

JULY 21 – MEETING 29

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The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, July 21, 2025, in regular session.

Commissioner Jack Everson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioner 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 14, 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. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Veterans Service Commission	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	1000	Engineer	Old Canal Stop	33
Veterans Service Commission	Ware Funeral Home	1000	Engineer	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	460.19
Veterans Service Commission	Fayette Flag & Banner Supply	19980.93	Engineer	Kleem, Inc.	4622.4
Veterans Service Commission	The Corner Market	200	Engineer	EQUIP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	83.35
Veterans Service Commission	Wex Bank	27.76	Engineer	Coppel Coal & Supply Co.	2453
Veterans Service Commission	Nation Star Mortgage LLC	1218.43	Engineer	Hart, Linda	500
Veterans Service Commission	Sports Plus	330	Engineer	Clemans, Nelson & Associates, Inc.	522.5
Sheriff	The Ohio State University Hospital	7369.21	Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	393.8
Sheriff	Hospitalist Medicine Physicians	94.23	Engineer	County Engineers Association of Ohio	425
Sheriff	Muffler Brothers	259.97	Engineer	County Engineers Association of Ohio	369
Sheriff	Apogee Medical Group, Ohio, Inc.	99.15	Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	1218.89
Sheriff	Sports Plus	88	Emergency Management	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	19.59
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	1077.45	Emergency Management	Amazon Capital Services	38.98
Sheriff	Adena Health System	1772.67	Emergency Management	Alexander, Sharon	32
Sheriff	AutoZone Store 797	34.99	Coroner	Witmer Public Safety, Inc.	163.9
Sheriff	Premier Health Care Services, Inc.	41517.52	Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	179.65
Sheriff	AutoZone	24.45	Common Pleas Court #2	Speakman , Jeffrey	1800
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1540.21	Common Pleas Court #2	Office Depot Inc.	64.49
Sheriff	Krace Gill	1090	Common Pleas Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	73.99
Sheriff	P&R Communications Service, Inc.	11843	Common Pleas Court #1	Office Depot Inc.	340.32
Sheriff	Fishel, Downey, Albrecht & Riepe	168.42	Commissioners	Glo Fiber	113.91
Sheriff	Fishel, Downey, Albrecht & Riepe	1154.88	Commissioners	Amazon Capital Services	1626.59
Sheriff	Fishel, Downey, Albrecht & Riepe	1082.7	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	306.45
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	59.13	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	81.9
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	236.48	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	38.61
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	118.24	Commissioners	APG MEDIA OF OHIO	265
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	295.65	Commissioners	U.S. Geological Survey	15000
Sheriff	DanCo Lettering	584	Commissioners	Sedgwick Claims Management Services	2941
Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	57.4	Commissioners	Sedgwick Claims Management Services	1684
Sheriff	Tim's Tires & Accessories	717.5	Commissioners	RJ Wright and Sons LTD	488.24
Sheriff	APCO, AFC, Inc.	35	Commissioners	Carr Supply Chillicothe	1148.65
Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police Supply	772.36	Commissioners	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	814.4
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8687.32	Commissioners	A-1 Limestone	70
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	1365	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	180.13
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	614.87	Commissioners	Dynotec, Inc	6460
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	2319.98	Commissioners	American Electric Power	659.01
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	774.95	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	317.28
Sheriff	Charm-Tex, Inc.	982.4	Commissioners	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	34903.8
Sheriff	Scioto Shoe Mart	49.48	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	467.32
Sheriff	Scioto Shoe Mart	251.48	Commissioners	Schooley Caldwell Associates Inc	89564.11
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	109.71	Commissioners	McKee Door Sales of Columbus, Inc.	2195
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1250.28	Commissioners	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	300
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	944.97	Commissioners	Treasurer, State of Ohio	692.5
Ross County Court System	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	1467.95	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	74.16
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	106.33	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	46.24
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.	1.23	Commissioners	Master Locksmith and Safe Services	60
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	65	Commissioners	Central Center Hardware	48.81
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, LLC	2880	Clerk of Courts	TIFFANY PUMMEL	84
Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	52.03	Certificate of Title	US Bank Equipment Finance	105.07
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	200	Board of Elections	Ohio Secretary of State	30
Probate Court	Rutherford, Sherri K.	200	Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	526.75
Planning Commission	Reserve Account	1000	Board of Elections	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	38.6
Planning Commission	The Welsh-American Heritage Museum	16696.25	Board of Elections	Office City Express	180.55
Planning Commission	Office City Express	857.31	Board of Elections	Office City Express	292.05
Planning Commission	Mount Zion Black Cultural Center	36175	Board of Elections	Ross Co. Agricultural Society	475
Planning Commission	Media Network of Central Ohio	1342.7	Board of Elections	Phillip Gray	126
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, Inc	39575	Automatic Data Processing Board	VC3 INC	2444
Planning Commission	Rio Grande Community College	388000	Automatic Data Processing Board	Amazon Capital Services	74.49
Planning Commission	Schooley Caldwell Associates Inc	27000	Automatic Data Processing Board	Amazon Capital Services	26.02
Planning Commission	Jesse Burnette	15334	Automatic Data Processing Board	Amazon Capital Services	69.98
Planning Commission	Montrose Group, LLC	5000	Automatic Data Processing Board	Glo Fiber	2323.5
Planning Commission	A Morton Thomas and Associates	4274.5	Automatic Data Processing Board	Glo Fiber	3997.53
Law Library	Lexis-Nexis	339.11	Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	224.83
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	103.42	Automatic Data Processing Board	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	403.1
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	344.97	Auditor	American Electric Power	414.26
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	58.68	Auditor	Glo Fiber	1808.94
Juvenile Court	Ross Co. Agricultural Society	305	Auditor	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	29
Juvenile Court	Ashley Toops	180	Auditor	Glo Fiber	1078
Juvenile Court	Integrated Services of Appalachia	26586.72	Auditor	First Communications, LLC	53.16
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	5416.63	Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	1962.03
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	170.48	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	178.33	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	39.87	Auditor	Blosser, Jeffery M.	727.5
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	23443.64	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1237.5
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	11297.28	Auditor	Berry, Jennifer	834
Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	2961.94	Auditor	Printex Printing	350
Engineer	Edwards Culvert Company	9104.1	Adult Probation	Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc.	15
Engineer	Office City Express	226.42	Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	79.62
Engineer	Shelly & Sands, Inc	304219.04	Adult Probation	Sports Plus	50
Engineer	Tow Path Materials	1426.2	Adult Probation	Treasurer of State	600
Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	244.11			\$1,235,904.84
Engineer	Ross Auto Parts	229.79			

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated July 7, 2025 through July 21, 2025, in the amount of \$10,500.52 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. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$3,500.00 account code 208-02-00-7137 BOR Expenses, into account code 208-02-00-7103 and \$100.00 from account code 208-02-00-7157 Postage into account code 208-02-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of July 21, 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, to transfer \$1,450.00 from account code 410-29-25-7200 Equipment into account code 410-29-25-7001 Personnel Wages, \$4,000.00 from account code 410-29-25-7150 supplies into account code 410-29-25-7001 Personnel Wages, and \$4,492.70 from account code 410-29-25-7550 Other Costs into account code 410-29-25-7001 Personnel Wages, per a request of July 21, 2025 from the Ross County U 23 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 transfer \$500,000.00 from account code CR558-01-01-0010 VA Facility Renovation, into account code CR100-00-00-5858 General Fund, per a request of July 21, 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, to transfer \$563,000.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 into account code 548-01-01-5801 Airport Construction, per a request of July 21, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 \$57,850.00 from account code 100-00-00-0010 General, into account code 203-02-00-5901 Dog & Kennel, per a request of July 21, 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$1,500,000.00 from M.V. & Gas Tax into account code 210-58-66-7204 (\$1,000,000.00) Contract Projects and into account code 210-58-66-7115 (\$500,000.00) Road Materials, per a request of July 14, 2025 from the Ross County Engineer.

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 de-appropriate (\$5,440.46) from General Fund, account code 100-12-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of July 14, 2025 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 \$5,000.00 from Dog & Kennel Fund into account code 203-32-00-7200 Equipment, per a request of July 14, 2025 from the Ross County Dog Warden.

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, appropriate \$1,500.00 CASA into account code 420-18-39-7550 CASA Misc. Expense, per a request of July 14, 2025 from the Ross County Juvenile Court.

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 \$11,000.00 from General Fund into account code 100-00-00-7932 Transfer Dog & Kennel, per a request of July 14, 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.

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Metal Desk	05683	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 VOCA/SVAA for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Dell Laptop	2994	Surplus Property

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, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Sheriff’s Office for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	White Fridge	07691	Surplus Property
1	2018 Ford Interceptor	003379	Surplus Property
1	2018 Ford Interceptor	003377	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 Board of Elections for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
65	Election Poll Pad Boxes	3105-3169	Surplus Property

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, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County SWCD for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	2015 Ford f250	6v6527	Surplus Property

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

PRICE AMENDMENT UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES VISITORS CENTER PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to sign the price amendment for the UNESCO World Heritage contract between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and Bruns construction Enterprises.

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

AMENDMENT 1 TO OPERATING AGREEMENT ARAMARK FOOD SERVICE

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign amendment 1 to the Aramark Food Service contract price increase, for the County Jail. The increase goes into effect August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026.

No. of Inmates*		Price Per Meal
80	99	\$3.776
100	119	\$3.579
120	139	\$3.182
140	154	\$2.875
155	169	\$2.652
170	184	\$2.482
185	199	\$2.347
200	214	\$2.236
215	229	\$2.143

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

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND PAYMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the WPCLF payment for 2 sewer connections in Bainbridge Ohio, for the amount of \$11,010.00.

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

The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners of July 21, 2025, with Commissioners Jack Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass in attendance.

RESOLUTION 028-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, THE ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) ON BEHALF OF ROSS COUNTY FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN:

WHEREAS, Ross County seeks to upgrade its existing wastewater facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners intends to apply for a *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)* for the planning, design and or construction of the *wastewater* facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)* requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ross County Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Jack Everson, President be and is hereby authorized to apply for a *WPCLF* loan, sign all documents for and enter into a *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)* agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for planning, design and/or construction of *wastewater* facilities on behalf of Ross County, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That the dedicated source of repayment will be *SECURED GRANT FUNDING*.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

RESOLUTION 029-25

ROSS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER LEVY DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners order the distribution of the 0.3 mill levy funds from the Ross County Senior Citizens levy; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ross County voted for this levy with expectations of funds being disbursed annually; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Ross County Senior Citizens levy have been fully dispersed in previous years; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ross County Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, the Ross County Auditor shall disperse these funds immediately:

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

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to re-appoint the following board members to the LEPC board for the term 8/1/25 – 8/1/2027: Mike Preston, Mark Thompson, and Josh Garrett.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 1:00 pm, to discuss matters to be kept confidential regarding Pixelle.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 2:05 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 2:14 pm, to discuss matters to be kept confidential for economic development with the Port Authority.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

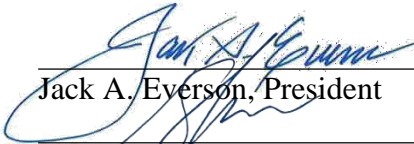
The executive session called at 2:14 pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 3:56 pm. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fluor BMXT – Greg Wilkett, Tim Poe, Shawn Jordan, talked about their name change to SOCO, Southern Ohio Cleanup Company and MCSA Mission Conversion Support Association.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of July 21 at 3:56 p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner