

**JUNE 10 – MEETING 24
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 10, 2024, in regular session.

Commissioner Dwight Garrett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioners James E. Lowe and Jack A. Everson, in attendance.

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the minutes of the June 3, 2024, meeting be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	2024001313	Printex Printing	219	Engineer	2024001198	Hauer & San Farm Equipment	974.4
Auditor	2024000760	Office of the Ohio Public Def.	3113.09	Engineer	2024000069	Latham Limertano, LLC	980.66
Auditor	2024000185	Chillicothe Utilitior Dept.	547.9	Engineer	2024001198	Lauco's	739.06
Auditor	2024000167	Ross County Humane Society	10000	Engineer	2024001092	The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc	2895
Auditor	2024000191	Google, Inc.	2143.7	Engineer	2024000108	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	495
Auditor	2024000186	Ross Co. Water Company	104.69	Engineer	2024001198	US Safety Gear, Inc.	686.78
Auditor	2024000173	Benran, Melinda J	375	Juvenile Court	2024000527	King, Kirten	325
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	802.5	Juvenile Court	2024000511	King, Kirten	750
Auditor	2024000170	Benran, Melinda J	390	Juvenile Court	2024000511	King, Kirten	1050
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	832.5	Juvenile Court	2024000568	Amazon Capital Services	81.29
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	300	Juvenile Court	2024000568	Glacier Mountain Battled Wa	16.75
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	300	Juvenile Court	2024000570	Glacier Mountain Battled Wa	8.5
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	690	Juvenile Court	2024000556	Chillicothe City Schools	11180
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	487.5	Juvenile Court	2024000576	Make Paper Digital, LLC	10000
Auditor	2024000170	Rutherford, Chare Calin	562.5	Juvenile Court	2024000558	Sciata Paint Valley Azzozzme	550
Auditor	2024000298	CEBCO	999700.85	Lau Library	2024001126	Wert Group	3114
Auditor	2024000189	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	349.4	Planning Commizian	2024000249	Glacier Mountain Battled Wa	15
Auditor	2024000180	American Electric Power	63.08	Planning Commizian	2024000256	Strattan, Bryan	500
Auditor	2024001241	Gla Fiber	2868	Planning Commizian	2024000256	Ross County Treasurer	706
Automatic Data Processing	2024000104	Worlde Media	30	Planning Commizian	2024000719	Worlde Media	131.25
Automatic Data Processing	2024000246	Horizon Chillicothe Telephon	4194.44	Planning Commizian	2024000254	JOANNE PRICE	94
Board of Elections	2024001306	US Bank Equipment Finance	242.25	Probate Court	2024000563	Outright, James K.	200
Board of Elections	2024001332	Jazrica Smith	29.76	Practicing Attorney	2024000806	Axia Technology Partners, LL	29.99
Board of Elections	2024001334	The Water Express	33.5	Practicing Attorney	2024000870	Gardan Florch Co., Inc.	378.57
Board of Elections	2024001333	Triad Governmental System	1761.18	Practicing Attorney	2024000870	Gardan Florch Co., Inc.	247
Building Department	2024000395	Amazon Capital Services	168.98	Practicing Attorney	2024000856	Lexis-Nexis	688
Building Department	2024000266	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc	110.52	Practicing Attorney	2024000857	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5
Building Department	2024000261	Glacier Mountain Battled Wa	8.5	Recorder	2024000740	Glacier Mountain Battled Wa	31
Building Department	2024000264	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	5.1	Recorder	2024000739	Kefile Technologier	3168.83
Building Department	2024000262	DAVID BITLER	22	Ross County Court System	2024000417	Thamran Reuters - Wert	317.98
Building Department	2024000260	Shelley, Jarhua	5887.5	Ross County Court System	2024001336	Worlde Media	30
Building Department	2024000262	JOSH HETTINGER	51.11	Ross County Court System	2024000418	Lexis-Nexis	408
Building Department	2024000480	City of Chillicothe Building D	1793.39	Ross County Court System	2024001348	Wex Bank	166.78
Building Department	2024000267	Quill Corporation	87.77	Ross County Court System	2024001346	GFC Learning	1270.87
Building Department	2023001230	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	153.69	Ross County Court System	2024001345	The Water Express	58.5
Building Department	2024000264	Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS	1188.16	Ross County Court System	2024001343	Office Depot Inc.	232.99
Commizianers	2024001048	Schaesley Caldwell Associates	23638.88	Ross County Court System	2024001349	Spartz Plur	50.99
Commizianers	2023001512	Bricker Graydon LLP	2992.29	Sheriff	2024001000	Gla Fiber	261.67
Commizianers	2024000292	Wex Bank	1217.67	Sheriff	2024000496	Buckeye State Sheriff Assoc	841.33
Commizianers	2024000292	Wex Bank	827.71	Sheriff	2024000252	Chillicothe Utilitior Dept.	4318.38
Commizianers	2024000648	Shorwin Williams Company	244.62	Sheriff	2024000771	Wex Bank	17714.7
Commizianers	2024000783	Ray, Earl E.	235	Sheriff	2024000496	Central Center Hardware	11.8
Commizianers	2024000289	Ross Co. Water Company	79.35	Sheriff	2024000496	Fultz's Glaz & Door, LLC	9375
Commizianers	2024000286	Ross Co. Water Company	26.87	Sheriff	2024000496	Penuell, Julia	159.32
Commizianers	2024000288	Ross Co. Water Company	25.77	Sheriff	2024000496	MICHAEL PRESTON	133.59
Commizianers	2024000343	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	444.8	Sheriff	2024000123	Wex Bank	1343.71
Commizianers	2024000328	Juvenile Detention Center	46000.33	Sheriff	2024000502	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5
Commizianers	2024000291	Chillicothe Utilitior Dept.	336.83	Sheriff	2024000482	Penuell, Julia	52.25
Commizianers	2024000408	Waste Management of Ohio	421.54	Sheriff	2024000496	DTB Distributars, Inc.	395.74
Commizianers	2024000410	Waste Management of Ohio	239.91	Sheriff	2024000482	DTB Distributars, Inc.	925.73
Commizianers	2024000409	Waste Management of Ohio	921.26	Sheriff	2024000654	DTB Distributars, Inc.	61.56
Commizianers	2024000422	Central Center Hardware	289.7	Sheriff	2024000258	Emergency Professional Serv	157.14
Commizianers	2024001337	TL Daarr LLC	150	Sheriff	2024000258	Adena Health System	677.19
Commizianers	2024000290	Chillicothe Utilitior Dept.	720.64	Sheriff	2024000258	MOBILEUSA	840
Commizianers	2024000469	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	441.91	Sheriff	2024000482	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	7
Coroner	2024000238	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1205	Sheriff	2024000482	Bab Barker Company	628.16
Coroner	2024000536	Amazon Capital Services	143.88	Sheriff	2024000494	Office City Express	36.86
Coroner	2024000395	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	257.27	Sheriff	2024000697	Office City Express	53.69
Coroner	2024000758	MICHAEL R RATLIFF	31.74	Sheriff	2024000495	Office City Express	5.74
Coroner	2024000243	Worlde Media	30	Sheriff	2024000799	Office City Express	79.3
Daq Warden	2024000117	Office City Express	156.96	Sheriff	2024000483	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	1200
Daq Warden	2024000121	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	1255.95	Sheriff	2024000553	H-M Company	229
Emergency Management	2024000282	AT&T Mability	140.47	Sheriff	2024000551	Trinity Services Group	6234.08
Emergency Management	2024000698	US Bank NA	151.43	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000277	Seward, Randy A.	398.75
Emergency Management	2024000693	Amazon Capital Services	57.84	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000276	Ed Soeart	309.38
Engineer	2024001198	Airgar Great Laker	496.43	Veterans Service Commizian	2024001129	Stephen M. Doffenbaugh	220
Engineer	2024001198	Advanced Hydraulic and Ha	181.72	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000275	Price, Harold S.	481.25
Engineer	2024001198	Central Auto Parts	688.12	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000523	Torry Daudy	47.84
Engineer	2024001198	The Char E. Phipps Company	327.65	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000523	Jennifer Fliqar	265
Engineer	2024000112	Da It Right Cleaning Service,	750	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000279	T-Mobile USA Inc	72.69
Engineer	2024001322	Eduard & Culvert Company	9097.2	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000197	CamDac, Inc.	52.36
Engineer	2024001276	G & J Paving	17200	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000209	South Central Power Campa	370
							\$1,241,662.70

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated May 27 through June 10, 2024, in the amount of \$12,900.18 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. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$4,064.03 be transferred from account code 088-31-01-5301 SCOJFS into account code 231-51-00-0010 Children Services, per a request of June 10, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$473,000.00 be transferred from account code 100-01-00-7103 Contract Services into account code 100-01-00-7105 Contract Services Comprehensive Plan, per a request of June 10, 2024 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$780.00 be transferred from account codes 420-29-11-7100 Travel (\$105.52), 420-29-11-7150 Supplies (\$673.48) and account code 420-29-11-7200 Equipment (\$1.00) into account code 420-29-11-7104 Confidential Funds, per a request of June 10, 2024 from the Ross County US 23 Major Crimes Task Force.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$200.00 from Small Cities fund into account code 420-07-33-7218 Program Income CDBG per a request of June 10, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

PAY REQUEST WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND 2023 BATCH 2 AND BATCH 3

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the pay request for the 2023 WPCLF Loan program, Batch 2 and Batch 3, for 3 home sewage replacements and a 3% administrative fee, totaling \$56,163.73.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION FORM CHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for General Administration, Fair Housing and Planning for the CHIP 2024 grant application.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER STATEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson 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 \$46,000.33.

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

APPLICATION AUTHORIZED – MUNICIPAL COURT VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Victim/Witness Assistance Program be authorized to submit an application, on behalf of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, to the Crime Victims Assistance Office of the Ohio Attorney General, for grant funding October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$34,000.00 (VOCA) and \$2,709.00 (SVAA), for the continuation of the Ross County Victim/Witness Assistance Program, administered through the Chillicothe Municipal Court with the Commissioners providing matching funds of \$7,561.81

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS ROSS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to release the \$5,000.00 appropriated for the Ross County Historical Society to supplement the operational funds, as stated in ORC 307.23.

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

NOTICE LPA TECHNICAL PROPOSAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the ad for Letters of Interest from ODOT prequalified firms to develop the Ross County Comprehensive Plan. The announcement may be downloaded via ODOT'S Local Project Notification website or on the Ross County Board of Commissioners public notice site.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CDBG GRANT

Commissioner Garrett opened the Community Development CDBG Infrastructure Public Hearing at 9:30, as scheduled. Ms. Susan Moore, Community Development Director, Ohio Regional Development Corporation provided information on two projects to be submitted for the Critical Infrastructure Program; Village of Clarksburg, replacement 3rd Street, Storm Gutter project, \$470,000.00 project cost, \$30,000.00 Admin costs and Village of Adelphi, Storm Sewer Improvements, \$470,000.00 project cost, \$30,000.00 Admin costs. There was no audience participation. Commissioner Garrett closed the public hearing at 9:49am.

The following Resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on June 10, 2024, with James E. Lowe, Jack A. Everson and Dwight A. Garrett in attendance.

RESOLUTION NO. 024-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS COUNTY

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PY 23/24 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR \$805,000 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 Critical Infrastructure program, a federally-funded program administered by the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to apply for \$1,000,000 of Program Year 2023/2024 Community Development Critical Infrastructure 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 2023/2024:

1. Village of Clarksburg, Public Facilities, Road Reconstruction-Critical Infrastructure \$470,000:
Village of Adelphi, Public Facilities, Storm Sewer Improvements-Critical Infrastructure \$470,000:
Ross County Board of Commissioners, General Administration-Critical Infrastructure \$60,000.

And, be it further RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Ross County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Ohio Regional Development Corp, to file 2023/2024 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.

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

The following Resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on June 10, 2024, with James E. Lowe, Jack A. Everson and Dwight A. Garrett in attendance.

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION
(LPA-ODOT-Let Project Agreement) (PARTICIPATORY)
Ordinance/Resolution # : 025-24
PIO No.: 111322

County/Route/Section: RO -GR-FY2025 Agreement No: 41148

SECTION I - Project Description

WHEREAS, the (LPA/ST ATE) has determined the need for the described project:

Guardrail replacement on various county routes in Ross County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio. (LPA)

SECTION II - Consent Statement

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project as detailed in the LPA-ODOT-Let Agreement entered into between the parties, if applicable.

SECTION III - Cooperation Statement

The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the development and construction of the above described project and shall enter into a LPA Federal ODOT Let Project Agreement, if applicable, as well as any other agreements necessary to develop and construct the Project.

The LPA agrees to assume and bear the entire cost of the improvement less the amount of Federal and State Funds

set aside by the Director of Transportation for financing the improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration.

The LPA further agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features requested by the LPA which are determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration to be unnecessary for the Project.

The LPA further agrees that change orders and extra work contracts required to fulfill the construction contracts shall be processed as needed. The State shall not approve a change order or extra work contract until it first gives notice, in writing, to the LPA. The LPA shall contribute its share of the cost of these items in accordance with other

sections herein.

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

The following Resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on June 10, 2024, with James E. Lowe, Jack A. Everson and Dwight A. Garrett in attendance.

RESOLUTION 026-24
CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO BRIDGE COMPANY DBA U.S. BRIDGE
FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DRY RUN ROAD ROS-CR223-0213

WHEREAS, Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a contract by and between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Bridge Corporation dba U.S. Bridge and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Bridge Corp. dba U.S. Bridge will furnish all materials, equipment and labor necessary to perform to the terms and provisions of the specifications and proposal, to reasonable satisfactions and acceptance of the county, and

WHEREAS, the completion date shall be October 31, 2024, and

THEREFORE, the Ross County Commissioners agrees to pay Ohio Bridge Corp., dba U.S. Bridge a sum not to exceed \$289,999.90 for Bridge Replacement Superstructure ROS-CR223-0213 (Dry Run Road).

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

CONTRACT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICE WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract with Washington Court House Building/Zoning Department for residential building department services. The following rates will apply: Inspection Services \$70.00/hr. and Trip Charge of \$25.00 per trip.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Barbara Mahaffey, SPVMHC presented the Commissioners with a request to help fund installation of a new HVAC system for the Mental Health Center. The Commissioners do not own the building that houses the center. Ms. Mahaffey believes Ohio Revised Law states the County Commissioners are obligated to maintain the center. The office will do some research and report back to Ms. Mahaffey with the results.

Mr. J.T. West, GloFiber updated the Commissioners on the purchase of Horizon Chillicothe Telephone Company, by GloFiber. He assured the Commissioners GloFiber would continue to be a hometown company with quality service and support.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 10, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner