

MAY 12 – MEETING 19

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The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, May 12, 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 May 5, 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
VOCA	T-Mobile USA Inc	27.71	Engineer	Kendra Miller, Fiscal Officer	55000
Veterans Service Com	The Corner Market	731.03	Engineer	Harry B. Junk III, Fiscal Officer	55000
Veterans Service Com	Save-A-Lot	5423.85	Engineer	Roberta Barron, Fiscal Officer	55000
Veterans Service Com	Stacey Boroff	286.96	Engineer	Steven G. Wisecup, Fiscal Officer	55000
Veterans Service Com	Terry Dowdy	57.87	Engineer	Unifirst First Aid Corp	326.27
Treasurer	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	8.75	Engineer	Ross Auto Parts	44.97
Treasurer	Smartbill Ltd	12000	Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	208.02
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	244.63	Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	166.98
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	511	Engineer	Old Canal Stop	33
Sheriff	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	4438.2	Engineer	Matco Tools	43.45
Sheriff	Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy	920	Engineer	Matco Tools	3
Sheriff	Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy	460	Engineer	Lowe's	367.01
Sheriff	Printex Printing	375	Engineer	Kleem, Inc.	1281.57
Sheriff	Wex Bank	15708.82	Engineer	Kenworth Truck Co.	52.18
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	993.74	Engineer	Fastenal Company	2193.58
Sheriff	Insight Public Sector, Inc	226.94	Engineer	Ron Evans Enterprises	3186
Sheriff	JOSHUA O'BOMSAWIN	75.28	Engineer	Coppel Coal & Supply Co.	48.3
Sheriff	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	392.14	Engineer	Do It Right Cleaning Service, LLC	900
Sheriff	OSU Wexner Medical Center	30.65	Engineer	Baldwin & Sours	7724
Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	2710.95	Engineer	B & C Communications	194.92
Sheriff	Treasurer - State of Ohio	3517	Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	294
Sheriff	Adena Health Systems	166.39	Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	787.16
Sheriff	Fayette County Commissioners	16293.83	Dog Warden	Wex Bank	1952.08
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	1665	Dog Warden	Glo Fiber	131.27
Sheriff	Krace Gill	440	Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	13.98
Sheriff	Allen's Pharmacy	2912.07	Coroner	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	565
Sheriff	Adena Health System	294.51	Coroner	Thomas, Jodi L.	140
Sheriff	Visa	501.2	Coroner	INTERACTIVE DATA LLC	125
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	53.75	Coroner	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	34.47
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	42.6	Coroner	MARK A GRAY	19
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	93.97	Coroner	Central Center, LLC	670.63
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	2508.55	Common Pleas Court #	Speirs, Tammy	294
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	922.34	Common Pleas Court #	Mears Photography	2625.45
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	33.56	Common Pleas Court #	Ashley Zuefle	23.8
Sheriff	MOBILEXUSA	1470	Common Pleas Court #	Brittany Jadwin	39
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8103.36	Commissioners	Steven G. Wisecup, Fiscal Officer	300000
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	95.31	Commissioners	American Electric Power	6078.07
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	54.78	Commissioners	Sports Plus	837.5
Sheriff	Wex Bank	1662.71	Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	22.5
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	79.95	Commissioners	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	333.13
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	242.11	Commissioners	Master Locksmith and Safe Service, Inc	174
Sheriff	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000	Commissioners	Central Auto Parts	111.78
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	71.51	Commissioners	Treasurer, State of Ohio	200
Ross County Court Sys	Charter Communications	153.98	Commissioners	Lowe's	1564.78
Ross County Court Sys	Compass Integration LLC	4513.75	Commissioners	Ag-Pro Ohio, LLC	1378.83
Ross County Court Sys	Compass Integration LLC	4086.94	Commissioners	CORSA	135.87
Ross County Court Sys	Sound Communications, Inc.	8422.68	Commissioners	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	109.9
Ross County Court Sys	Glo Fiber	1374	Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.35
Ross County Court Sys	Westside Media	270	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Services	102
Ross County Court Sys	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	1467.95	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	459
Ross County Court Sys	Pike Co. Recovery Council	529	Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	81.82
Ross County Court Sys	The Garden Family Advocacy Center	2496.45	Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	26.54
Ross County Court Sys	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING US	118.4	Commissioners	Ross Co. Water Company	27.64
Ross County Court Sys	Lexis-Nexis	429	Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Department	236.67
Ross County Court Sys	Pike Co. Recovery Council	233.42	Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Department	726.63
Ross County Court Sys	Thomson Reuters - West	333.88	Commissioners	Central Center Hardware	245.51
Recorder	Staff Source Inc.	2662.2	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	1149.45
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	106.33	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	484.26
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	26.85
Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	416.2	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	650.08
Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	723	Commissioners	State of Ohio UST Fund	2450
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	65	Commissioners	Rick's Park-N-Save	9739
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	2610	Commissioners	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	519.74
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	272	Commissioners	Ag-Pro Ohio, LLC	169.98
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	129	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	26.42
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	950	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	115.5
Probate Court	Rutherford, Sherri K.	200	Clerk of Courts	Sunrush Water	23.15
Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	10	Building Department	HOMETOWN APPAREL & SCREEN PRINTING	525.75
Planning Commission	Shoemaker, James Devon	54.97	Building Department	JOSH HETTINGER	33.95
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	63.93	Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	52.85
Planning Commission	Westside Media	30	Building Department	Shelley, Joshua	7200
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	66375	Building Department	City of Chillicothe Building Dept.	471.97
Planning Commission	The Welsh-American Heritage Museum, Inc	23423.37	Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	25.05
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	9118.75	Building Department	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	960.33
Litter Control	Wex Bank	376.33	Board of Elections	Jessica Smith	363.74
Juvenile Court	BILLIE J. LYTLE	60.2	Board of Elections	Go2ITGroup	1824.44
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	383.97	Auditor	American Electric Power	79.08
Juvenile Court	Abraxas Ohio	10350	Auditor	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	320.53
Juvenile Court	E.B. Evaluations, Inc	3150	Auditor	Glo Fiber	4409.35
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	23.5	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1192.5
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	32.25	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	337.5
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	2243.98	Auditor	Glo Fiber	1078
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitoring, LLC	726	Auditor	Ross Co. Water Company	173.91
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	15.18	Auditor	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	29
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	1241.04	Auditor	Industrial Appraisal Co.	1080
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	4306.51	Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	239.99
Engineer	Central Auto Parts	488.38	Auditor	Rich & Gillis Law Group LLC	500
Engineer	Cheryl DuBois, Fiscal Officer	55000	Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	1200
Engineer	Kimberly J Litter, Fiscal Officer	55000	Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	2162.86
Engineer	Carol L. Schrader, Fiscal Officer	55000	Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	2614.26
Engineer	Stephen A. Neal, Fiscal Officer	55000	Auditor	GeoTel Communications, LLC	750
Engineer	Vicky Mettler, Fiscal Officer	55000	Auditor	Google, Inc.	2143.7
Engineer	Dustin G Lewis, Fiscal Officer	55000	Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	41.56
Engineer	Nanette L. Clary, Fiscal Officer	55000	Adult Probation	Verizon Wireless	88.51
Engineer	Patricia Scott, Fiscal Officer	55000	Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	184.99
Engineer	Nicholas S.W. Haines, Fiscal Officer	55000	Adult Probation	Wex Bank	216.56
Engineer	Donna I. Snyder, Fiscal Officer	55000	Adult Probation	Avive Solutions, Inc	1909.9
Engineer	D. Brad McCorkle, Fiscal Officer	55000			
Engineer	Philip Hartman, Fiscal Officer	55000			\$1,512,179.86

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 April 28, 2025 through May 12, 2025, in the amount of \$1,328.30 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 \$250,000.00 from account code 233-46-85-0010 Board of DD Fund into account code 533-46-00-5933 Board of DD Capital, per a request of May 12, 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.

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$30,000.00 from account code 208-02-00-7014 Group Insurance into account code 208-02-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of May 12, 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 \$52,115.76 from account coded 420-29-07-7001 Salaries into account codes 420-29-07-7103 Contract Services (\$3,196.90), account code 420-29-07-7150 Supplies (\$357.39), account code 420-29-07-7151 Educational Services (\$648.39), account code 420-29-07-7200 Equipment (\$2,601.60) and account code 420-29-07-7800 Reimbursement (\$45,311.18), per a request of May 12, 2025 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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

T-CAP GRANT FY2026/27

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to confirm that Ross County wishes to participate in the FY2026/2027 Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) Grant program. We understand that this grant provides funding to the Ross County Court of Common Pleas General Division through the Ross County Board of Commissioners to supervise, treat and hold accountable low-level, non-violent offenders and to, thereby safely reduce Ohio's prison population.

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

APPOINTMENT ROSS CHILLICOTHE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appoint Mr. Pat Quakenbush, Director Adena Mansion and Gardens, to the Ross Chillicothe Convention and Visitors Bureau, effective May 1, 2025, with no term limit.

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners of April 28, 2025, with Commissioners Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass in attendance.

RESOLUTION 021-25

WHEREAS, The Ross County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC). OVRDC is a public regional planning commission within the State of Ohio, whose purpose is to influence favorably the future economic, physical, and social development of the twelve-county region through its regional development planning programs and technical assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission promotes a cooperative planning process involving local governments, public and private agencies, and individual citizens, toward improving their region within a democratic process; and
WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), prepared by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$7,605.00 as participating local funds for the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission to be used as part of the agenc budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026. The appropriated funds to be paid on or after January 1, 2026, and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ross County Board of Commissioners continues to support the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission’s Economic Development District planning partnership investment grant program with the USDOC Economic Development Administration for the annual performance period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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

ADDENDUM NO 7 TO LEASE CHILLICOTHE DRIVER EXAM STATION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve addendum 7 to the lease for the Drivers Exam Station between Ross County Board of Commissioners and Ohio Department of Public Safety. Effective July 1, 2025 through June 20, 2027. The annual base rental rate will remain \$16.00 per square foot, for a total of \$23,952.00 per year, or \$5,988.00 per quarter.

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

ADDENDUM NO 4 TO LEASE CHILLICOTE DEPUTY REGISTRAR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve addendum 4 to the lease between Ross County Board of Commissioners and Chillicothe Deputy Registrar. Effective July 1, 2025 through June 20, 2027. The annual base rental rate will remain \$16.00 per square foot, for a total of \$32,048.00 per year, or \$2,670.74 for July and \$2,670.66, each month thereafter.

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

CONTRACT FOR PUBIC DEFENSE SERVICES

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the contract for Public Defense Services between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. The Contracting Authority agrees to pay the Agency the sum of \$283,508.00. This amount shall be paid in four equal installments of \$70,877.00 due July 1, 2025, October 1, 2025, January 5, 2026, and April 1, 2026. The contract amount is based on the funding level appropriated by the Ohio Legislature for Fiscal Year 2026 and an estimated statewide rate of 88% percent for reimbursement of county level indigent defense systems for Fiscal Year 2026. If the funding level or estimated rate of reimbursement should change during the term of this Contract, the contract amount and any remaining quarterly payments shall be adjusted to reflect the new funding level or statewide percentage rate of reimbursement.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 1:00pm, to discuss matter to be kept confidential regarding Pixelle work session.

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 1:00pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 2:00p.m. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 2:00pm, to discuss purchase or sale of property.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 2:00pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 2:40p.m. No action was taken.

PORT AUTHORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to grant \$300,000.00 to the Ross County Port Authority to Subsidize Port Authority Property Acquisition. This motion is a result of discussion in the executive session called at 2:00pm with members of the Port Authority Board, Tammy Eallonardo, Tiffany LeMaster, Ken Shelton, and Brad Cosenza present.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 2:44pm, to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for an active economic development project assistance.

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 2:44pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 3:47p.m. No action was taken.

CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to fund the Community Resource Center roof replacement (\$150,400.00) and the Carver Community Center ADA Restroom (\$40,000.00) through the CDBG Community Development Allocation.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

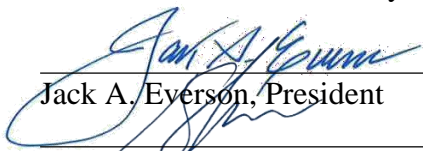
David Tillis, President Lucy Hayes Heritage Center – provided the annual report for the Lucy Webb Hayes Heritage Center 2024.

David Litteral, iHeart Media, Dr. John Gabis, Hope Partnership – Mr. Litteral, on behalf of iHeartMedia, requested funding for a critical initiative aimed at combating the opioid crisis in Shelby County. iHeartMedia is co-founder of the National Opioid Action Coalition (NOAC) and he oversees our area Opioid Misuse Prevention Network in Southern Ohio. This initiative is designed to raise awareness, provide education, and offer support to those affected by opioid use disorders through a comprehensive media outreach program. To ensure the success of this initiative, we are seeking financial support from the Commissioner's One Ohio Opioid Settlement Funds. The Commissioners will discuss this request and make a decision at another time.

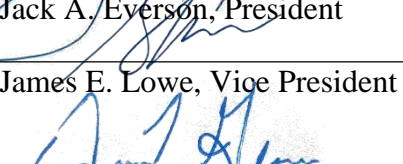
Treasurer Jeffers and Nick Viccari, Investment Advisory Board – discussed the possibility of funding the Courthouse Restoration project and repairs at the Ross County Service Center, through interest income from county investments. Mr. Viccari was confident the funds would be available and will put together a more comprehensive timeline, with dollar figures, on when funds could be accessed.

ADJOURN

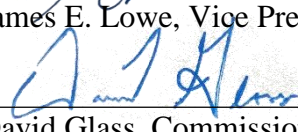
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of May 12, at 4:00 p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner