

JUNE 9 – MEETING 23
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 9, 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 June 2, 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:

PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
2025001094	First Communications, LLC	6.22	2025000014	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.11
2025000979	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	287.44	2025001205	Putnam Signal And Lighting S	445
2025000326	Save-A-Lot	6684.11	2025000001	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	450
2025000328	The Corner Market	695.22	2025001090	S & S Aggregates	1031.9
2024002101	Amanda L Stewart	125	2025001205	Lowe's	474.91
2025000365	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	1020	2025001205	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc.	25
2025000442	Adena Health System	618.59	2025001032	Houser & Son Farm Equipmen	4428.8
2025000442	Stericycle, Inc.	157.5	2025000824	Houser & Son Farm Equipmen	347.4
2025000442	MOBILEXUSA	2105	2025001353	G & J Paving	5800
2025000442	MobileXUSA	690	2025001350	Edwards Culvert Company	6550.4
2025000438	Joseph Chevrolet Company	45	2025001205	Central Auto Parts	279.76
2024002452	Joseph Chevrolet Company	48835	2025001205	Airgas Great Lakes	104.82
2025000442	Chillicothe Eye Care, LLC	42.22	2025001205	Advanced Hydraulics and Hos	123.63
2025000365	PAUL HAWK	1560	2025001205	Advance Auto Parts	365.52
2025000365	Krace Gill	910	2025000511	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	26.86
2025000438	Printex Printing	30	2025000511	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	30.64
2025000365	PTS of America, LLC	878	2025000511	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	18.33
2025000442	Adam H Buckler DDS, LLC	131.67	2025000707	Mark Thompson	22
2025001382	Amazon Capital Services	265.17	2025000509	Amazon Capital Services	28.56
2025000362	Wex Bank	1223.99	2025000514	US Bank NA	209.29
2025000362	Muffler Brothers	1705.35	2025000513	Alexander, Sharon	32
2025000362	Preston's	150	2025000318	Wex Bank	1816.96
2025000222	Amazon Capital Services	240.15	2025000320	Penwell, Julia	171
2025000362	Amazon Capital Services	34.19	2025000100	INTERACTIVE DATA LLC	125
2025000363	US Bank Equipment Finance	170.49	2025000705	Amazon Capital Services	45.99
2025000442	Columbus Radiology Corp.	200.09	2025001377	Ware Funeral Home	350
2025000438	Amazon Capital Services	35.59	2025000274	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	475
2025000505	DTB Distributors, Inc.	80.53	2025000359	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	257.27
2025000438	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1162.17	2025000103	Thomas, Jodi L.	140
2025000367	DTB Distributors, Inc.	637.51	2025000101	Central Center, LLC	651.97
2025000363	Glo Fiber	242.11	2025001256	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	161.15
2025000363	Glo Fiber	79.95	2025000705	Amazon Capital Services	151.86
2024002465	Adam H Buckler DDS, LLC	131.67	2025001115	Office Depot Inc.	139.4
2025000218	MATTHEW FRANTZ	247.33	2025001388	D.E. Huddleston, Inc.	127686.25
2025000367	Tim's Tires & Accessories	601.2	2025001389	D.E. Huddleston, Inc.	20808.75
2025000367	BRIAN EFAW	159.45	2025000971	Glo Fiber	184.06
2025000367	Penwell, Julia	217.35	2025001368	Speer Mechanical	6718.57
2025000501	Wex Bank	14977.69	2025001162	Speer Mechanical	3117.76
2025000499	Ohio Peace Officer Training A	2000	2025000527	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	227.63
2025000499	APCO, AFC, Inc.	35	2025000637	CORSA	186.65
2025000494	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	4276.05	2025000631	State Electric Supply, Inc.	53.85
2025000372	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	206.74	2025000630	State Electric Supply, Inc.	26.29
2024002479	SOUTH WESTERN COMMUNICA	1341	2024000332	Sedgwick Claims Management	2328
2025000442	OSU General Internal Medici	7.9	2025000399	Lowe's	759.73
2025000442	OSU Radiology, LLC	546.41	2025000400	Lowe's	322.73
2025000442	OSU Surgery, LLC	38.76	2025000408	Lowe's	740.54
2025000445	Aramark Services, Inc	7692.84	2025001083	Detillion Landscaping Co.	111
2025001385	Westside Media	86.25	2025000627	Sherwin Williams Company	63.9
2025001384	Glo Fiber	1374	2025001083	Detillion Landscaping Co.	222
2025001383	Charter Communications	169.98	2025000635	Central Auto Parts	170.44
2025000727	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRONI	262.4	2025000717	UPS	68.38
2025000728	Printex Printing	50	2025000285	Amazon Capital Services	87.29
2025000699	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	272	2025000285	Amazon Capital Services	62.13
2025000699	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57	2025000286	INTERNATIONAL CODE COUN	305
2025000700	Lexis-Nexis	723	2025000287	Town & Country Services LLC	7012.5
2025000697	Lexis-Nexis	1100.56	2025000290	City of Chillicothe Building Dep	1137.58
2025000702	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5	2025000289	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	7.9
2025001066	Bricker Graydon LLP	10429.31	2025000289	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	14.95
2025000202	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	18.5	2025000289	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	1286.65
2025000200	Amazon Capital Services	81	2025001376	The Water Express	68.05
2025000452	City of Hillsboro	510.12	2025001375	Election Systems & Software, I	1975
2025000192	Adams County Regional Med	83232	2025001374	Election Systems & Software, I	5475
2025000455	JOHN W HEMMINGS III	16511.6	2025001373	Amazon Capital Services	93.18
2025000475	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	27528	2025001372	US Bank Equipment Finance	251.18
2025000475	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	6836.75	2025001371	CALL-EM-All, INC	170
2025000474	Choice One Engineering Corp	11565	2025000657	Glo Fiber	2323.52
2025000473	Choice One Engineering Corp	20152.5	2025000822	Westside Media	86.25
2025000454	Beyond Consulting Group LLC	25975.69	2024002432	CDW Government, Inc.	9.5
2025000444	Bricker Graydon LLP	492	2025001347	Dell Inc.	1755.89
2025000195	The Welsh-American Heritag	23868.74	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	997.5
2025000207	Westside Media	30	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	225
2025000842	Verizon Wireless	559.75	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1170
2025000645	ALLYSSA SANDOVAL	814.1	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	757.5
2025000656	King, Kristen	1050	2025000116	Rutherford, Chase Colin	825
2025000656	King, Kristen	111	2025000116	Barrington, James E.	420
2025000761	Amazon Capital Services	465.98	2025000116	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	258.75
2025000761	Amazon Capital Services	104.97	2025001392	iWorQ Systems, Inc.	6400
2025001205	All Signs of Chillicothe Inc	84	2025000097	First Communications, LLC	44.18
2025000010	Do It Right Cleaning Service, I	975	2025000093	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	563.02
2025001364	Ross Co. Water Company	195261.5	2025000096	Ross Co. Water Company	144.87
2025001205	Lacal Equipment Co.	821.44	2025000114	Blosser, Jeffery M.	1147.5
2025001205	Kenworth Truck Co.	1214.69	2025001360	Par Code Symbology, Inc.	220
2025001205	John Deere Financial	421.26	2025000529	Office of the Ohio Public Defen	1676.49
2025000517	Cheryl DuBois, Fiscal Officer	4786.13	2025000123	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	22.25
2025000517	Nicholas S.W. Haines, Fiscal	3496.05	2025001379	Treasurer, State of Ohio	762.6
2025000517	Donna I. Snyder, Fiscal Office	1315.95	2025000122	Google, Inc.	2968.84
2025000517	Philip Hartman, Fiscal Office	1405.43	2025000874	Ad Valorem Tax Resources LL	2312.2
2025001334	World Fuel Services, Inc	16967.29	2025000117	Ross County Humane Society	10000
2025000930	World Fuel Services, Inc	4004.74	2025000121	Fairfield Computer Services, LL	165
2025001205	Westside Media	75	2025000529	Office of the Ohio Public Defen	993.75
2025001090	Tow Path Materials	578.2	2025000106	Department of Veterans Affairs	1168
2025000014	T-Mobile USA Inc	241.11	2025000114	Berry, Jennifer	1572
			2025000113	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	250
			2025000236	The Water Express	66.05
			2024002142	Galls, LLC	54.97
			2025000881	Paul Flack	558.84
			2025000976	Wex Bank	174.3
					\$817,080.84

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 23, 2025 through June 9, 2025, in the amount of \$16,621.60 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, \$25,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-01-00-7123 Legal Council, per a request of June 9, 2025 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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, \$46,106.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-01-15-7450 Grants Other per a request of June 9, 2025 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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, \$15,000.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-01-00-7133 Indigent Defense, per a request of June 9, 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, \$13,717.20 be appropriated from Marine Patrol Fund into account code 420-29-04-7001 Salaries (\$10,665.00), account code 420-29-04-7102 PERS (\$1,919.70), account code 420-29-04-7017 Medicare (\$154.64), account code 420-29-04-7013 Worker’s Comp (\$213.30), and account code 420-29-04-7550 Other Expenses (\$764.56) per a request of June 9, 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.

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER INVOICE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the invoice from South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center for services rendered in the month of May at a cost of \$38,152.03.

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

NEW HIRE LAW LIBRARY

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the recommendation of the Law Library Board to hire Nancy King as Law Librarian, with a start date of 6/2/25 and an hourly rate of \$17.00/hr. for 15 hours a week.

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

The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners of June 9, 2025, with Commissioners Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass in attendance.

Resolution 026-25

WHEREAS, the director of South Central Ohio Job & Family Services (SCOJFS) has requested that the Ross County Board of Commissioners appoint the following individual as a board member to the Area 20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board for a term of three (3) years: effective; July 1, 2025, expiring: June 30, 2028 Aaron Graham – Business (Kenworth - PACCAR Inc.)
RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby appoint the following individual as a board member to the Area 20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board for a term of three (3) years effective; July 1, 2025, expiring; June 30, 2028 Aaron Graham – Business (Kenworth - PACCAR Inc.)

Resolution 027-25

WHEREAS, the director of South Central Ohio Job & Family Services (SCOJFS) has requested that the Ross County Board of Commissioners re-appoint the following individual as a board member to the Area 20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board effective; July 1, 2025 for a term of three (3) years: Tom White – Business (Accurate Heating & Cooling)
RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby re-appoint the following individual as a board member to the Area 20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board for a term of three (3) years effective; July 1, 2025, expiring; June 30, 2028 Tom White – Business (Accurate Heating & Cooling)

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

RESOLUTION 028-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROSS COUNTY TO CONDITIONALLY JOIN A MULTI-COUNTY HOSPITAL FUNDING DISTRICT, CONTINGENT ON ENACTMENT BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER TO THE DISTRICT’S GOVERNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly is considering biennial budget legislation (Am. Sub. H.B. No. 96 as passed by the House) that would authorize the formation of a multi-county funding district (“the District”) for the purpose of levying assessments on hospitals within participating counties to support the nonfederal share of the Rural Southern Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program (“the Program”); and
WHEREAS, the Program is intended to improve access to quality healthcare, sustain the financial viability of hospitals, particularly in rural areas, and enhance Medicaid funding in Southern Ohio; and
WHEREAS, Ross County is listed among the counties that may participate in the District, and Ross County qualifies for participation in the District because Ross County has fewer than two hospitals; and
WHEREAS, Ross County recognizes the potential benefits of participating in the District to ensure continued support for local hospital services and Medicaid financing; and
WHEREAS, such participation must be contingent upon the formal enactment of statutory authority by the Ohio General Assembly through its adopted budget legislation.

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, that:
- Conditional Authorization to Join:** Ross County hereby conditionally authorizes participation in the multijurisdictional hospital taxing entity, contingent upon the Ohio General Assembly enacting budget legislation that provides the necessary legal authority to establish the District and to levy hospital assessments in support of the Southern Ohio Hospital Pilot Program.
 - Appointment of Commissioner:** Upon satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 1, James E. Lowe shall be appointed to serve as Ross County’s representative on the governing board of the District. Said Commissioner shall be authorized to vote and act on behalf of Ross County on all matters brought before the board, subject to any applicable limitations under law or County policy. In the event that James E. Lowe is unable to attend meetings, an alternate commissioner may attend the meetings on behalf of Ross County.

3. **Implementation and Execution:** The Board authorizes the County Administrator, in coordination with the County Prosecutor, to take all actions necessary to prepare for participation in the District and, upon confirmation of the relevant budget enactment, to execute all required agreements and documents to formalize the County’s membership.
4. **Effective Date:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately, with implementation contingent upon the enactment of the enabling budget provisions by the Ohio General Assembly.
5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

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

The following proclamation was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners of June 9, 2025, with Commissioners Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass in attendance.

OVERDOSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners do affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and **WHEREAS**, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community, which has claimed far too many lives. Last year there was a 27% decrease in overdose deaths, but this number is still higher than pre-covid; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that behind every addiction is a family that is suffering. The people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and our sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support;

THEREFORE, The Ross County Board of Commissioner urge you to remember loved ones who have died from drug overdose and acknowledge the grief of those left behind; and

NOW THEREFORE, The Ross County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim August 30th, 2025, as

“Overdose Awareness Day in Ross County” One life lost to overdose is one too many

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

RETROREFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKINGS BID REQUEST

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the Retroreflective Pavement Markings bid request. Bids will be received until June 30, 2025 9:30am and opened at that time.

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

TARGETED COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON GRANT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services, Bureau of Community Sanctions and Ross County for a maximum amount of Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Dollars and Zero Cents dollars (\$615,690.00) (hereinafter referred to as "Funds"), to be paid in quarterly installments for the period beginning with the effective date of this agreement and ending June 30, 2027, subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement. The Grantor will make payments of Funds by electronic fund transfer to the Grantee's designee. Such payments will be made during the first month of each quarter of the Grantor's fiscal year until the Funds have been expended.

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services, Bureau of Community Sanctions and Ross County for a maximum amount of Three Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents dollars (\$378,000.00) (hereinafter referred to as "Funds"), to be paid in quarterly installments for the period beginning with the effective date of this agreement and ending June 30, 2027, subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement. The Grantor will make payments of Funds by electronic fund transfer to the Grantee's designee. Such payments will be made during the first month of each quarter of the Grantor's fiscal year until the Funds have been expended.

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

REQUEST TO CHANGE BELL TOWER LIGHTING

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded to approve a request to light the Bell Tower in rainbow colors for PRIDE Month, June 22 – June 28, 2025.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Glass, no. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 9:55 am, to discuss business negotiations.

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 9:55 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:57 a.m. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 12:30 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, yes. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 12:30 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 12:57 p.m. No action was taken.

ROSS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the increase, suggested by Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLC, for the Ross County Sheriff’s office and the Teamsters Local 284.

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

AMEND RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded to amend the Non-residential building department services contract with Keith Putnam to include Floodplain Administrator/Inspector.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Work Session – Pixelle Response Team

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 matters to be kept confidential.

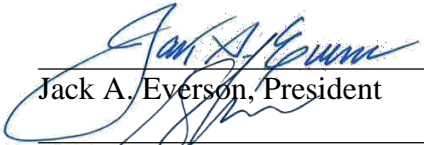
On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

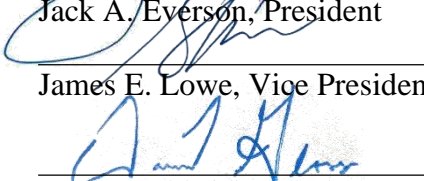
The executive session called at 1:00 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 1:50 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

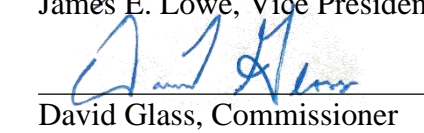
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 9, at 3:20 p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner