

MAY 27 – MEETING 21
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, May 27, 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 19, 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
Sheriff	American Electric Power	16064.52	Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	690
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	66.95	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	13.5
Sheriff	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	390	Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	15.5
Sheriff	Office City Express	25.98	Juvenile Court	Intrinsic Interventions, Inc	25
Sheriff	Office City Express	217.56	Engineer	Tow Path Materials	358.4
Sheriff	Office City Express	167.05	Engineer	Tru-Quality Services LLC	14000
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	76.39	Engineer	EQUIP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	259.21
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	838.8	Engineer	EQUIP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	101.74
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	610.91	Engineer	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	79.14
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8203.86	Engineer	Principal Truck Supply	147
Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	224.93	Engineer	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	460.19
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	720	Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	8517.73
Sheriff	OSU Radiology, LLC	512	Engineer	The McGlaughlin Oil Co.	3867.1
Sheriff	OSU Surgery, LLC	224.15	Engineer	S & S Aggregates	518.5
Sheriff	Krace Gill	1160	Engineer	Hart, Linda	625
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	1585.63	Engineer	Gem City Tires, LLC	7243.32
Sheriff	Peachtree Electronic Monitoring	2000	Engineer	Carahsoft Technology Corp	3188
Sheriff	National Background Check Inc	799	Engineer	ATCO International	292.12
Sheriff	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	932.62	Engineer	Adena Health System	228
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	1773.75	Engineer	A & A Safety	250
Sheriff	Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy	475	Emergency Management	Ross Co. Agricultural Society	305
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	774.95	Emergency Management	AT&T Mobility	140.5
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	2468.49	Dog Warden	Tharp Animal Health Care Center	251.81
Sheriff	Governmentjobs.com, Inc	4528.13	Coroner	AT&T Mobility	108.61
Sheriff	P&R Communications Service	1975.6	Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	5550
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	153	Commissioners	DaNite Holdings, Ltd	1260
Sheriff	OSU Emergency Medicine LLC	109.53	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	193.26
Sheriff	OSU Health System Anesthesia	373.23	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	734.44
Sheriff	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	185	Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	21.5
Sheriff	Adena Health System	7482.78	Commissioners	ECO Plumbers Electricians & Heating	5823.38
Ross County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	858.24	Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	6240
Recorder	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	34.25	Commissioners	MS Consultants	50142
Recorder	GOVOS INC	2955.96	Commissioners	American Electric Power	1478.55
Planning Commission	Chillicothe Signs & Screen Printing	141.45	Commissioners	General Sales Company	518.98
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Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	21.5	Commissioners	Thomson Reuters - West	3580
Planning Commission	WALLACE & PANCHER INC.	46500	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	68.44
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	20365	Commissioners	Glo Fiber	114.05
Planning Commission	DESIGNING LOCAL LTD	25850	Commissioners	Detillion Landscaping Co.	222
Planning Commission	C. T. CONSULTANTS INC	12078	Commissioners	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	460
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	122572.5	Commissioners	Setterlin Building Company	136186.83
Planning Commission	Adams County Regional Medical Center	24782.49	Commissioners	Grigsby Environmental Consulting	1600
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	69050	Building Department	OHIO BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION	250
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	16075	Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software, Inc	2170.6
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	67580	Auditor	American Electric Power	3421.35
Planning Commission	Schooley Caldwell Associates	49228	Auditor	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	3825
Planning Commission	DESIGNING LOCAL LTD	10350	Auditor	South Central Power Company	764
Planning Commission	Schooley Caldwell Associates	45000	Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	561.85
Planning Commission	Choice One Engineering Corp	4785	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225
Juvenile Court	Zane Trace Local School District	5195.79	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	697.5
			Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
					300
					\$851,646.04

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 May 12, 2025 through May 27, 2025, in the amount of \$73,737.28 prepared by the Office of the Ross County Auditor and certified by the auditor as to the appropriation of funds for the purpose of encumbering the sum of the contract(s) or order(s) outlined therein, or the imminent collection of funds for credit to the appropriated fund(s) of the county, and as to the availability of funds for transfer within the appropriate department(s).

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$4,981.14 be appropriated from General Fund into account codes 100-21-00-7103 Contract Services (\$2,791.62) and 100-21-00-7550 Other Expenses (\$2,189.52), per a request of May 27, 2025 from the Ross County Coroner.

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, \$43,386.50 be appropriated from Sheriff Jail Diversion Fund into account codes 420-29-07-7001 Salaries (\$56,103.00), account code 420-29-07-7103 Contract Services (\$14,924.00), account code 420-29-07-7150 Office Supplies (\$375.50), and account code 420-29-07-7151 Educational Supplies (\$1,984.00) per a request of May 27, 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$1,500.00 from DTAC Fund account code 229-03-00-7100 Travel into account code 229-03-00-7014 Group Insurance (\$500.00), and from account code 229-03-00-7150 PERS into account code 229-03-00-7014 Group Insurance (\$1,000.00), per a request of May 27, 2025 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$25.00 from General Fund account code 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses into account code 100-02-00-7551 Remit to State Dept. Tax, per a request of May 27, 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.

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Air Purifier	101002517	Trash

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

AMENDMENT 1 ARCHITECT AGREEMENT CROSSROADS PARK PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to amend the Agreement as set forth. The Basic Services fee to be paid to the Architect under Article 1.1 of the Agreement is increased by a lump sum amount of \$23,730, including Reimbursable Expenses, to provide drawings for a new addition of an Event Hall to the Project, as it was determined that the existing building on the property was deemed not suitable for renovation due to significant structural deficiencies. The additional Basic Services fee also includes additional graphic design elements including a large dimensional logo sign, public art consultation and graphic elements for the event hall space.

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

JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPLICATION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to, enter into a contract between the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services, and the Ross County Board of County Commissioners or County Executive on behalf of the Ross County Juvenile Court. The Department will provide the base and variable allocations for each fiscal year for the biennial period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

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

SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the Ross County, BWC Program Upgrade Project subgrant agreement in accordance with the Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement provisions of §373.20, Justice Program Services, of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 33 of the 135th Ohio General Assembly, enacted July 4, 2023, the Ohio office of Criminal Justice Services, as the duly authorized State Agency, hereby approves the project application submitted for Body Worn Cameras, as complying with requirements of the Agency for the fiscal year indicated in the subgrant number above and awards to the following Subgrantee, Ross County Commissioners, the amount of \$80,949.60.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 9:30 am, to discuss collective bargaining matter for the Engineer and AFSCME Council 8, Local 908.

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 9:30 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:02 a.m. No action was taken.

The following resolutions were 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 022-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROSS COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (OVRDC) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) AND COMMIT MATCHING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Valley Corridor Improvements project is a high priority project in Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission’s (OVRDC) 2045 Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners intend to perform a comprehensive study of the Pleasant Valley Corridor interchange and associated network to identify and confirm improvements to enhance the safety and reduce congestion. The study will also support of economic development, access management improvements, and accommodating multi-modal transportation;

WHEREAS, Ross County is eligible to apply for up to \$200,000 for preliminary engineering projects and other eligible costs, and must provide a ten percent local match of total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the study is \$220,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Ross County Board of Commissioners authorize the Ross County Planning & Development Department to file the grant application and to provide all necessary information and documentation with the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.
2. That the Board of Commissioners authorize the appropriation of \$20,000 meeting the matching funds requirement of the grant.
3. That Jack Everson is authorized to sign the application and authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION 023-25
IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE TENTATIVE
AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
THE ROSS COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE
AFSCME COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 908
(CASE NO. 2025-MED-02-0167)

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners noted receipt of a tentative agreement by and between the Ross County Engineer and the AFSCME, Council 8, Local 908 regarding contract negotiations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves the tentative agreements regarding contract negotiations between the Ross County Engineer and AFSCME Council 8, Local 908.

Adopted this 27 day of May, 2025.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio on this 27 day of May, 2025, which is recorded in the Journal of said Board of County Commissioners in Volume 28, under date of May 17, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION 024-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ROSS COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS(RFQ/Ps) ON BEHALF OF THE ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Ross County Planning & Development Department is responsible for overseeing the planning, coordination, and administration of various county development projects, including but not limited to infrastructure improvements, community development initiatives, and planning studies; and

WHEREAS, the use of a formal Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) process ensures the selection of qualified consultants, engineers, architects, and other professional service providers through a fair and competitive process in accordance with applicable state and local procurement laws; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Ross County to authorize the Planning & Development Department to issue RFQ/Ps as needed in support of current and future county projects;

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

1. The Ross County Planning & Development Department is hereby authorized to prepare, issue, and manage Requests for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/Ps) on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for county-funded or county-administered projects.
2. The Department shall ensure compliance with all applicable legal and procedural requirements.
3. All qualifications received in response to an RFQ/P shall be reviewed and evaluated in accordance with established procedures, and recommendations for selection shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.
4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD PIPELINE TASK FORCE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to sign the pre-award conditions for the US 23 Pipeline Task Force grant.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Dog Warden, Wanetta Wellinghoff and Deputy Dog Warden Pam Longlott, discussed the need for new dart guns for the department. The quote for 2 dart guns is \$3,598.00. They also discussed the quote for new furnishings for their new office that will be housed in the new Humane Society building. The furniture quote is \$6,105.00.


Brandon Smith, Scioto Society – Provided the annual report for 2024. They just completed a 1.4 million dollar project on the actors village and are looking to do several more projects, including removing the old production tower and fixing a runoff situation that has damaged the flooring under the seats.

I-Heart Media, David Litteral, Jordan Staley and Theresa Humphries – provided a proposal for a six month media blitz for the Ohio Opioid Outreach.

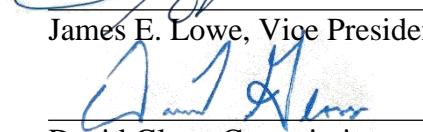
Work Session – Pixelle Response Team

ADJOURN

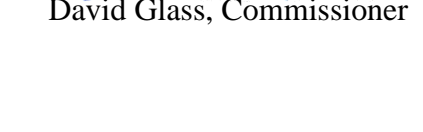
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of May 27, at 3:20 p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner