

JUNE 2 – MEETING 22  
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 2, 2025, in regular session.

Commissioner James Lowe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioners David Glass in attendance and Jack Everson, absent.

Commissioner Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
2025001355	Ohio Advocate Network	40	2023001346	Resource International, Inc.	595
2025000772	Glo Fiber	178.62	2025001090	S & S Aggregates	1500.93
2025000307	Robert Davis	543.14	2025001205	The Chas E. Phipps Compan	618.49
2025000298	T-Mobile USA Inc	72.51	2025001090	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio L	445.32
2025000340	ComDoc, Inc.	415	2025001205	Old Canal Stop	33
2025001356	McGee, Matt	123.75	2025001205	Office City Express	315.36
2025000303	Richard Manson	75.63	2025000968	MANNIK & SMITH GROUP IM	4467.94
2025000306	Stephen M. Deffenbaugh	178.75	2025001205	Fastenal Company	339.89
2025000304	Sewards, Randy A.	275	2025001205	EQUIP BUSINESS SOLUTIO	46.67
2025001357	Finley, John	178.75	2025001205	Eitel's Towing Service Inc.	584.54
2025000305	Holdren, Greg	151.25	2025001090	Coppel Coal & Supply Co.	2418.3
2025001346	U.S. Postmaster	496.4	2025000005	Cintas Corporation # 530	395.35
2025000524	Office City Express	13.99	2025001205	B & C Communications	254.24
2025000524	Glacier Mountain Bottled w/a	8.75	2025001205	Adams, Jeff	84.99
2025000363	American Electric Power	38.24	2025000512	GFC Leasing-OH	121.65
2025000363	American Electric Power	166.05	2025001341	Printex Printing	224.75
2025000362	DANA M HUTTON	33.98	2025000320	Jim Davis Tire Center USE VE	197.9
2025000493	AT&T Mobility	2710.95	2025001256	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	10.61
2025000442	OSU General Internal Medici	371.76	2025000705	Amazon Capital Services	49.99
2025000442	Columbus Radiology Corp.	22.86	2025000705	Amazon Capital Services	7.99
2025000445	Aramark Services, Inc	7720.38	2025000375	Wex Bank	1580.1
2025000750	Escamilla, Vanessa	280	2025001109	K&K Carpet Care of Chillico	14940
2025000753	Jonina Johnson	246	2025000566	John Deere Financial	896.77
2025000442	Adena Health System	418.58	2025001348	LLW Holdings LLC	1787.44
2025000754	Welch, David Michael	492	2025000622	Capital One Commercial	389.93
2025000442	OSU Health System Anesthe	219.06	2025000403	American Electric Power	36.05
2025000438	Printex Printing	30	2025000579	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	292.88
2025000491	American Electric Power	182.77	2025001083	Detillion Landscaping Co.	444
2025000499	Ohio Peace Officer Training	400	2025001004	The FoulkeBlock LTD	2250
2025000367	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	162	2025000624	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	32.58
2025000367	Penwell, Julia	1064.32	2025000804	Lexis-Nexis Risk Data Mana	593.5
2025000498	South Central Power Compa	49	2025000575	South Central Power Compa	81
2025000367	HR Direct	97.95	2025000580	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	314.75
2025000495	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1490.83	2025001349	HYATT REGENCY CINCINNA	597
2025000367	Treasurer of State	391	2025001297	Ohio Clerk of Courts Associa	200
2025000367	JENNIFER STABLER	38	2025000286	DAVID BITLER	22
2025000367	MICHAEL PRESTON	18.5	2025000281	Wex Bank	496.96
2025000374	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	407.28	2025000708	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	5.22
2025000373	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	330.96	2025000658	Gordon Flesch Company	871.48
2025000372	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	378.73	2025000658	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	94.81
2025001345	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	487.39	2025000983	VC3 INC	2444
2025000728	Amazon Capital Services	36.09	2025000123	Glacier Mountain Bottled w/a	29
2025000699	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	7.29	2025000114	Blosser, Jeffery M.	2175
2025000697	Lexis-Nexis	189.1	2025000114	O'Leary Law Office, LLC	292.5
2025000653	Franklin County Probate Cou	333	2025000109	CEBCO	1086132.31
2025000468	APG Architects LLC	3226	2025000560	Appraisal Research Corp.	19758.3
2025000466	American Structure Point, In	90000	2025000113	Rutherford, Chase Colin	125
2025000463	American Structure Point, In	36875	2025000105	Glo Fiber	68.87
2025000189	Rio Grande Community Colle	368101.38	2025000116	Bevins, Walter A.	187.5
2025000190	Rio Grande Community Colle	8250	2025000116	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At L	412.5
2025000483	ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCLIM	55304.82	2025000116	Benson, Melinda J	1380
2025000465	American Structure Point, In	210950	2025000116	Benson, Melinda J	742.5
2025000669	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	1216	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225
2025000669	Wex Bank	260.52	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225
2025000892	MATT SUTHERLAND	63.44	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
2025001090	G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc	2024.04	2025000114	Clark, John K. Jr.	450
2025001350	Edwards Culvert Company	16319.1	2025000115	THE LAW OFFICE OF LUCAS	1312.5
					\$1 968 681 77
DESCRIPTION		PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE		
extension appropriations 2025		The Ohio State University	78750		
			\$78,750.00		

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated May 19, 2025 through June 2, 2025, in the amount of \$9,993.98 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, absent. Motion carried.

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT VA STADIUM

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the submittal of the Application for Certification for Payment for D.E. Huddleston for construction of an outfield wall at the VA Memorial Stadium for the amount of \$148,495.00.

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 9:45 am, to discuss personnel matters.

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

**REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

The executive session called at 9:45 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 9:55 am. No action was taken.

**CCAO GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM ENROLLMENT**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to be included in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio 2026 Workers Compensation Group - Retrospective-Rating Program for the policy year beginning January 1, 2026.

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 James E. Lowe, and David Glass in attendance and Jack Everson, absent.

**RESOLUTION 025-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS COUNTY**

**TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PY 2025 ALLOCATION PROGRAM FOR \$238,000 AND AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED UNDER THESE PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ross County intend to apply for CDBG funds with the Ohio Department of Development for funding under the Community Development Allocation program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is eligible for \$238,000 of Program Year 2025 Community Development Allocation Program funding, provided the County meets applicable program requirements, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that based upon both the local input and the Commissioners of Ross County’s assessment of the County’s needs, the Commissioners propose to undertake the following CDBG activities for Program Year 2025:

1. Carver Community Center, Public Facilities, ADA Restroom Facilities Rehabilitated  
Allocation \$40,000:
2. Ross County Community Action Homeless Shelter, Public Facilities, Roof Replacement  
Allocation \$150,400:
3. Ross County Board of Commissioners, General Administration and Fair Housing  
Allocation \$47,600.

**And, be it further RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** That the Ross County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Ohio Regional Development Corp, to file a 2025 CDBG Community Development Program Applications with the State of Ohio, Department of Development, and to provide all information and documentation required in said Application submission.

**Section 2.** That the Commissioners hereby understand and agree that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

**Section 3.** That the Commissioners hereby understand and agree, that the community as a recipient of CDBG funds will affirmatively further Fair Housing, develop proposed actions to affirmatively further fair housing, seek and obtain state approval of the proposed program, and implement the proposed actions.

**Section 4.** That the Commissioners hereby agree to exercise the federal responsibilities in environmental issues as defined in Section 102 of NEPA and Section 104(f) of Title 1.

**Section 5.** That Dwight A. Garrett shall be the official representative of the Commissioners to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required, and to be the responsible official for environmental issues.

Adopted the 2nd day of June 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 the **2nd day of June 2025**, which is recorded in the Journal of said Board of County Commissioners in volume 28, meeting 22, under the date of **June 2nd, 2025**.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. 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 1:00 pm, to discuss matter to be kept confidential, regarding Pixelle.

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

**REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

The executive session called at 1:00 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 1:35 pm No action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED**

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 1:36 pm, to discuss collective bargaining matters for the Ross County Sheriff’s Department.

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

**REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

The executive session called at 1:36 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 2:00 pm. No action was taken.

**FURNITURE QUOTE FOR DOG WARDEN NEW OFFICE**

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the quote from Globe Furniture for office furnishings for the Dog Warden, when the new Humane Society building is completed, for a cost of \$6,105.00.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

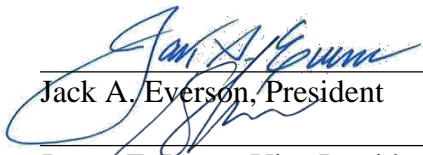
**Monthly Staff meeting was held.**

**Nicole Wells- Executive Director Metropolitan Housing** discussed the property behind the Lucy Webb Hayes house, that belongs to Metro Housing. The Lucy House would like to acquire the property, but not at the appraised value. Metropolitan Housing was gifted the property, along with 26 other properties, for \$1.00. It is not a large enough property to build on but would extend the green space around the Lucy House so outdoor events could take place. Ms. Wells will go back to her board to see if they are willing to give the parcel to the Lucy House or sell it for a more reasonable amount.

**Melissa Bodey, Senior Benefit Specialist CEBCO Health and Wellness Plans** – presented the first quarter report for the County’s medical insurance coverage


**ADJOURN**

Mr. James E. Low, Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 2, at 2:30 p.m., 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