

SEPTEMBER 8 – MEETING 38

VOLUME 29

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, September 8, 2026, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the August 24, 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	~
Recorder		Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa		32	
Commissioners		American Electric Power		70.79	
Commissioners		DTB Distributors, Inc.		50.87	
Commissioners		John Deere Financial		123.93	
Commissioners		Fastenal Company		649.72	
Automatic Data Processing B		Charter Communications		675	
Commissioners		Sherwin Williams Company		47.95	
Commissioners		Integrated Protection Service		350	
Adult Probation		Quill Corporation		21.62	
Board of Elections		Oriental Trading Co., Inc.		84.95	
Commissioners		Leslie Angles		108	
Commissioners		State Electric Supply, Inc.		124.46	
Commissioners		Sargents Sales & Rentals		2850	
Commissioners		RAPID CONSULTING LLC		50	
Adult Probation		The Water Express		64.38	
Treasurer		Amazon Capital Services		23.31	
Clerk of Courts		UPS		20.55	
Commissioners		State Electric Supply, Inc.		58.4	
Commissioners		Jack's Equipment Repair LTD		2065.38	
Building Department		The Water Express		15.5	
Common Pleas Court #1		The Water Express		27.48	
Automatic Data Processing B		Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.		871.48	
Commissioners		TAM Construction, Inc.		355624.91	
Automatic Data Processing B		Miller, Brady		75	
Board of Elections		The Water Express		35.25	
Commissioners		First Communications, LLC		3.84	
Commissioners		Ross Co. Water Company		28.83	
Commissioners		Ross Co. Water Company		92.23	
Commissioners		Chillicothe Utilities Dept.		249.96	
Adult Probation		Frizzell, Robert		2600	
Commissioners		Bricker Graydon LLP		536.25	
Commissioners		Bricker Graydon LLP		106.25	
Engineer		Ace Truck Body, Inc.		3194.01	
Engineer		Advance Auto Parts		434.31	
Engineer		Advanced Hydraulics and Hos		634.34	
Engineer		Amazon Capital Services		303.32	
Engineer		Auto Truck Tire Center, Inc		500	
Engineer		Cooper Glass Service		131.32	
Engineer		Fastenal Company		226.93	
Auditor		Department of Veterans Affa		584	
Engineer		Happy to Help Cleaning Servi		750	
Engineer		Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc.		640	
Engineer		John Deere Financial		2335.63	
Engineer		John Deere Financial		6653.33	
Engineer		Latham Limestone, LLC		2636.1	
Engineer		Ohio AFSCME Care Plan		472.5	
Engineer		Old Canal Stop		55	
Engineer		Sargent Sales & Rentals		140	
Engineer		State Electric Supply, Inc.		60.39	
Engineer		Sugarloaf Power Equipment		154.18	
Commissioners		Lowe's		693.17	
Planning Commission		NEW RIVER ENGINEERS INC		32428.24	
Commissioners		Springdale Garden Center		567.91	
Commissioners		Bricker Graydon LLP		2775	
Planning Commission		Rio Grande Community Colleg		63971.26	
Planning Commission		WALLACE & PANCHER INC.		21500	
Commissioners		K&K Carpet Care of Chillicothe		15865.14	
Automatic Data Processing B		CDW Government, Inc.		130.21	
Automatic Data Processing B		Westside Media		48.75	
Engineer		Iron City Implement		441.82	
Planning Commission		City of Chillicothe Auditor's O		3295948.29	
Commissioners		Wex Bank		2830.55	
Commissioners		American Electric Power		3006.81	
Emergency Management		AT&T Mobility		146.42	
Engineer		Kleem, Inc.		183.57	
Planning Commission		ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCLIMEN		7054.68	
Building Department		Quill Corporation		58.97	
Planning Commission		American Structure Point, Inc		2272.5	
Planning Commission		Rio Grande Community Colleg		8650.22	
Planning Commission		City of Hillsboro		6117.7	
Building Department		Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS		238.63	
Building Department		Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS		19.7	
Building Department		Treasurer, State of Ohio/BBS		17.5	
Planning Commission		The Water Express		30.25	
Planning Commission		Bricker Graydon LLP		1967.39	
Certificate of Title		The Water Express		50.5	
Auditor		CEBCO		1202898.44	
Certificate of Title		Friends Service Co. Inc		753.22	
Certificate of Title		Friends Service Co. Inc		43.06	
Adult Probation		Wex Bank		241.4	
Board of Elections		Go2ITGroup		1824.44	
Common Pleas Court #1		Amazon Capital Services		210.14	

DEPARTMENT	~	PAY TO NAME	~	TOTAL VALUE	~
Common Pleas Court #1		Amazon Capital Services		193.22	
Planning Commission		Village of Greenfield		307670.42	
Planning Commission		Village of Peebles		439692.26	
Planning Commission		Bricker Graydon LLP		1781.25	
Ross County Court System		Lexis-Nexis		450	
Planning Commission		Goodhue Consulting, Inc		5195	
Juvenile Court		Amazon Capital Services		65.34	
Planning Commission		Mount Zion Black Cultural Ce		24975	
Planning Commission		Athens County Historical Soci		100807.29	
Planning Commission		Beyond Consulting Group LLC		24083.19	
Juvenile Court		Amazon Capital Services		9.94	
Automatic Data Processing B		Glo Fiber		1275.63	
Probate Court		Amazon Capital Services		228.9	
Auditor		Fairfield Computer Services, I		165	
Commissioners		Integrated Protection Service		422	
Juvenile Court		Ohio Bar Liability Insurance C		180	
Juvenile Court		The Water Express		32.25	
Juvenile Court		The Water Express		50.5	
Probate Court		BRANDY MCCORD		52.9	
Probate Court		The Water Express		30.25	
Juvenile Court		Chillicothe Fire & Security		5610.97	
Planning Commission		Bricker Graydon LLP		24140	
Auditor		Ross County Humane Society		10000	
Auditor		Google, Inc.		3430.78	
Treasurer		USA TODAY MEDIA CORP		832.8	
Planning Commission		Bricker Graydon LLP		90	
Treasurer		Amanda L Stewart		150	
Planning Commission		Ross County Treasurer		16159.09	
Planning Commission		American Structure Point, Inc		44639.7	
Auditor		Treasurer - State of Ohio		322.5	
Planning Commission		CITY OF ATHENS		496965.57	
Auditor		Chillicothe Utilities Dept.		670.28	
Board of Elections		USA TODAY MEDIA CORP		38.6	
Planning Commission		Parcel N Post Express		108.34	
Auditor		American Electric Power		74.03	
Auditor		Glo Fiber		84.74	
Coroner		Thomas, Jodi L.		140	
Coroner		Central Center, LLC		634.79	
Coroner		Haller Funeral Home, LLC		1590	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		1070	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		300	
Sheriff		AT&T Mobility		2838.16	
Sheriff		Wex Bank		22197.07	
Sheriff		BRENTON DAVIDSON		53.51	
Sheriff		Sam's Club Direct		529.22	
Sheriff		Penwell, Julia		552.85	
Sheriff		Chillicothe Utilities Dept.		4748.81	
Sheriff		Indigital Telecom		9958.96	
Sheriff		Jonina Johnson		276	
Building Department		Town & County Engineering &		5587.5	
Sheriff		Escamilla, Vanessa		308	
Sheriff		Aramark Services, Inc		9613.38	
Sheriff		SOUTH WESTERN COMMUNICA		687	
Sheriff		MOBILEXUSA		1555	
Sheriff		Columbus Radiology Corp		14.98	
Sheriff		MAKENZIE TACKETT		130	
Sheriff		DTB Distributors, Inc.		296.17	
Sheriff		DTB Distributors, Inc.		886.31	
Sheriff		DTB Distributors, Inc.		46.07	
Sheriff		GARY BROWDER		130	
Sheriff		Friends Service Co. Inc		971.75	
Sheriff		Friends Service Co. Inc		1240.37	
Sheriff		Friends Service Co. Inc		183.46	
Sheriff		Friends Service Co. Inc		72.36	
Sheriff		Amazon Capital Services		130	
Sheriff		Sports Plus		323.99	
Sheriff		US Bank Equipment Finance		177.73	
Sheriff		Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc		71.51	
Sheriff		Ohio NARCO		2450	
Sheriff		Chillicothe Fire & Security		135	
Sheriff		Ross County Sheriff's Dept.		3000	
Sheriff		Ross County Sheriff's Dept.		3000	
Sheriff		Glo Fiber		79.95	
Sheriff		Glo Fiber		262.34	
Sheriff		Wex Bank		2256.84	
Auditor		Clark, John K. Jr.		262.5	
Law Library		Lexis-Nexis		4958.37	
Veterans Service Commission		Xerox Corp		50.24	
Veterans Service Commission		Stephen A. Neal, Fiscal Office		1250	
Veterans Service Commission		Conn, Douglas		680	
Veterans Service Commission		McGee, Matt		464	
Veterans Service Commission		Sewards, Randy A.		752	
				\$6,658,223.46	

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 August 24, 2026 through September 7, 2026, in the amount of \$2,936.12 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 \$322.50from account codes 100-00-00-7135 Claims & Judgements, into account code 100-00-00-7108 Audit Expenses, per a request of September 8, 2026 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 \$590.00 from account code 100-02-00-7101 into account code 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of September 8, 2026 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 \$25,000.00 from account code 100-26-00-7001 Salaries Employees, into account code 100-26-00-7014 Group Insurance, per a request of September 8, 2026 from the Ross County Board of Elections.

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 \$2,025.00 from General Fund into account code 100-21-00-7555 Autopsies out of County, per a request of September 8, 2026, from the Ross County Coroner.

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 \$30,000.00 from 911 Fund into account code 223-29-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of September 8, 2026, from the Ross County Sheriff.

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

AMENDMENT 2 CHAUNCEY STREETSCAPE

Mr. Lowe move, Mr. Glass seconded to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Designing Locals Architect Agreement for the Chauncey Streetscape which is part of the Appalachian Community Grant program. There is no expense to the Board of Commissioners for this amendment. The Basic Services fees to be paid to the Architect are increased by \$13,500 for the design and construction administration costs related to (1) Site Parking Lot Design & Sidewalk Extension Conceptual Design; and (2) Graphic Design (Banners for Street Lights).

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 August at a cost of \$72,582.17.

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

LETTER OF SUPPORT ROSS COUNTY PARK DISTRICT LAND ACQUISITION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to provide a letter of support for the Ross County Park District’s acquisition of 118 acres of land which will serve as a buffer for the Kinnikinnick Fen/Herron Downs properties and Kinnikinnick Creek, creating an estimated 450-acre complex of rare fen wetland habitat. An initial environmental assessment also indicates that the property contains a significant water flow path that feeds the wetland at Herron Downs. If funding is awarded through Clean Ohio, the Herron family has offered to donate the house, along with approximately three acres surrounding it, to the Park District.

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

VILLAGE OF CLARKSBURG LETTER OF SUPPORT AMLER PROGRAM

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to provide a letter of support for the **Village of Clarksburg’s** proposal, *Clarksburg Community Renewal: Park & People Revitalization Initiative*, submitted under the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program. The project will transform underutilized and historically impacted land into safe, vibrant community spaces, the initiative directly aligns with AMLER’s mission of repurposing coal-impacted lands, diversifying local economies, and creating long-term benefits for our residents.

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

SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve signing the subgrant award agreement for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant 2024 for fiscal year 2025, funded through the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. The goal of the grant is to exceed the number of drug and major crimes case by 5% from the previous year, 2025. In 2025, the task force generated 257 drug and major crimes cases, in 2026 we are looking to exceed the previous year's amount by 5%. The goal is to generate 270 cases in 2026. The grant funds are \$32,714.6 with no required match.

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on September 8, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance:

RESOLUTION 025-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF VANDERMARK LANE/ROAD
WHEREAS, County Engineer Charlie Ortman has reviewed the request for the vacation of portions of the right-of-way of Vandermark Lane/Road located on both sides of the approximately 418-foot common property line between Jason Daily and Greg Bruce; and
WHEREAS, the County Engineer has recommended that all right-of-way located on the Bruce side of said common property line be vacated; and
WHEREAS, on the Daily side of said common property line, a **30-foot-wide by 60-foot-long portion** shall remain public, measured from the centerline of the paved portion of Vandermark Lane/Road, for use by Jason Daily and Greg Bruce for ingress and egress, and by the public, Scioto Township, U.S. Mail delivery, trash collection, and other necessary public services; and
WHEREAS, the remaining portion on the Daily side, beginning 60 feet from the centerline of the paved portion of Vandermark Lane/Road and extending northeasterly to the end of the common property line, shall be vacated; and
WHEREAS, any individual utilizing the remaining public 30-foot by 60-foot portion to facilitate improvements, construction, maintenance, or other work on the vacated private portion shall obtain the appropriate permit through the Ross County Engineer’s Office, which shall coordinate any necessary permits with Scioto Township.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ross County Board of Commissioners that the recommendation of County Engineer Charlie Ortman is hereby **accepted and approved**, and the portions of the Vandermark Lane/Road right-of-way described herein are hereby vacated, subject to the following conditions:

1. All right-of-way on the **Bruce side** of the approximately 418-foot common property line is vacated.
2. A **30-foot-wide by 60-foot-long portion** on the **Daily side** shall remain public, with the 60-foot measurement beginning at the centerline of the paved portion of Vandermark Lane/Road.

3. The remaining Daily-side right-of-way, beginning 60 feet from said centerline and extending northeasterly to the end of the common property line, is vacated.
4. Any use of the remaining public 30-foot by 60-foot portion to facilitate work on the vacated private portion shall require the appropriate permit from the Ross County Engineer’s Office, with coordination with Scioto Township as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute any documents and take such actions as are necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rhiannaon Gill, Executive Director Garden Family Advocacy Center and Officer Max O’Dell – talked about the number of children the advocacy center serves in Ross County annually. Her current request for the 2027 budget is \$25,000.00. Pike County contributes \$15,000.00.

Monthly Staff Meeting

Economic Development Work Session

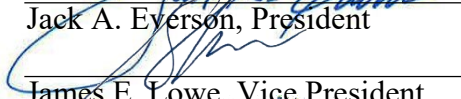
Commissioners Work Session – Contract Negotiations

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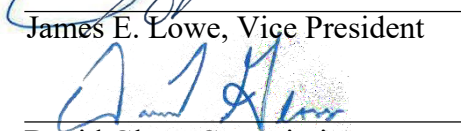
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of September 8, 2026, at 12:01, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner