

DECEMBER 26, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING - #52

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MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, December 26, 2018, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., with Commissioners Stephen A. Neal and Dwight A. Garrett also in attendance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of December 17, 2018, be approved as submitted.

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

The commissioners noted receipt of no "Then & Now" Certificates, dated December 17, 2018 through December 21, 2018 to report from the Office of the Ross County Auditor.

AUDITOR AUTHORIZED TO TRANSFER FUNDS – VARIOUS

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$2,584.20 from the General Fund to the VOCA/SVAA Grant Fund.

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

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$11,271.00 from the Children Services Fund to South Central Ohio Job & Family Services Fund.

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

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$11,271.00 from the Roweton Trust Fund to the Children Services Fund.

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

AUDITOR AUTHORIZED TO REPAY ADVANCES MADE FROM GENERAL TO HEROIN PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to repay an advance made from the General Fund to the Heroin Partnership Fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – GENERAL & CHILDREN SERVICES

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$2,584.20 be appropriated in the General Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #100-01-00-7942, Transfer to VOCA, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

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

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$11,271.00 be appropriated in the Children Services Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code \$231-51-00-7103, Contract Services, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – GENERAL

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$500.00 be transferred within the General Fund, from account code #100-58-00-7200, Equipment, to #100-58-00-7550, Other Expense, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

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

APPROPRIATION APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE – EMA

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve applications (3) for appropriations as indicated, submitted by EMA director for his attendance listed:

Paul Minney	OH-200 Spring Directors Conference, April 30-May 1, 2019, at Dublin, OH	\$0.00 (approx.)
	G-191 ICS/EOC Interface course, March 8, 2019, at Hamden, OH	\$0.00 (approx.)
	OH-101 Developing & Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans,	
	May 23, 2019, Jackson, OH	\$0.00 (approx.)

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

ASSET DISPOSAL FORMS APPROVED – TREASURER & COMMON PLEAS COURT #2

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court #2, for disposal of the following surplus personal property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
Two (2)	Office chairs, Tag #15438	Transfer to Surplus Property

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

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Treasurer, for disposal of the following surplus personal property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
One (1)	Clock, Tag #10543	Discard as Valueless, per ORC 307.12 (C)

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

TIME SHEETS APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR & CLERK

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve time sheets submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, county administrator and Gail L. Stout, clerk to the Board, for the pay period ending December 23, 2018.

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

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTHEW S. SCHMIDT

The commissioners noted receipt of a letter from Matthew S. Schmidt, for his resignation from his current position as Ross County Prosecuting Attorney, effective January 31, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. Mr. Schmidt has been elected to assume the bench of the Ross County Court of Common Pleas. As required by Ohio Law, he must resign his position as Ross County Prosecuting Attorney in order to assume the juridical position.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, accept the resignation of Matthew S. Schmidt from his current position as Ross County Prosecuting Attorney, effective as of 11:59 p.m., January 31, 2019.

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

JEFFREY C. MARKS APPOINTED AS INTERIM PROSEUCTING ATTORNEY

Matthew S. Schmidt noted in his letter of resignation that he strongly recommend that the Board consider appoint Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey C. Marks, as interim Ross County Prosecuting Attorney until a successor can be appointed by the Ross County Republican Party.

Mr. Schmidt said that Jeff is a talented and experienced Prosecuting Attorney who will serve the County well.

Mr. Corcoran noted that the appointment would become effective as of 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2019, and continue until a successor can be appointed by the Ross County Republican Party, and entertained a motion for the appointment of Mr. Schmidt’s recommendation.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners appoint Jeffrey C. Marks, as interim Prosecuting Attorney of Ross County, Ohio, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Matthew S. Schmidt, effective as of 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2019, until such time as an appointment is made by the central committee of the Ross County Republican Party.

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

PROCLAMATION ISSUED – MATTHEW S. SCHMIDT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners issue the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Schmidt, partner in the law firm of Ater, Schmidt & Wissler, LLP, served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Ross County, Ohio, from 2002 – 2007, went on to become Chief Deputy Prosecutor 2007-2011 and Prosecuting Attorney of Ross County from 2011 to present; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt's professional accomplishments and honorary achievements during his prosecutorial career have also earned him many positions in community involvement including:

- Chillicothe Education Foundation - Chairman, Board of Trustees
- Adena Health Foundation, Inc. - Board of Trustees
- Chillicothe-Ross County Community Improvement Corp. - Board of Trustees
- Ross County Junior Achievement Advisor
- Ross County United Way - Co-Chair of Professionals Division
- Chillicothe Cigar Band, LLC – founding member/VP
- Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt's execution of the duties of the Office of Prosecuting Attorney and the ministration he has displayed for the past seven (7) years have exemplified the competency, proficiency and expertise required by the position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt is considered by this Board and his peers to be one of the most notable prosecutors in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the direction, advice and opinions rendered by Mr. Schmidt to the Board of Ross County Commissioners have proven invaluable in its deliberations and determinations; and

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Schmidt has been elected Judge of Ross County Court of Common Pleas, effective January 1, 2019, and will resign as Prosecuting Attorney of Ross County, effective as of 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2018; now, therefore, be it


RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Ross County, hereby acknowledges Mr. Schmidt's distinguished service in the prosecutor's office since 2002, and extends a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation for the 16 years of dedicated service and expertise he has provided to Ross County during his tenure; and, be it further

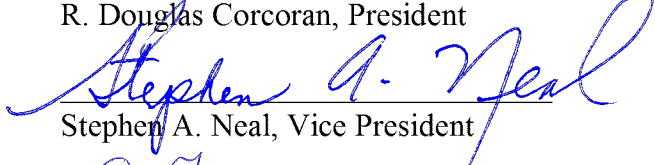
RESOLVED, that the Board of Ross County Commissioners extends its sincere congratulations to Mr. Schmidt upon his election as Judge of Ross County Court of Common Pleas, and offers its best wishes for his continued success as he embarks upon this new office.

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

Issued this 26th day of December, 2018.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio


R. Douglas Corcoran, President


Stephen A. Neal, Vice President


Dwight A. Garrett

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COUNTY CORONER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Dr. John A. Gabis, Ross County Coroner, present a letter of resignation to the commissioners, to announce his retirement, effective at the close of business on January 31, 2019, ending 26 years of continuous service in that position.

Dr. Gabis reviewed his accomplishments during his terms in office and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to have worked with county officials, employees and the public.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, accept the resignation, with regret, of Dr. John A. Gabis, Ross County Coroner, effective at the close of business on January 31, 2019; and, the Board expressed their pleasure at the opportunity to have worked with Dr. Gabis over these past years.

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

PRIVATE LEGAL COUNSEL APPOINTED – BRICKER & ECKLER ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, appoint private legal counsel, Bricker & Eckler, Attorneys at Law, to oversee litigation on the Ross County Jail Construction Project, by the recommendation of the Ross County Prosecutor to execute any and all documents prepared.

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ENTERED INTO – J.L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Ross County, Ohio, enter into a Professional Services Contract with J.L. Unrig & Associates, Inc., providing for professional services relative to compilation of the cash basis annual financial report for the years ended December 31, 2018, through December 31, 2020, to forego the requirements of report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis, for these outside agencies, at a rate not to exceed \$4,200.00 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018; \$4,200.00 for the fiscal year 2019; and, \$4,200.00 for the fiscal year 2020.

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

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Ross County, Ohio, enter into a Professional Services Contract with J.L. Unrig & Associates, Inc., providing for professional services relative to compilation of the County’s annual financial report for the years ended December 31, 2018, through December 31, 2020, to forego the requirements of report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis and GASB Statement No. 34, at a rate of \$50 for each employee actual hours worked, invoiced on a bi-weekly basis.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 10:40 a.m., to meet with Ross County Prosecutor & assistant, to discuss imminent court action concerning jail project issues.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, called at 10:40 a.m., was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m. No action was taken.

AMENDMENT APPROVED TO STATE APPALACHIAN GRANT AGREEMENT – OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to the State Appalachian Grant Agreement Number S-P-15-1CN-1, entered into April 25, 2016, by and between the Ohio Development Services Agency, amending the Work Completion Date from 12/31/2018 to 8/30/2019, to resurface 4,500 linear feet of roadway, and install a turn lane and traffic light on Delano Road, Green Township, Ross County, Ohio.

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

SUBJECTS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Sheriff Lavender and Andrea Mougey, met with the commissioners to discuss granting funding for Law Enforcement in the year 2019.

Sheriff presented a list of all grants they currently have to date. The salary accounts may fall short but will be reimbursed by the grant once received.


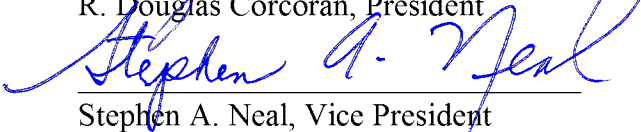

OTHER BUSINESS

The commissioners noted receipt of the Ross County Automatic Data Processing Board Annual Report from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, December 26, 2018, at 2:30 p.m.


Clerk

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

R. Douglas Corcoran, President

Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

Dwight A. Garrett