

**JUNE 24 – MEETING 26
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 24, 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 17, 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	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	2024000170	202.5	Engineer	2024001198	58.76
Auditor	2024000169	52.17	Engineer	2024001240	3581.61
Auditor	2024000180	771.4	Engineer	2024001198	33
Auditor	2024001241	116.35	Engineer	2024000109	193.52
Auditor	2024000184	48.15	Engineer	2024001338	218.22
Auditor	2024000182	717	Engineer	2023001904	11625
Auditor	2024000189	331.14	Engineer	2024001054	319
Auditor	2024000207	2558.55	Engineer	2024001338	720
Auditor	2024000434	20044.78	Engineer	2024001338	46.61
Auditor	2024000818	4750	Engineer	2024001338	100
Auditor	2024000193	121.79	Engineer	2024001389	6272.7
Automatic Data Processing Bd	2024000103	627.83	Juvenile Court	2024000487	10800
Automatic Data Processing Bd	2024001347	258.49	Juvenile Court	2024000478	943.2
Automatic Data Processing Bd	2024000525	123.26	Juvenile Court	2024000170	656.02
Board of Elections	2024001374	840	Juvenile Court	2024000170	2272.5
Board of Elections	2024001411	540	Juvenile Court	2024000170	495
Board of Elections	2024001412	276.85	Juvenile Court	2024000170	1470
Board of Elections	2024001410	8125	Litter Control	2024000728	418.54
Building Department	2024000895	224	Planning Commission	2024000251	509.48
Building Department	2024000895	25.98	Planning Commission	2024001229	111.87
Building Department	2024000262	21.44	Planning Commission	2024001229	215.32
Building Department	2024000267	64.36	Planning Commission	2024000249	25
Building Department	2024000263	80.22	Probate Court	2024000173	125
Clerk of Courts	2024000577	61.07	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000854	303.01
Clerk of Courts	2024000846	39.75	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000854	908.66
Clerk of Courts	2024000098	5.27	Ross County Court System	2024001418	679.82
Clerk of Courts	2024000097	116.54	Ross County Court System	2024001417	830.54
Commissioners	2024000530	1600	Ross County Court System	2024001415	5.95
Commissioners	2024001181	265	Ross County Court System	2024001416	122
Commissioners	2024001182	170	Ross County Court System	2024001414	38
Commissioners	2024001184	170	Sheriff	2024000123	205.25
Commissioners	2024001185	195	Sheriff	2024000133	174.75
Commissioners	2024001186	195	Sheriff	2024000496	69.99
Commissioners	2024001187	265	Sheriff	2024000496	116.99
Commissioners	2024001188	195	Sheriff	2024000482	130
Commissioners	2024001191	305	Sheriff	2024000496	445.51
Commissioners	2024001192	390	Sheriff	2024000496	179
Commissioners	2024001193	265	Sheriff	2024000496	1193.48
Commissioners	2024001194	170	Sheriff	2024000496	35.93
Commissioners	2024000484	258.57	Sheriff	2024000496	21.67
Commissioners	2024000330	532.8	Sheriff	2024000501	787.5
Commissioners	2024000331	278.98	Sheriff	2024000496	61.95
Commissioners	2024000421	7.35	Sheriff	2024000497	378.72
Commissioners	2024000485	16003.38	Sheriff	2024000498	330.96
Commissioners	2024000947	1387.6	Sheriff	2024000499	407.22
Commissioners	2024000332	1164	Sheriff	2024000496	322.6
Commissioners	2024001350	49.9	Sheriff	2024000496	492.9
Commissioners	2024000611	2037.9	Sheriff	2024000482	1381.68
Commissioners	2024001385	5000	Sheriff	2024000654	76.61
Commissioners	2024001386	113.22	Sheriff	2024000494	99.82
Commissioners	2024001388	11832	Sheriff	2024000697	106.57
Commissioners	2024000783	235	Sheriff	2024000495	15.52
Commissioners	2024000329	190.78	Sheriff	2024000551	5914.5
Commissioners	2024000648	128.28	Sheriff	2024000258	70
Commissioners	2024001383	83.01	Sheriff	2024000258	151.75
Commissioners	2024001404	276.43	Sheriff	2024000258	541.32
Commissioners	2024000971	3240	Sheriff	2024000258	447.42
Common Pleas Court #1	2024001400	187.71	Sheriff	2024000258	7.9
Coroner	2024000235	102.81	Sheriff	2024000258	577.5
Coroner	2024000239	5250	Treasurer	2024000463	24.25
Engineer	2024001198	741.93	Treasurer	2024001405	220
Engineer	2024001198	393.26	Treasurer	2024001405	495
Engineer	2024001338	1054.84	Treasurer	2024001407	260
Engineer	2024001338	336.67	Treasurer	2024001408	2192.72
Engineer	2024001338	399	Veterans Service Commission	2024001129	233.75
Engineer	2024000668	1037.72	Veterans Service Commission	2024000276	515.62
Engineer	2024001198	111.93	Veterans Service Commission	2024000275	460.62
Engineer	2024001338	1217.33	Veterans Service Commission	2024000277	495
Engineer	2024000069	1275.05	Veterans Service Commission	2024000437	141.52
Engineer	2024000113	500	Veterans Service Commission	2024000438	667.64
Engineer	2024001338	3030	Veterans Service Commission	2024000836	799.99
Engineer	2024000069	3961.47	VOCA	2024001153	9.95
					\$173,102.70

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 June 10 through June 24, 2024, in the amount of \$30,446.15 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$1,408.38 from CLE fund into account code 212-29-01-7001 Salaries - Law, per a request of June 24, 2024, from the Ross County Sheriff.

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, to de-appropriate \$23,675.47 from Marine Patrol fund account codes 420-29-04-7001 Salaries (\$19,620.00), account code 420-29-04-7012 PERS (\$3,612.95), account code 420-29-04-7013 Worker's Comp (\$159.80) and account code 420-29-04-7017 Medicare (\$252.72), per a request of June 24, 2024 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$15,000.00 from account code 229-03-00-7101 Advertising & Printing, into account codes 229-03-00-7001 Salaries Employees (\$10,000.00) and account code 229-03-00-7014 Group Insurance (\$5,000.00), per a request June 24, 2024 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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

PAYMENT REQUEST WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded to approve payment from the WPCLF 2023 funding for 2 home sewer designs for the amount of \$3,500.00.

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

CERTIFICATE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, that Ross County, through the Ohio Regional Development Corporation, Coshocton, Ohio 43812, hereby certifies that a certain mortgage deed dated September 8, 2021, filed for record September 17, 2021, in the original amount of \$62,400.00 and recorded in Book 554, Page 2623-2626 of the Official Records in Ross County, Ohio, was executed and delivered by Bobbie Keller, unmarried, to Ross County. Ross County further certifies that said mortgage has been satisfied and is hereby canceled and released; and the Recorder of Ross County, Ohio is directed to release the same of record.

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

2024 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND DESIGNER AND SOIL EVALUATOR SOLICITATION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded to approve the recommendation of the Ross County Health District to approve the bid received for septic system designer for the 2024 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund program submitted by Dan Patterson of Dan's Excavating for per unit costs of \$2,500 pre-treatment, \$2,500 drip distribution, \$2,500 low pressure pipe distribution and \$1,200 connection fee and the bid received for soil evaluator for the 2024 Water Pollution Control Loan fund program submitted by Stephen Hamilton of Hamilton Soil Investigations, LLC, at a cost of \$400 per evaluation.

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

VOCA/SVAA GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the grant application from Victim/Witness Assistance Program for \$39,365.00 for VOCA and \$5,957.00 for SVAA, with a match of \$9,841.25 from the county.

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

BID OPENING RFQ'S 104 SEWER PROJECT

Bids were opened as advertised for RFQ's for the 104 Sewer Project. Two bids were received; Elite Excavating Co. of Ohio Inc. and Industrial Reliability and Repair. Bids will be reviewed and an RFP will be advertised.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AC UNITS REPLACEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to declare an emergency at the South Central Ohio Juvenile Detention Center, due to the rooftop AC units failing. Jeremy Phillips, SCOJDC will secure three quotes to present to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

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

BRICKER GRAYDON INVOICES

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the invoice from Bricker Graydon for Legal Services Rendered through May 31, 2024 for ACGP Construction in the amount of \$12,963.75.

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, to approve the invoice from Bricker Graydon for Legal Services Rendered through May 31, 2024 for ARPA Legal Counsel for the amount of \$1,042.50.

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, to approve the invoice from Bricker Graydon for Legal Services Rendered through May 31, 2024 for General Construction 104 Sewer Project in the amount of \$4,868.75.

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

ROSS COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT LEASE TO OWN

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a request from the Ross County Health District to forgo charging interest on the lease to own agreement for their building. They also voted to credit interest already paid, toward the principal of the loan. This brings the remaining balance of the loan to \$576,934.28.

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

CHILDRENS SERVICES LEVY

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the request from South Central Ohio Job and Family Services, to place a levy on the ballot this spring. The proposed levy, which will be used for Child Welfare, would be a new 1mil for 5years bringing in approximately \$1.8 million dollars annually.

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

DEPUTY DOG WARDEN POSITION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to advertise for the position of Deputy Dog Warden. Pam Longlott, Deputy Dog Warden, will be off on medical leave until mid-July. The Dog Warden believes increasing the staff by one, would make it easier to get to all calls, even if an employee is off work.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Judge J. Jeffrey Benson discussed giving a market adjustment to his staff, effective July 1, 2024. He has two positions that he did not fill, when they became vacant. He will also be using federal 4-E funds for one employee's salary. This allows using the funds allocated for the other two positions to be distributed to the staff without asking for general fund monies.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 24, 2024, at 12:30 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner