

**APRIL 15- MEETING 16
VOLUME 27**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, April 15, 2024, in regular session.

Commissioner Dwight Garrett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioners James E. Lowe and Jack A. Everson, in attendance.

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the minutes of the April 8, 2024, meeting be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Auditor	2024000639	Appraisal Research Corp.	4050	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000856	Lexis-Nexis	688
Auditor	2024000640	Appraisal Research Corp.	24381	Prosecuting Attorney	2024000870	Gordon Fench Co, Inc.	378.57
Auditor	2024001081	Ross County Health District	1900.8	Ross County Court System	2024001080	Amazon Capital Services	100.91
Auditor	2024000187	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	4892.26	Ross County Court System	2024001079	Treasurer, State of Ohio	465
Auditor	2024000187	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	223.84	Ross County Court System	2024001077	Quill Corporation	279.94
Auditor	2024000173	Benson, Melinda J	125	Ross County Court System	2024001078	Warbribe Media	197.75
Auditor	2024000186	Ross Co. Water Company	104.69	Ross County Court System	2024001076	Wex Bank	156.7
Auditor	2024000193	Wex Bank	108.12	Ross County Court System	2024001075	Stepmobile LLC	2220
Automatic Data Processing B	2024000246	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	200	Ross County Court System	2024001072	Charter Communications Hal	139.98
Automatic Data Processing B	2024000525	Verizon Wireless	61.63	Ross County Court System	2024001071	GFC Learning	452.17
Board of Elections	2024001040	Go2IT Group	1824.44	Ross County Court System	2024001070	Campazz Integration LLC	3394.69
Board of Elections	2024001040	Go2IT Group	1824.44	Ross County Court System	2024001069	Campazz Integration LLC	3579.11
Board of Elections	2024001066	Election Systems & Software,	5475	Ross County Court System	2024000285	Child Protection Center of Ross	444.29
Board of Elections	2024001065	Jessica Smith	26.19	Ross County Court System	2024000417	Thamran Reuters - West	317.98
Building Department	2024000895	Amazon Capital Services	73.39	Ross County Court System	2024000418	Lexis-Nexis	408
Building Department	2024000261	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	15	Ross County Court System	2024001068	Office Depot Inc.	102.85
Building Department	2024000267	Quill Corporation	127.81	Ross County Court System	2024001073	Brittany Jadin	36
Commissioners	2024000328	Juvenile Detention Center	70837.32	Ross County Court System	2024001074	Halley Henkle	15.05
Commissioners	2024001049	Ross County Treasurer	29	Ross County Court System	2024001085	GFC Learning	1270.87
Common Pleas Court #2	2024000377	Speirs, Tammy	132	Sheriff	2024000482	Bryan VanGundy	733.72
Common Pleas Court #2	2024000377	Clevenger, Leah	108	Sheriff	2024000482	Amazon Capital Services	159.99
Common Pleas Court #2	2024000377	Clevenger, Leah	96	Sheriff	2024000123	Wex Bank	1647.36
Coroner	2024000240	NMS Labs	1050	Sheriff	2024001000	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	71.51
Coroner	2024000299	Thomas, Jodi L.	140	Sheriff	2024001000	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	261.67
Coroner	2024000238	Haller Funeral Home, LLC	680	Sheriff	2024000258	Amazon Capital Services	19.95
Coroner	2024000723	Lexis-Nexis Risk Data Manage	105	Sheriff	2024000482	Bob Barker Company	1104.12
Coroner	2024000242	Central Center, LLC	673.37	Sheriff	2024000482	Robert Gullian	724.88
Dog Warden	2024000118	Covetrus North America	437.56	Sheriff	2024000548	Ratcliff, Raquel	136.3
Dog Warden	2024000118	Ryan Waits	13.28	Sheriff	2024000551	Trinity Services Group	5853.98
Dog Warden	2024000121	Vest Auto Service East	436.17	Sheriff	2024000482	Sciata Paint Valley Aztecme	75
Emergency Management	2024001064	Joshua Garrett	73.84	Sheriff	2024000494	Office City Express	48.54
Engineer	2024000958	Accurate Heating & Cooling	3000	Sheriff	2024000697	Office City Express	30.45
Engineer	2024000114	Adena Health System	356	Sheriff	2024000495	Office City Express	4.44
Engineer	2024001020	Amazon Capital Services	133.8	Sheriff	2024000482	Penuell, Julia	483.04
Engineer	2024000862	ASC GROUP INC	495.53	Sheriff	2024000258	Allen's Pharmacy	1570.78
Engineer	2023001561	B & C Communications	1365	Sheriff	2024000553	H-M Company	408.64
Engineer	2024001020	Chillicothe Steel Co.	30	Sheriff	2024000258	Apogee Medical Group, Ohio, I	191.56
Engineer	2024000882	Coughlin Auto	503.35	Sheriff	2024000258	Adena Health System	12.07
Engineer	2024001020	Coughlin Auto	25.88	Sheriff	2024000258	Emergency Professional Serv	72.41
Engineer	2024001020	Capital One Trade Credit	437.45	Sheriff	2024000258	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9
Engineer	2024001020	Riffle & Son Machine Works	90	Sheriff	2024000549	Premier Health Care Services	40542.69
Engineer	2024000109	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	193.52	Sheriff	2024000810	Treasurer - State of Ohio	4445
Engineer	2024001020	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	148	Sheriff	2024001090	Peachtree Electronic Manita	2000
Engineer	2024001020	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	127.58	Sheriff	2024000510	Buckeye State Sheriff Assoc	750
Engineer	2024000069	Tow Path Materials	312.2	Sheriff	2024000510	Ohio Tactical Officers Assoc	450
Engineer	2024000743	World Fuel Services, Inc	12753.29	Sheriff	2024000496	Amazon Capital Services	36.99
Engineer	2024001024	World Fuel Services, Inc	12117.3	Sheriff	2024000654	Amazon Capital Services	101.7
Engineer	2024001020	Airgas Great Lakes	989.91	Sheriff	2024000496	Hamotaun Auto, LLC	92.39
Juvenile Court	2024000479	Amazon Capital Services	322.15	Sheriff	2024000494	Printex Printing	70
Juvenile Court	2024000527	King, Kristen	406.44	Sheriff	2024000496	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	151.8
Juvenile Court	2024000511	King, Kristen	795	Sheriff	2024000496	Gallr, LLC	381
Juvenile Court	2024000487	Integrated Services of Appala	5500	Sheriff	2024000496	Penuell, Julia	367.35
Juvenile Court	2024000489	Lighthouse Youth Services	5416.67	Sheriff	2024000496	Sparkle Cleaners	97.6
Juvenile Court	2024000488	Lighthouse Youth Services	2916.67	Sheriff	2024000547	Sparkle Cleaners	63.9
Juvenile Court	2024000487	Integrated Services of Appala	5400	Sheriff	2023000321	Treasurer of State	37
Juvenile Court	2024000487	Integrated Services of Appala	5400	Sheriff	2024000496	Tim's Tires & Accessories	685
Juvenile Court	2024000487	Integrated Services of Appala	5400	Sheriff	2024000495	Office City Express	39
Juvenile Court	2024000576	Make Paper Digital, LLC	10000	Sheriff	2024000654	Heidi Ralfe	85.99
Juvenile Court	2024000570	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	32.25	Sheriff	2024000509	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1205.13
Juvenile Court	2024000556	Lighthouse Youth Services	2377.67	Sheriff	2024000507	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	57.74
Juvenile Court	2024000559	Verizon Wireless	559.3	Sheriff	2024000507	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	158
Juvenile Court	2024000557	Abraxas Ohio	7750	Sheriff	2024000501	Firbel, Dauney, Albrecht & Ri	210
Law Library	2024000541	Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	63.52	Sheriff	2024000507	Horizon Newark Partners	511
Litter Control	2024000727	US Safety Gear, Inc.	4.95	Treasurer	2024000463	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	8.75
Planning Commission	2024000248	Quill Corporation	53.47	Treasurer	2024001025	Ross County Recorder	266
Planning Commission	2024000249	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	6.5	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000196	The Corner Market	1662.94
Planning Commission	2024000248	Quill Corporation	45.57	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000194	Save-A-Lat	5458.01
Planning Commission	2024001083	Amazon Capital Services	28.84	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000275	Price, Harold S.	893.77
Probate Court	2024000560	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wat	6.75	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000277	Seward, Randy A.	563.75
Prosecuting Attorney	2024000855	Microsystems Inc	416.2	Veterans Service Commizian	2024000276	Ed Secret	460.64
				VOCA	2024000630	Horizon Technology	9.95
							\$291,831.77

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated April 1 through April 15, 2024, in the amount of \$18,573.03 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. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, \$3,532,250.00 be transferred from account code 100-00-00-0010 General into account codes 212-29-00-5901 Correctional & LE (\$3,462,875.00), account code 207-01-00-5901 Litter (\$28,125.00) and account code 203-02-00-5901 Dog and Kennel (\$41,250.00), per a request of April 15, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL FORM

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Tappan Microwave	06003	Surplus Property

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

OCEAN CONTRACT AND USER FORM

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to give Kim Hardesty, Grant Writer, permission to access Ocean to prepare and manage grant applications.

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

CONTRACT AWARD G&J PAVING PHASE 1 PAVING VARIOUS COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS 2024

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract by and between the Ross County Commissioners and G & J Paving, Inc., for PHASE ONE: 2024 Paving Various County & Township Roads in Ross County Ohio including Center Lines, edge lines, stop lines & pavement planing. The completion date for the work contemplated by this Unit Price Contract which is to be performed by the party of the second part shall be October 19, 2024 at a cost of \$1,471,059.31.

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

2023 WPCLF BATCH 3 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a contract with Duncan & Daniels, LLC to replace 21 sanitary sewer systems at a cost of \$25,044.00.

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

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/ GUARDIAN AD LITEM AGREEMENT

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the following court appointments;

MCKAYLA MCGOWAN, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover MCKAYLA MCGOWAN, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

AUDREY HOLMAN, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover AUDREY HOLMAN while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

JEFF TATMAN, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover JEFF TATMAN, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

DAVID WHITE, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover DAVID WHITE, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

ERIKA HARRIS, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover ERIKA HARRIS, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

LEILA SATORY, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover LEILA SATORY, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

JUDY TOWLER, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover JUDY TOWLER, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

MYESHA CELESKI, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a CASA/Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by Ross County to cover MYESHA CELESKI, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Ross County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

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

PAY REQUEST BRICKER GRAYDEN

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to pay invoice 2029500 from Bricker Graydon for legal services rendered through March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$7,002.50.

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

CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES LLC

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the County Auditor Jeff Lehner, enter into a contract with Local Government Services, LLC effective April 15, 2024 for technical and specialized consulting services related to the execution and management of various aspects of county government; including the operation and function of the office of county auditor. In consideration of the services of LGS as provided, County shall pay a fee in the amount of \$6,000.00 (Six-thousand dollars), due within 30 days of signing of this agreement to retain said consulting services.

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

BID OPENING BATCH 4 2023 WPCLF

Sealed bids were opened at 11:00am as advertised for the 2023 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Batch 4. Only one bid was received, Duncan and Daniels Enterprises, LLC, for two home sewage repair/replacement, in the amount of \$14,641.00. The bid will be given to the Planning Department for review and to award the contract.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tiffany Baldwin, Downtown Chillicothe and Clint Boggs, City of Chillicothe, talked about the placement of a Kiosk in front of the courthouse. The issue at hand is if there is electricity where they want to place it and if there is, is it the correct amperage. Ms. Baldwin will do some research and report back.

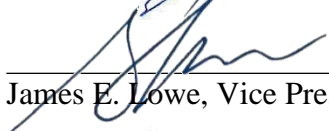
Bruce Preston BWC discussed the possibility of Workers Comp Insurance increasing in the near future. Some of the rebates are being phased out, which will cause the premiums to rise.

ADJOURN

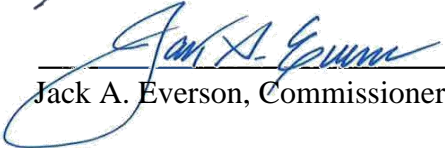
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of April 15, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner