

JULY 20 – MEETING 29
VOLUME 29

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, July 20, 2026, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the July 13, 2026 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	~
Commissioners		Sherwin Williams Company		13.91	
Commissioners		Liberty Mutual		200	
Adult Probation		ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEM		163.8	
Adult Probation		The Garden Family Advocacy		2235.82	
Commissioners		TAM Construction, Inc.		1186005.04	
Automatic Data Processing B		Amazon Capital Services		94.99	
Automatic Data Processing B		Glo Fiber		2215.95	
Automatic Data Processing B		Glo Fiber		878.98	
Commissioners		Davis Tire of Chillicothe		64.95	
Commissioners		Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.		21.71	
Planning Commission		Choice One Engineering Corp		7000	
Commissioners		Thomas Gas Services, Inc.		7.72	
Auditor		Rutherford, Chase Colin		75	
Commissioners		Iron City Implement		4.36	
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Auditor		Rutherford, Chase Colin		75	
Auditor		Benson, Melinda J		300	
Auditor		Benson, Melinda J		97.5	
Planning Commission		CITY OF ATHENS		875971.63	
Auditor		Benson, Melinda J		500	
Auditor		Rutherford, Chase Colin		75	
Auditor		Rutherford, Chase Colin		75	
Auditor		Rutherford, Chase Colin		75	
Planning Commission		Montrose Group, LLC		5000	
Adult Probation		Verizon Wireless		128.84	
Adult Probation		Friends Service Co. Inc		23.98	
Adult Probation		Casey Oates		236.88	
Commissioners		Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa		17	
Planning Commission		Adams County Regional Med		569535.45	
Commissioners		DTB Distributors, Inc.		656.06	
Commissioners		Sherwin Williams Company		315.99	
Automatic Data Processing B		VC3 INC		1117.86	
Planning Commission		City of Hillsboro		437241.8	
Commissioners		Stockmeister Enterprises Inc		132834.3	
Adult Probation		Quill Corporation		242.55	
Ross County Court System		Compass Integration LLC		11228.89	
Planning Commission		American Structure Point, Inc		3600	
Planning Commission		Amazon Capital Services		13.49	
Common Pleas Court #1		Amazon Capital Services		179.98	
Auditor		Smith, Brian A.		2100	
Veterans Service Commission		Save-A-Lot		5965.66	
Commissioners		General Sales Company		399.35	
Commissioners		Speer Mechanical		571	
Engineer		Ace Truck Body, Inc.		160.89	
Engineer		Amazon Capital Services		185.27	
Engineer		All Make Solutions		3850	
Automatic Data Processing B		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		909.45	
Commissioners		Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning LL		590	
Engineer		B & C Communications		470	
Engineer		Cintas Corporation # 530		391.73	
Engineer		Columbus Equipment Co.		25856	
Engineer		Columbus Equipment Co.		1288.37	
Engineer		County Engineers Association		375	
Engineer		Diamond Mowers, Inc		4031.25	
Engineer		Fastenal Company		41.57	
Engineer		The Firelands Supply Co		4775	
Engineer		Friends Service Co. Inc		72.23	
Engineer		Happy to Help Cleaning Servi		675	
Engineer		Melvin Stone Co.		1146.64	
Engineer		Menards		111.44	
Engineer		Modern Office Methods, Inc.		473.99	
Engineer		Ohio CAT		454.67	
Engineer		PDK Construction		20670	
Engineer		Rush Truck Centers of Ohio		1661.9	
Engineer		Shelly & Sands, Inc		664678.88	
Engineer		Sunbelt Rentals, Inc		30	
Engineer		T-Mobile USA Inc		226.6	
Engineer		Tow Path Materials		635	
Engineer		Unifirst First Aid Corp		157.38	
Engineer		Carpenter Marty Transportati		5662.75	
Planning Commission		NEW RIVER ENGINEERS INC		45772.18	
Commissioners		Sherwin Williams Company		214.75	
Auditor		First Communications, LLC		4.93	
Auditor		Office of the Ohio Public Defe		113068	
Planning Commission		Athens County Historical Soci		82340	
Planning Commission		Belmont County Port Authorit		43201.8	
Engineer		B.E.T. Ltd		241.96	
Auditor		Amazon Capital Services		423.56	

DEPARTMENT	~	PAY TO NAME	~	TOTAL VALUE	~
Juvenile Court		Integrated Services of Appala		7500	
Juvenile Court		King, Kristen		400	
Juvenile Court		Pike Co. Recovery Council		1600	
Adult Probation		Casey Oates		89.49	
Adult Probation		Amazon Capital Services		23.36	
Planning Commission		Ross County Treasurer		10670.63	
Law Library		Lexis-Nexis		908.56	
Board of Elections		Amazon Capital Services		22.01	
Planning Commission		Ross County Treasurer		7652	
Treasurer		Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa		18	
Adult Probation		Redwood Toxicology Laborato		15.82	
Probate Court		Hill, Laura J.		200	
Common Pleas Court #1		Sheila R. Skaggs		915	
Juvenile Court		Lighthouse Youth Services		660	
Juvenile Court		ALLYSSA SANDOVAL		292.9	
Juvenile Court		MATT SUTHERLAND		108.75	
Juvenile Court		King, Kristen		2400	
Juvenile Court		King, Kristen		257.96	
Juvenile Court		Pike Co. Recovery Council		800	
Probate Court		Printex Printing		900	
Planning Commission		Village of Georgetown		1603446.33	
Planning Commission		Ohio Regional Development		7777	
Building Department		Verizon Wireless		198.58	
Auditor		Wex Bank		142.03	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		300	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		378.57	
Board of Elections		US Bank Equipment Finance		265.9	
Prosecuting Attorney		Axia Technology Partners, LLC		2880	
Prosecuting Attorney		Lexis-Nexis		1112.91	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		12.29	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.		123	
Sheriff		Ohio Task Force Commanders		275	
Law Library		Lexis-Nexis		1565.87	
Sheriff		Advance Auto Parts		181.99	
Prosecuting Attorney		Microsystems Inc		428.66	
Sheriff		Aramark Services, Inc		9008.97	
Sheriff		MATTHEW GIBSON		56.93	
Sheriff		Premier Health Care Services		45792.85	
Sheriff		Columbus Radiology Corp		128.41	
Sheriff		Allen's Pharmacy		1110.74	
Sheriff		Charter Communications Hol		674.61	
Coroner		Ohio Treasurer of State		120	
Coroner		US Bank Equipment Finance		97.07	
Coroner		Kent Harshbarger, M.D.		3700	
Coroner		MARK A GRAY		19	
Sheriff		PAUL HAWK		120	
Sheriff		Scioto County Career Technica		4575	
Sheriff		Friends Service Co. Inc		38.8	
Sheriff		Friends Service Co. Inc		38.3	
Sheriff		Friends Service Co. Inc		47.8	
Sheriff		DTB Distributors, Inc.		494.93	
Sheriff		DTB Distributors, Inc.		253.35	
Sheriff		DTB Distributors, Inc.		3.29	
Sheriff		Chillicothe Signs & Screen Pri		2100	
Sheriff		Chillicothe Signs & Screen Pri		350	
Sheriff		Galls, LLC		663.6	
Sheriff		Amazon Capital Services		4203.5	
Sheriff		Modern Office Methods, Inc.		325.2	
Sheriff		Modern Office Methods, Inc.		130.06	
Sheriff		Modern Office Methods, Inc.		260.16	
Sheriff		Modern Office Methods, Inc.		65.03	
Sheriff		DPS Media, Inc		33.2	
Sheriff		Glo Fiber		54.74	
Sheriff		Glo Fiber		511	
Sheriff		Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc		1551.9	
Sheriff		Amazon Capital Services		202.4	
Sheriff		Sparkle Cleaners		42	
Sheriff		TL Doors LLC		2445	
Sheriff		Amazon Capital Services		107.75	
Sheriff		AutoZone		120.66	
Sheriff		Treasurer of State		111	
Sheriff		Davis Tire of Chillicothe		311.95	
Sheriff		Scioto Shoe Mart		130	
Sheriff		Scioto Shoe Mart		775.98	
Sheriff		PARK PLACE PARKING		20	
Sheriff		Vance Outdoors, Inc.		58201.5	
Sheriff		Savage Range Systems, Inc		1272	
Auditor		Lori Pritchard		125	
Building Department		Amazon Capital Services		16.99	
Auditor		Glo Fiber		413.95	
Auditor		Glo Fiber		640	
				\$6,068,845.86	

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 July 6, 2026 through July 20, 2026, in the amount of \$21,046.59 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$1,000.00 from account code 203-32-00-7151 Postage, into account code 203-32-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of July 20, 2026 from the Ross County Dog Warden.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$2,005.00 from account code 226-60-00-7550 Other Expense, into account code 226-60-00-7101 Advert/Printing per a request of July 20, 2026 from the Ross County Law Library.

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, to transfer \$65,640.71 from account code 420-07-32-7473, 122845 Ross Admin., into account code 420-07-32-7468,122233 Athe Athens, per a request of July 20, 2026 from the Ross County Planning & Development.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$10,000.00 from Fair Share into account code 410-29-22-7550 Other Costs, per a request of July 20, 2026, from the Ross County US Major Crimes Task Force.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$9,300.00 from Guardianship Services into account code 230-19-00-7105 Guardianship Services Revenue, per a request of July 20, 2026, from the Ross County Probate Court.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$5,000.00 from Special Projects into account code 219-19-00-7550 Probate Other Expenses, per a request of July 20, 2026, from the Ross County Probate Court.

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 Adult Probation for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
11	Phones	N/A	Surplus Property
1	Telephone System	2828	Surplus Property

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

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
3	Chairs	16436, 17549, 16856	Surplus Property

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Glass, yes; 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 June at a cost of \$64,937.57.

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

AMENDMENT 1 VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT ACGP GRANT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve Amendment 1 to the Village of Frankfort grant agreement to provide the funds necessary for the inclusion of additional project components, specifically the Springfield Street sidewalk and Library shared use path. The Department of Development increased the project award by \$120,000 for the Frankfort ACGP project.

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

CONTRACT PHASE II PAVING MILLING STRIPING VARIOUS COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the recommendation of County Engineer Charlie Ortman, to award Phase II of the contract for Paving, Milling and Striping Various County and Township Roads in Ross County, to Fillmore Construction for \$2,420,101.00.

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

AUTHORIZATION CERTIFICATIONS FOR OPWC DISBURSEMENTS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the Disbursement Request for C016AC, request 1 in the amount of \$574,502.59, for 71% project completion for various county and township roads

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 10:47am, to discuss certain personnel matters and 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 10:47am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:55 am. No action was taken.

SICK LEAVE DONTATION POLICY UPDATE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to update the County Sick Leave Donation Policy. The policy currently reads “The donation to and from each effected employee/spouse of employee must be in writing using the attached forms.” The change will read “The donation to and from each effected employee/spouse of employee or immediate family, must be in writing using the attached forms.” The hours donated can not exceed 80 hours.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 3:00pm, to discuss certain 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 3:00pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 3:45. No action was taken.

AMENDMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT FOOD SERVICE ARAMARK

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve Amendment for the Food Service contract at the Ross County LEC, with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC. The price per meal is as follows and becomes effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

No. of Inmates*		Price per Meal
80	99	\$3.905
100	119	\$3.700
120	139	\$3.290
140	154	\$2.973
155	169	\$2.742
170	184	\$2.567
185	199	\$2.427
200	214	\$2.312
215	229	\$2.216

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Lavender – discussed the City Police Department canceling the Spectrum Cable account, that had been provided gratis, but they would now be charged for. They did not realize this service also provided the cable for the TV’s provided to the inmates in the jail. The Sheriff is in the process of reinstating the service and will be responsible for the bill from this point forward.

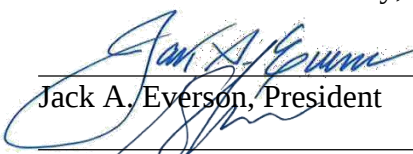
Veterans Services Budget

Ross County Senior Center discussion – David Byers, President Board of Directors and Janet Elliott, Assistant Director, along with representatives from Bainbridge, Huntington, Paxton Township, Twin Township and Chillicothe, discussed the issue of placing a levy on the November ballot. It was discussed whether the levy should be on property tax or income tax. The current levy of .5% will be collected through 2027. The Senior Center needs to decide how they wish to proceed and bring a resolution to the Commissioners for approval.

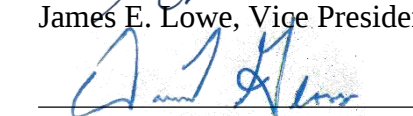
Clerk of Courts Budget

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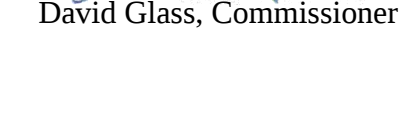
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of July 20, 2026, at 3:50, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner