

**SEPTEMBER 2 – MEETING 35
VOLUME 28**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, September 2, 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 August 25, 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
Treasurer	Amazon Capital Services	12.34	Emergency Management	GFC Leasing	121.65
Sheriff	Galls, LLC	235.35	Emergency Management	Alexander, Sharon	64
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	75.9	Emergency Management	Mark Thompson	22
Sheriff	Chillicothe-Ross Chamber of Commerce	15	Dog Warden	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	59.95
Sheriff	Central Center Hardware	65.41	Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	5855.5
Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	300.86	Common Pleas Court #1	The Water Express	34.22
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	128.41	Common Pleas Court #1	Zuefle, Ashley	219.6
Sheriff	Office City Express	4.89	Common Pleas Court #1	Dionna Orr	450
Sheriff	Office City Express	33.52	Common Pleas Court #1	Brittany Jadwin	26
Sheriff	Office City Express	31.43	Commissioners	Sedgwick Claims Management	4625
Sheriff	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000	Commissioners	McKee Door Sales of Columbus	2935
Sheriff	4 Imprint	590.59	Commissioners	Springdale Garden Center	8051.36
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	1484.59	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	50.99
Sheriff	Office City Express	33	Commissioners	The FoulkeBlock LTD	2250
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8473.67	Commissioners	Integrated Protection Services	1504.28
Sheriff	Krace Gill	690	Commissioners	Iron City Implement	300.99
Sheriff	American Electric Power	125.75	Commissioners	General Sales Company	421.64
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	24.98	Commissioners	Setterlin Building Company	92183.19
Sheriff	Peachtree Electronic Monitoring	6000	Commissioners	JSF Landscape Construction	19465
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	46.94	Commissioners	K&K Carpet Care of Chillicothe	14940
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	34.49	Commissioners	A-1 Limestone	181.48
Sheriff	Stericycle, Inc.	165.38	Commissioners	Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning	590
Sheriff	Adena Health System	665.04	Commissioners	Dynotec, Inc	3230
Sheriff	MICHAEL PRESTON	35.58	Commissioners	Iron City Implement	143.76
Sheriff	Vance Outdoors, Inc.	31.79	Commissioners	Amazon Capital Services	12.34
Sheriff	COLT MITCHELL	359.44	Commissioners	Ag-Pro Ohio, LLC	3892.8
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	1335	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	1249.38
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	200	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1030.42
Probate Court	Ohio Association of Probate Judges	150	Commissioners	Wex Bank	856.8
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	36.99	Commissioners	American Electric Power	775.47
Planning Commission	The Welsh-American Heritage Society	21125.62	Commissioners	American Electric Power	37.14
Planning Commission	Bruns Construction Enterprises	15678	Commissioners	South Central Power Company	81
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Society	20010	Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	184.03
Planning Commission	NEW RIVER ENGINEERS INC	15500	Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	207.41
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	129.88	Clerk of Courts	UPS	252.47
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	5122.5	Clerk of Courts	US Bank Equipment Finance	107.84
Planning Commission	WALLACE & PANCHER INC	5250	Building Department	Wex Bank	582.82
Planning Commission	Amazon Capital Services	80.16	Building Department	Verizon Wireless	160.44
Planning Commission	Duncan and Daniels Enterprises	12336.75	Board of Elections	Triad Governmental Systems	4179.45
Planning Commission	Beyond Consulting Group LLC	29938.81	Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	64.5
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	298.97	Board of Elections	US Bank Equipment Finance	803.78
Juvenile Court	South Central Ohio Job & Family Services	53808	Automatic Data Processing	CDw Government, Inc.	48.58
Juvenile Court	ALLYSSA SANDOVAL	198	Automatic Data Processing	CDw Government, Inc.	651.75
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	248.59	Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	171.19
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	961.56	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	735
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	38.44	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	1605
Engineer	Prime Civil, LLC	2900	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	300
Engineer	Unifirst First Aid Corp	186.25	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	780
Engineer	Tow Path Materials	229.6	Auditor	Clark, John K. Jr.	825
Engineer	Southeastern Equipment Company	493.47	Auditor	Bunstine Law Office	422.47
Engineer	Sign Warehouse	335.74	Auditor	Barrington, James E.	300
Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	798.91	Auditor	First Communications, LLC	45.17
Engineer	G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc	2147.51	Auditor	Glo Fiber	68.79
Engineer	Fastenal Company	25.23	Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	478.66
Engineer	EQUIP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	59.39	Auditor	American Electric Power	1112.85
Engineer	Cintas Corporation # 530	385.14	Auditor	South Central Power Company	784.5
Engineer	Chillicothe Steel Co.	1250	Adult Probation	The Water Express	53.19
Engineer	Auto Truck Tire Center, Inc	375	Adult Probation	Casey Oates	207.5
Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	23.91			\$397,226.43

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 August 18, 2025 through September 2, 2025, in the amount of \$2,960.74 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 \$200 account code 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses, into account code 100-02-00-7551 Remit to State Dept Tax, per a request of September 2, 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 \$689.63 from account code 420-29-11-7100 Travel into account code 420-29-11-7104 Confidential Funds, per a request of September 2, 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.

ASSET DISPOSAL FORM

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	2020 Ford Explorer	004000	Surplus Property

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

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve two requests for leave sheets for EMA Director Mark Thompson 9/2/2025 (8:00am – 12:00pm) and 9/15-9/19 Vacation.

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

ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL ESTATE TAXES – UNION HEIGHTS SEWER SUB-DISTRICT SUBSCRIBER DELINQUENCIES

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners submit to the auditor of Ross County the following list of Union Height Sewer Sub-District subscriber delinquencies for three (3) months or more, and request that such delinquencies be assessed against the subject property taxes, effective as of September 2, 2025, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6119.06 (W) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that the billing clerk for the said sewer sub-district be authorized to record such assessments and remove these delinquencies from the current billings of the Union Heights Sewer Sub-District, effective with the close of business on September 2, 2025.

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

REQUEST FOR USE

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request for use of the Courthouse steps and portico for a gospel street meeting held by Grace Bible Church, Saturday September 13, 2025, 10:30am to 12:00pm.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT BROWNFIELD AND DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to accept the revised procedures for the Brownfield Remediation Program/Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

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

MANDATED SHARE SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a request for the mandated share of \$900,000.00 for SCOJFS for Public Children Services local spending.

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

CEBCO 2026 RENEWAL ACCEPTANCE

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to accept the CEBCO 2026 Rate Renewal as below:

Medical Plan 2A

2026 Medical Renewal Rates	Medical	Rx PPO	Total Medical
EE Only	953.38	181.12	1134.50
Family	2602.36	493.66	3096.02

Medical Plan 5A

2026 Medical Renewal Rates	Medical	Rx PPO	Total Medical
EE Only	780.26	181.12	961.38
Family	2069.88	493.66	2563.54

No Change in the following Rates:

2026 Dental Renewal Rates	Dental Plan	2026 Vision Renewal Rates	Vision Plan
EE Only	22.09	EE Only	5.99
Family	62.94	Family	12.84

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 10:30am, to discuss matters to be kept confidential regarding economic development.

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 10:30am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:10am. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 11:30am, to discuss matters to be kept confidential regarding TSA Precheck.

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 11:30m was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:45am. No action was taken.

TSA PRECHECK

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into an agreement between the Ross County Board of Commissioners and Secure Identity (CLEAR) to offer TSA PreCheck Enrollment Services at certain, mutually agreed upon, Institution locations, (Ross County Clerk of Courts offices).

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Glass, 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 12:05pm, to discuss personnel matters in the Prosecutor’s office.

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 12:05pm was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 1:00pm. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Monthly Staff Meeting was held


Sheriff Lavender – The Sheriff’s Department is looking into the purchase of new service weapons. They have a grant that may be able to cover the cost of the weapons. He also mentioned the Supreme Court will be conducting a Court Security Analysis on the entire building.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of September 2 at 1:00 p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner