds to carry out the district's health program, pursuant to Section 3709.29 of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding one (1.0) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$.10) for each one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the tax year 2027 and extending for 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031; and, be further

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), the Board of County Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio, by Resolution 013-26, requested certification of County Auditor the total current tax valuation of the subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that will be generated by a renewal of (1.00) mill levy in excess of the ten-mil limitation for purposes pursuant to Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio, has received the certification from the County Auditor that such total current tax valuation is \$2,386,522,174.00 and that such dollar amount of revenue is \$1,536,027.00 per year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That is hereby declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised in this subdivision within the ten-mil limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Ross County Health District, Ohio.

Section 2. That the question of the adoption of said renewal tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Ross County at the election to be held on November 3, 2026, and if said renewal tax levy is approved by a majority of said electors such renewal tax shall first be placed upon the 2026 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

community.

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

CERTIFICATE OF CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS GRANT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve the Certificate of Confidential Funds for the US 23 Major Crimes Task Force for purchase of surveillance equipment essential to achieving the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force's violent crime reduction objectives in Ross County and the City of Chillicothe. The \$10,000.00 will purchase a VX400 Cover Camera.

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

CONTRACT AGREEMENT JANITORIAL SERVICES K&K

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve the Janitorial Contract with K&K Carpet Care of Chillicothe LLC, effective date May 4, 2026 through May 31, 2029 for an annual fee of \$189,240.00 or a monthly fee of \$15,770.00.

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

CONTRACT AGREEMENT SUNESIS CONSTRUCTION WEST JUNCTION BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners enter into an agreement with Sunesis Construction to furnish all materials, equipment, and labor necessary to perform the following according to the terms and provisions of the specifications and proposal attached hereto and incorporated herein, to the reasonable satisfactions and acceptance of the party of the first part and subject to inspection at all times and in accordance with: ROS-CR 213B-00.13 Bridge Replacement (West Junction) at a cost of \$1,410,339.93. The completion date for the work contemplated by this Unit Price Contract which is to be performed by the party of the second part shall be November 21, 2026.

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

PROPOSAL SOS ELECTRIC INC BEACON LIGHT POLE AT AIRPORT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve a proposal from SOS Electric, LLC to remove and replace the beacon light and pole at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport for a cost of \$10,420.00.

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

CHANGE ORDER 2 TAM CONSTRUCTION 104 SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve change order 2 to add drain lines for the bioxide containment sumps located at pump station 2 & 3 for a cost of \$10,172.00.

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

PAY APPLICATION 5 TAM CONSTRUCTION 104 SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to approve pay application 5 for services completed on the 104 sewer project for the amount of \$1,062,18.88.

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

BID REQUESTS FOR MT TABOR ROAD BRIDGE AND ROZELLE CREEK BRIDGE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the County Engineer to advertise for bid on bidexpress for the equipment, labor, and material necessary to complete the Superstructure Portion only of Mt. Tabor Road Bridge and Rozelle Creek Bridge. Bids will be opened May 27, 11:30am at the Engineers office.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Monthly Staff Meeting

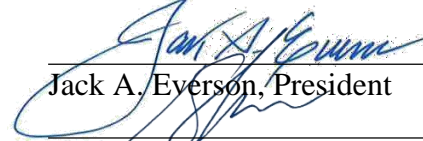
Pineapple Awards

Eric Braunlin discussed CORSA Membership Services

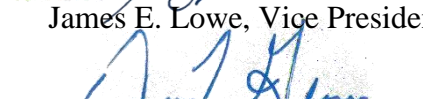
Economic Development Work Session

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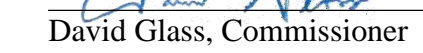
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of May 4, 2026, at 11:10am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner