

**MAY 18 – MEETING 20  
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, May 18, 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 May 11, 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	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
VOCA	T-Mobile USA Inc	28.91	Juvenile Court	The Water Express	39.25
Veterans Service Commission	Stacey Boroff	280.65	Juvenile Court	Schutt, Adelina	160
Veterans Service Commission	Terry Dowdy	42.36	Juvenile Court	The Water Express	30.25
Veterans Service Commission	Wex Bank	38.37	Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	1050
Veterans Service Commission	Hardy Memorials	200	Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	214.49
Veterans Service Commission	Chillicothe Paints	3000	Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	259
Veterans Service Commission	Robert Davis	280.25	Juvenile Court	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	378.03
Veterans Service Commission	Finley, John	95.88	Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitor	801
Veterans Service Commission	McGee, Matt	390.89	Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	19.88
Veterans Service Commission	Sewards, Randy A.	582.61	Engineer	Pritchard Land Surveying	3150
Treasurer	Smartbill Ltd	157.5	Engineer	J&M Custom Fabrication LLC	2605
Treasurer	Smartbill Ltd	11600	Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	765.95
Treasurer	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	9	Engineer	Principal Truck Supply	2864.82
Treasurer	Diebold, Inc.	1455.4	Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	226.55
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	65.03	Engineer	Southeastern Equipment Co.	1102.2
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	260.16	Engineer	Scioto Valley Precast Co.	240
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	130.06	Engineer	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	260.65
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	325.2	Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	2445
Sheriff	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5	Engineer	Old Canal Stop	33
Sheriff	DPS Media, Inc	30.18	Engineer	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	569.96
Sheriff	P&R Communications Service	1639	Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	11748.17
Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	39.8	Engineer	S & S Aggregates	599.2
Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	47.5	Engineer	Gem City Tires, LLC	2811.1
Sheriff	Visa	226.54	Engineer	Fastenal Company	179.89
Sheriff	AutoZone	46.47	Engineer	Clemans, Nelson & Associates	540
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1551.9	Engineer	Edwards Culvert Company	7104
Sheriff	BRYAN SMITH	140	Engineer	Chillicothe Steel Co.	250
Sheriff	Galls, LLC	255.69	Engineer	CertaSite, LLC	1427.25
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	79.89	Engineer	Auto Truck Tire Center, Inc	312.5
Sheriff	Scioto Shoe Mart	130	Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	61.3
Sheriff	Tim's Tires & Accessories	70	Engineer	All-Ways Construction LLC	500
Sheriff	Treasurer of State	74	Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	1382.46
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	15.74	Engineer	AG-PRO OHIO, LLC	2395.91
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	12.38	Engineer	Advanced Hydraulics and Hose	494.47
Sheriff	Adena Health System	48	Engineer	Advance Auto Parts	341.19
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	682.14	Engineer	Adena Health System	228
Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	15654	Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	602.1
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp	556.3	Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	243.44
Sheriff	Escamilla, Vanessa	396	Emergency Management	Joshua Garrett	74
Sheriff	Adena Health System	20.76	Emergency Management	Bad Day Training & Consulting	5000
Sheriff	Jonina Johnson	276	Emergency Management	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	121.65
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8892.38	Emergency Management	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	10.52
Sheriff	Friends Service Co. Inc	17.01	Coroner	NMS Labs	1673
Sheriff	Friends Service Co. Inc	116.66	Coroner	MARK A GRAY	19
Sheriff	Friends Service Co. Inc	109.38	Coroner	Interactive Data LLC	125
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	62.26	Coroner	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1115
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1104.85	Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	121.98
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	560	Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	190.98
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	766.45	Common Pleas Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	87.55
Sheriff	Fayette County Commission	20936.53	Common Pleas Court #1	Amazon Capital Services	172.86
Sheriff	Allen's Pharmacy	1268.89	Commissioners	All-Ways Construction LLC	1650
Sheriff	Coughlin Auto	455.94	Commissioners	Treasurer of State	150
Recorder	Ohio Recorders' Association	2708.72	Commissioners	LLW Holdings LLC	9962.23
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	315	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	189.78
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	123	Commissioners	State of Ohio UST Fund	2450
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	115	Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.72
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	24	Commissioners	Nationwide Contractors	4785
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	2880	Commissioners	Oakland Nursery Inc	1775.21
Probate Court	Government Forms and Supplies	1672.89	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	55.45
Probate Court	The Water Express	28.25	Commissioners	S.O.S. Electric	7016.5
Planning Commission	Village of Leesburg	139968	Commissioners	American Electric Power	8481.06
Planning Commission	Rio Grande Community College	5530.94	Commissioners	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	596.85
Planning Commission	Rio Grande Community College	100247.84	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	108.25
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Society	5417.21	Commissioners	Printex Printing	85
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Society	101660	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	159.87
Planning Commission	Ohio Historical Society, Inc	169702.71	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	55.45
Planning Commission	Jackson County Economic Development	500000	Commissioners	iWorQ Systems, Inc.	6400
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	10000	Commissioners	Swango Cabling & Trenching	71.11
Planning Commission	City of Chillicothe Auditor's Office	2633033.8	Commissioners	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	417
Planning Commission	Belmont County Port Authority	278638.31	Clerk of Courts	Amazon Capital Services	150.41
Planning Commission	Mount Zion Black Cultural Center	838179.61	Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	86.78
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	2400	Certificate of Title	The Water Express	92.5
Planning Commission	RURAL ACTION INC	5226.48	Certificate of Title	Sunrush Water	23.15
Planning Commission	RURAL ACTION INC	448796.5	Building Department	Verizon Wireless	160.44
Planning Commission	Montrose Group, LLC	5000	Building Department	Muffler Brothers	1167.96
Planning Commission	Joshua Houck	32650	Building Department	The Water Express	15.5
Planning Commission	Village of Georgetown	701831.99	Board of Elections	Office City Express	123.04
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	11214	Board of Elections	CONNIE BOWERS	83.74
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	7000	Board of Elections	CRAIG GRAY	44.23
Planning Commission	JOHN W HEMMINGS III	16364.2	Board of Elections	DOUG BLEWITT	47.13
Planning Commission	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	16551.36	Board of Elections	MARK SCOTT	20.3
Planning Commission	Kimberly Hardesty	255.2	Board of Elections	THOMAS HULL	228.38
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	50.53	Board of Elections	MICHAEL GARRETT	121.68
Litter Control	Amazon Capital Services	24.08	Board of Elections	DOUG BLEWITT	166.69
Law Library	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	21.01	Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	6.45
Juvenile Court	Billie Lytle	62.35	Board of Elections	Graphic Village LLC	8555
Juvenile Court	Paper City Coffee	60	Board of Elections	The Water Express	48.45
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitor	2191	Board of Elections	O.A.E.O.	1463
Juvenile Court	Abraxas Ohio	20940	Automatic Data Processing Board	Andy Wettersten	152.92
			Automatic Data Processing Board	CDW Government, Inc.	4725
			Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	326.94
			Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	326.21
			Automatic Data Processing Board	Swango Cabling & Trenching	2077.29
			Auditor	Brian T Goldberg	562.5
			Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	195
			Auditor	ANTHONY M SKOWRONEK	1072.5
			Auditor	Glo Fiber	115.15
			Auditor	Wex Bank	60.25
			Auditor	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	3100
			Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	75
			Adult Probation	The Water Express	64.38
			Adult Probation	The Garden Family Advocacy	2085.51
			Adult Probation	Verizon Wireless	128.83
			Adult Probation	Brandon Puckett	25.75
					<b>\$6,265,422.48</b>

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 May 4, 2026 through May 18, 2026, in the amount of \$7,308.24 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. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$21,472.96 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 81F-00-00-4560 Member Counties Share, per a request of May 18, 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 \$2,556.10 from account code 215-15-00-7001 Salaries, into account code 215-15-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of May 18, 2026 from the Ross County EMA.

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 \$5,632.48 from General Fund into account code 100-21-00-7555 Out of County Autopsies, per a request of May 18, 2026 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$1,892.00 from Tax Certificate Fund into account code 242-03-00-7157 Postage & Fees, per a request of May 18, 2026 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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 Commissioners for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
2	File Cabinets	1001/ n/a	Surplus Property
1	Wood Shelve	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 16, 2026.

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 25 RESCHEDULED**

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of May 25, 2026, be rescheduled to May 26, 2026.

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

**PERMIT APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE STEPS PORTICO**

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request for use of the Courthouse steps and portico for the MADE Drug Free Clubs Rally, October 30, 2026 from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

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

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT SPECTRUM BUSINESS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to enter into an agreement with Spectrum Business for a dedicated fiber internet 500 mbps, for a 36 month contract at \$675.00 monthly.

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

**SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT RECOVERY OHIO GRANT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety objective to establish and integrate a Recovery Operations Liaison position within the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force to coordinate law enforcement recovery functions, strengthen QRT operations, and expand recovery outreach efforts. The OCJS funds are \$78,365.16 with no match required.

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

**AMENDMENT 2 ACGP GRANT AGREEMENT (ODOD/ROSS COUNTY)**

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve amendment 2 o the ACGP grant agreement between Ohio Department of Development and Ross County which provides additional grant funding for the Grant Visitor Center, Frankfort Streetscape, Black Horse Inn, and Jackson Streetscape. The amendment increases the total award to \$154,890,958.00. These additional funds will help ensure the project is transformational as the ACGP set out to do.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION FORM CHIP PROGRAM**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the environmental review for the evaluation and the exemption determination are accurate for general administration, fair housing and planning activities funded with administrative dollars.

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

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING CHIP 2026**

At 10:00 a.m. on this date, the Ross County Board of Commissioners convened the second public hearing, as advertised, to provide citizens with pertinent information about the activities and proposed budget for the 2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program.

## **POLL WORKERS VOUCHER**

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the voucher for the poll workers from the May 5, 2026 in the amount of \$30,045.20.

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

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS SPRAY THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the Notice to Bidders submitted electronically through the Bid Express® service at www.bidexpress.com until 10:00 a.m. local time on Monday, June 8th, 2026, and the same will be publicly opened at the same hour at the office of the Ross County Engineer, 755 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 for the equipment, labor, and materials necessary to complete the project known as: ROS-CR VAR.-PM FY26, PID 114012 This is a Local-let, Federally funded project and consists of the application of Spray Thermoplastic Pavement Markings on various county roads in Ross County, Ohio in conformance to the Engineer's provided plans. The contract completion date is September 30, 2026.

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 017-26**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000,000 COUNTY OF ROSS, OHIO ADJUSTABLE RATE DEMAND HOSPITAL FACILITIES REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026 (ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM OBLIGATED GROUP); AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT OF LEASE AND A SUBLEASE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AN INDENTURE OF TRUST AND A TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ross, Ohio (the "County") is a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, and by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio, including Chapter 140, Ohio Revised Code (the "Act"), authorized and empowered among other things (a) to issue its revenue bonds for the purposes set forth herein and to refund bonds and indebtedness issued for such purposes; (b) to secure such revenue bonds by a pledge and assignment of revenues and other documents, as provided for herein; and (c) to adopt this Resolution and execute the Indenture, the Lease, the Sublease and the Tax Exemption Agreement, all as hereinafter identified, and all other documents to be executed by it, upon the terms and conditions provided herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the County previously issued its \$30,000,000 Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Adena Health System Obligated Group Project), (the "Prior Bonds") for the benefit of Adena Health System, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), for the purpose of, together with other available moneys of the Corporation, (1) financing the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain Hospital Facilities, as that term is defined in Section 140.01, Ohio Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the purchase of the Pavilion building on the main campus of Adena Health System located at 272 Hospital Road, Chillicothe, Ohio and the Carlisle building located at 9 South Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio, and certain other routine capital expenditures of the Corporation, including reimbursement for such Hospital Facilities (collectively, the "Prior Project") and (2) paying certain costs of issuance incurred in connection with the issuance of such Prior Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation has informed the County that it has refunded the Prior Bonds through a draw on a taxable revolving line of credit provided to it by PNC Bank, National Association (the "Prior Loan"), on May 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation has requested the County to issue, and this Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") has determined to authorize the issuance of, its Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (Adena Health System Obligated Group) (the "Series 2026 Bonds") for the purpose of (i) refinancing the Prior Loan and (ii) paying certain costs of issuance in the connection with the Series 2026 Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, based solely on representations of the Corporation, the refunding of the Prior Loan, will be in the best interests of the County and will help provide Hospital Facilities at the lowest possible cost to service the residents of the County, which Hospital Facilities are and will be available for the service of the general public without discrimination by reason of race, creed, color or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will acquire a leasehold interest in the Existing Facilities, as defined in the Indenture authorized below, and sublease the Existing Facilities to the Corporation, no part of the net earnings of which inures or may lawfully inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and which has authority to operate Hospital Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also necessary in connection with the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds to authorize the execution and delivery of certain additional documents and agreements, including the Indenture, the Lease, the Sublease and the Tax Exemption Agreement.

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

**Section 1. Definitions.** All defined terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Indenture of Trust with respect to the Series 2026 Bonds (the "Indenture") between the County and Argent Institutional Trust Company, and its successors in trust, as trustee (the "Trustee").

Any reference herein to the County, or to any officers or members thereof, shall include those which succeed to their functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or who are lawfully performing their functions.

**Section 2. Determination of Authority.** This Board hereby finds and determines, based solely on information and representations provided by the Corporation, that the refinancing of the Prior Loan will promote the purpose of better providing for the health and welfare of the people of the State of Ohio by enhancing the availability, efficiency and economy of Hospital Facilities and facilitating the financing and refinancing of Hospital Facilities to be available to or for the service of the general public without discrimination by reason of race, creed, color or national origin.

**Section 3. Authorization of Bonds.** It is hereby determined to be necessary to, and the County shall, issue, sell and deliver, as provided herein and pursuant to the authority of the Act, the Series 2026 Bonds, for the purposes of making the proceeds thereof available to the Corporation in order to refund the Prior Loan, which was used to refinance the Prior Bonds, and pay certain costs of issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds, all in accordance with the provisions of the Sublease, as hereinafter defined. The Series 2026 Bonds shall be designated "Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (Adena Health System Obligated Group)" with such further designation as shall be set forth in the Indenture or as otherwise necessary or appropriate to distinguish each respective series of the Series 2026 Bonds, if applicable. The aggregate maximum principal amount of Series 2026 Bonds to be outstanding at any one time is not to exceed \$26,000,000.

**Section 4. Terms and Execution of the Series 2026 Bonds.** The Series 2026 Bonds shall be issued in the forms and denominations, shall be numbered, dated and payable as provided in the Indenture. The Series 2026 Bonds shall mature as provided in the Indenture, and have such terms, bear such interest (at an initial average rate of interest not to exceed 5.50% per annum), and be subject to mandatory and optional redemption as provided in the Indenture. The Series 2026 Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signatures of at least two members of the Board. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile thereof shall appear on the Series 2026 Bonds shall cease to be such officer after the issuance or delivery of the Series 2026 Bonds, such signature or facsimile thereof shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until after that time.

The forms of the Series 2026 Bonds set forth in the Indenture and the 2026 Bond Documents, as defined herein, are subject to appropriate insertions and revisions in order to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and the 2026 Bond Documents, are hereby approved, and when the same shall be executed on behalf of the County by the appropriate officers of the County in the manner contemplated hereby and by the Indenture, in an aggregate maximum principal amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 shall represent the approved forms of Series 2026 Bonds of the County.

**Section 5. Sale of the Series 2026 Bonds.** The Series 2026 Bonds shall be sold to PNC Bank, National Association, or an affiliate thereof (the "Purchaser"). The Board is hereby separately authorized and directed to make on behalf of the County the necessary arrangements to establish the date, location, procedure and conditions for the delivery of the Series 2026 Bonds to the Purchaser, and to take all steps necessary to effect due execution and delivery to the Purchaser of the Series 2026 Bonds under the terms of this Resolution, the Lease, the Sublease, the Indenture and all documents and certificates authorized herein.

**Section 6. Arbitrage Provisions.** The County will, to the extent within its control, restrict the use of the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bonds bearing interest which is excludible from the gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes, in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time such Series 2026 Bonds are issued, so that they will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Board is hereby separately authorized and directed to deliver a certificate for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for such Series 2026 Bonds, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to said Section 148 and regulations thereunder.

**Section 7. Authorization of the Indenture.** At least two members of this Board shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the County, the Indenture with the aforesaid Trustee, in substantially the form presented to this Board and on file with the Clerk, and the Trust

Estate as therein defined shall be pledged and the other agreements, covenants and promises therein made on behalf of the County shall be conclusively binding upon the County and in full force and effect from and after delivery of the aforesaid Series 2026 Bonds to the Purchaser pursuant to the terms of said Indenture. Said Indenture shall be subject to such changes, insertions and omissions as may be approved by this Board, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of said Indenture as aforesaid.

**Section 8. Authorization of the Lease.** This Board hereby determines that the leasing of the Existing Facilities from the Corporation and the subleasing of the Existing Facilities to the Corporation, which will operate the Existing Facilities, providing health care to the general public without discrimination by reason of race, creed, color or national origin is undertaken for and will serve the public purpose of better providing for the health and welfare of the people of the County and the State of Ohio by enhancing the availability, efficiency and economy of hospital facilities and the services rendered thereby. At least two members of this Board shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute and enter into, on behalf of the County an Agreement of Lease (the "Lease") with the Corporation, whereby the County will acquire a leasehold interest in the Existing Facilities. The Lease shall be substantially in the form presented to this Board and on file with the Clerk, subject to such changes, insertions and omissions as may be approved by this Board, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of said Lease as aforesaid. It is hereby determined that such Lease will promote the public purpose stated in Section 140.02, Ohio Revised Code, and the County will be duly benefited thereby.

**Section 9. Authorization of the Sublease.** At least two members of this Board shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the County a Sublease (the "Sublease") with the Corporation. The Sublease shall be substantially in the form presented to this Board and on file with the Clerk, subject to such changes, insertions and omissions as may be approved by this Board, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of said Sublease as aforesaid. It is hereby determined that such Sublease will promote the public purpose stated in Section 140.02, Ohio Revised Code, and the County will be duly benefited thereby.

**Section 10. Reserved.**

**Section 11. Authorization of Tax Exemption Agreement.** Any two members of this Board shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, a Tax Exemption Certificate and Agreement (the "Tax Exemption Agreement," and collectively with the Lease, the Sublease and the Indenture, the "2026 Bond Documents") in substantially the form as may be approved by this Board, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Tax Exemption Agreement as aforesaid.

**Section 12. Authorization of All Other Documents to be Executed by the County.** The appropriate officers of the County, including the appropriate members of this Board, shall be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County such other certificates, documents and assignments to be executed or accepted by the County, in substantially the forms, as may be permitted by the Act and approved by the officer executing the same on behalf of the County. The approval of such documents shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such documents and assignments by the appropriate officer of the County.

The appropriate officers of the County are hereby separately authorized to take any and all actions and to execute such financing statements, assignments, certificates, IRS Form 8038, and other instruments that may be necessary or appropriate in the opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, in order to effect the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds and the intent of this Resolution. The appropriate officers of the County each are separately authorized to certify a true transcript of all proceedings had with respect to the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds, along with such information from the records of the County as is necessary to determine the regularity and validity of the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds.

**Section 13. Covenants of County.** In addition to other covenants of the County in this Resolution, the County further covenants and agrees as follows:

(a) Payment of Principal, Premium and Interest. The County will, solely from the sources herein or in the Indenture provided, pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on each and all Series 2026 Bonds on the dates, at the places and in the manner provided herein, in the Indenture and the Series 2026 Bonds; and

(b) Performance of Covenants, County and Actions. The County will at all times faithfully observe and perform all agreements, covenants, undertakings, stipulations and provisions contained in the Series 2026 Bonds, Lease, Sublease, Tax Exemption Agreement and Indenture, and in all proceedings of the County pertaining to the Series 2026 Bonds. The County warrants and covenants that it is, and upon delivery of the Series 2026 Bonds will be, duly authorized by the laws of the State of Ohio, including particularly and without limitation the Act, to issue the Series 2026 Bonds and to execute the Lease, the Sublease, the Indenture, the Tax Exemption Agreement and all other documents to be executed by it, to provide for the security for payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2026 Bonds in the manner and to the extent herein and in the Indenture set forth; that all actions on its part for the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds and execution and delivery of the Lease, the Sublease, the Indenture, the Tax Exemption Agreement and all other documents to be executed by it in connection with the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds, have been or will be duly and effectively taken; and that the Series 2026 Bonds will be valid and enforceable special obligations of the County according to the terms thereof. Each provision of this Resolution, the Indenture, the Lease, the Sublease, the Tax Exemption Agreement and all other documents to be executed by the County in connection with the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds, is binding upon each officer of the County as may from time to time have the authority under law to take such actions as may be necessary to perform all or any part of the duty required by such provision; and each duty of the County and of its officers and employees undertaken pursuant to such proceedings for the Series 2026 Bonds is established as a duty of the County and of each such officer and employee having authority to perform such duty.

**Section 14. No Personal Liability.** No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant, acceptance or agreement contained in this Resolution, or in any Series 2026 Bond, or in the Lease, the Sublease, the Indenture, the Tax Exemption Agreement or other document authorized hereby, or under any judgment obtained against the County or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding by virtue of any constitution or statute or otherwise, or under any circumstances, under or independent of the Sublease, shall be had against any member of this Board, or officer, official or employee, as such, past, present, or future, of the County, either directly or through the County, or otherwise, for the payment for or to the County or any receiver thereof, or for or to any holder of any Series 2026 Bond, or otherwise, of any sum that may be due and unpaid by the County upon any of the Series 2026 Bonds. Any and all personal liability of every nature, whether at common law or in equity, or by statute or by constitution or otherwise, of any such member or officer, as such, to respond by reason of any act or omission on his or her part, or otherwise, for, directly or indirectly, the payment for or to the County or any receiver thereof, or for or to the owner or any holder of any Series 2026 Bond, or otherwise, of any sum that may remain due and unpaid upon any Series 2026 Bond, shall be deemed to be expressly waived and released as a condition of and consideration for the execution and delivery of the Lease, the Sublease, the Indenture, the Tax Exemption Agreement and the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds.

**Section 15. No Debt or Tax Pledge.** The Series 2026 Bonds do not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the faith and credit or taxing powers of the County within the meaning of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The Series 2026 Bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues and security interests pledged for their payment as provided in the Indenture and neither moneys raised by taxation nor any other general or special revenues of the County shall be obligated or pledged for the payment of principal of or premium (if any) or interest on the Series 2026 Bonds.

**Section 16. Applicable Elected Representative Approval.** This Board of County Commissioners, as the "applicable elected representative" of the County for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, hereby approves the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$26,000,000, the proceeds of which will be used to (1) refund a taxable loan, the proceeds of which were used to refund the County's \$30,000,000 Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Adena Health System Obligated Group Project), the proceeds of which were used to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain Hospital Facilities, as that term is defined in Section 140.01, Ohio Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the purchase of the Pavilion building on the main campus of Adena Health System located at 272 Hospital Road, Chillicothe, Ohio and the Carlisle building located at 9 South Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio, and certain other routine capital expenditures of the Corporation, including reimbursement for such Hospital Facilities (the "Prior Project") and (2) pay certain costs of issuance incurred in connection with the Series 2026 Bonds. The owner, operator or manager of the Hospital Facilities financed as described and located at the locations described in this Section is the Corporation.

**Section 17. Severability.** If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 18. Sunshine Law.** This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 19. Conflicts.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mike Throne, President CEO Chamber of Commerce** – discussed the idea of creating a Business Stabilization Fund to protect and strengthen the economic vitality of Chillicothe's businesses across all impacted corridors, and to build a lasting community identity rooted in resilience, investment, and shared prosperity.

**Economic Development Work Session**


**ADJOURN**

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of May 18, 2026, at 11:20am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



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Jack A. Everson, President



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James E. Lowe, Vice President



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David Glass, Commissioner