

DECEMBER 23, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING - #51
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MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, December 23, 2019, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m., with Commissioners Stephen A. Neal and Dwight A. Garrett also in attendance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of December 16, 2019, be approved as submitted.

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

NO BILLS WERE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT

THEN & NOW CERTICIATES APPROVED

The commissioners noted receipt of no "Then & Now" Certificates, dated December 16, 2019 through December 20, 2019 to report from the Office of the Ross County Auditor.

AUDITOR AUTHORIZED TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to transfer funds from the Correctional & Law Enforcement Fund, in the amount of \$13,582.85, to the US 23 Pipeline Taskforce Fund, 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – VARIOUS

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$241.00 be appropriated in the General Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #100-04-00-7001, Salaries, according to a request of this date from the county prosecutor.

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 \$9,000.00 be appropriated in the General Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #100-01-23-7103, Contract Services, according to a request of this date from the building department.

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 \$44,900.93 be appropriated in the General fund, from unappropriated funds, to account codes listed below, according to a request of this date from the county auditor:

AMOUNT	TO
\$ 2,333.60	100-01-00-7000, Salaries-Commissioners Officials
56.63	100-01-00-7001, Salaries-Commissioners Employees
36,912.80	100-01-04-7001, Salaries-Maintenance
1,249.42	100-02-00-7000, Salaries-Auditor Officials
2,421.77	100-02-00-7001, Salaries-Auditor Employees
1,532.29	100-03-00-7001, Salaries-Treasurer Employees
394.42	100-30-00-7001, Salaries-Recorders Employees
<u>\$44,900.93</u>	TOTAL

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 \$251.89 be appropriated in the Dog & Kennel Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #203-02-00-7001, Salaries Dog Warden Employees, 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.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$0.06 be appropriated in the Mediator Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #224-20-00-7001, Salaries-Employees, 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 – CORRECTIONAL & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$5,582.85 be transferred within the Correctional & Law Enforcement Fund, from account code #212-29-01-7001, Salaries-Employees, to #212-29-01-7941, Transfer US 23 Pipeline Task Force, according to 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.

ASSET DISPOSAL FORMS APPROVED -

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Corcoran 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)	Refrigerator, Tag #505	Transfer to Surplus Property

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

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Common Pleas Court #1, for disposal of the following surplus personal property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOF OF DISPOSAL
Three (3)	Chairs, Tag #16050, 00218 06591	Transfer to Surplus Property

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

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOF OF DISPOSAL
Six (6)	Chairs red/green, Tag #12689, 12690, 12691, 12692, 9802, 9804	Transfer to Surplus Property

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

TIME SHEETS APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR & CLERK

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett 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 21, 2019.

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

VACATION LEAVE AUTHORIZED – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR & CLERK

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that Brad Cosenza, county administrator to the Board, be authorized to take twenty-four (24) hours vacation leave during pay period ending January 4, 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 Gail L. Stout, clerk to the Board, be authorized to take twelve (12) hours vacation leave during pay period ending January 4. 2020.

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

INVOICES APPROVED FOR PAYMENT – STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve invoice submitted by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., requesting payment in the amount of \$3,269.13 & 723.58, for consulting services, of work completed from October 12, 2019 through December 6, 2019; and, August 10, through December 6, 2019, on the 2019 Taxiway Lighting project and General Services, at the Ross County- Shoemaker Airport.

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

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED – LEGAL SERVICES FOR ROSS COUNTY JAIL RENOVATION PROJECT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that payment, in the amount of \$15,014.32, be paid from General Fund account code #100-01-00-7123, Legal Services, to Bricker & Eckler LLP, for the legal services through November 30, 2019, in the matter of the Ross County Jail Renovation Project.

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

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED – MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHILLICOTHE-ROSS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners accept the resignation of Todd Holdren from the Board of Trustees, Chillicothe-Ross County Public Library, effective this date.

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

2021–2023 FY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CHECKLIST APPROVED– ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve 2021-2023 FY Capital Improvement Plan Checklist for the Ross County - Shoemaker Airport, to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation and Office of Aviation, for the Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation (Construct), in the total cost of \$479,536.00.

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

MEMBER REAPPOINTED – OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (OVRDC)

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that Susan Gearhart, Senior Vice President of Loan for Kingston National Bank, P.O. Box 877, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601, be reappointed to serve as Ross County’s representative on the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC) Loan Review Committee representing the private financial institution area of expertise, from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED – ARC OF APPALACHIA PRESERVE SYSTEM

Andrea Jaeger, Outreach Coordinator ARC of Appalachia Preserve System, wishes to submit a Clean Ohio Grant proposal for funding assistance in expanding Lewis Family Gorge property, located in Paint Township, Ross County, Ohio.

Ms. Jaegar said that this includes the other half of the gorge that the ARC already owns, known as the Lewis Family Gorge, and runs right along our boundary lines. This purchase would allow the ARC to install a trailhead that would give public access to the hiking trails planned for the property. We are asking today for the Board support to submit a Clean Ohio Gran proposal for funding assistance.

Mr. Neal moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-155

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ross County recognize that the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System wishes to submit a Clean Ohio Grant proposal for funding assistance in expanding Lewis Family Gorge, and further recognizes that the state-administered Clean Ohio program requires all submitting organizations to obtain resolutions supporting their submission in order to be eligible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Ross County support the Arc of Appalachia’s Clean Ohio submission in Round 14 for the following property:

49.45 acres on Cliff Run Road from Wilderness East

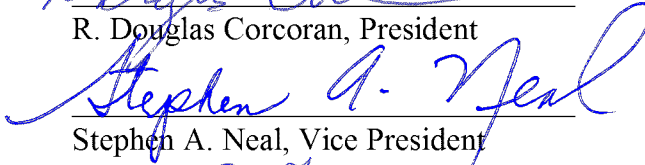
The purchase is contingent on the sale price not being higher than the value determined by an ODOT-certified appraisal.

Mr. Garrett seconded the motion and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted this 23rd day of December, 2019.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio


R. Douglas Corcoran, President


Stephen A. Neal, Vice President


Dwight A. Garrett

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LETTER REQUEST FOR REFUND DENIED – NIER RIVER ROAD DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, deny a request from Nier River Road Development, LLC, for a full refund, in the amount of \$10,775.00, Permit No. 2016-133, for the development of Warehouse #2, due to not pursuing the construction of the building at this time.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED – BUILDING PERMIT PAYMENTS NON-REFUNDABLE & NON-TRANSFERABLE

Mr. Garrett moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-156

WHEREAS, the Ross County (Building Department) collects payments for building, zoning, access management and flood zone permits; and

WHEREAS, the Building Department wishes to establish all building permit payments to be non-refundable and non-transferable; and


WHEREAS, a statement which reads “ALL FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE” to be placed on Commercial Application for Plan Approval and Application for Waverly Residential Plan Approval; now, therefore, be it

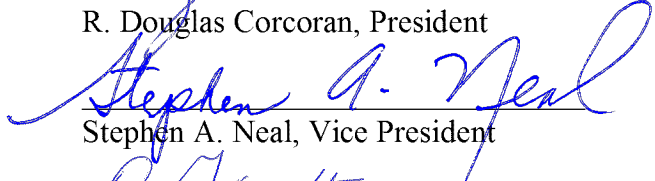
RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve a policy that all building permits purchased in Ross County, Ohio, for the aforementioned, will **NOT** be refundable or transferable.


Mr. Neal seconded the resolution and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted this 23rd day of December, 2019.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio


R. Douglas Corcoran, President


Stephen A. Neal, Vice President


Dwight A. Garrett

*****END*****

OTHER BUSINESS


The commissioners noted receipt of the Tax Compliance & Assistance Office of Ross County 2019 Annual Report-Delinquent Tax & Assessment Collection Fund, from the county auditor.

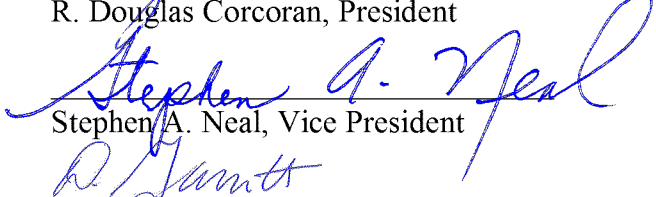
The commissioners noted receipt of the Ross County Automatic Data Processing Board Annual Report from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, December 23, 2019, at 3:50 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio


R. Douglas Corcoran, President


Stephen A. Neal, Vice President


Dwight A. Garrett


Clerk