

JUNE 29 – MEETING 26
VOLUME 29

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, June 29, 2026, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the minutes of the June 22, 2026 meeting, be approved as submitted. On call of the roll, the vote was:

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Commissioners	Fisher, Brent	170	Probate Court	Coleman Professional Service	7338.58
Commissioners	Gla Fiber	105.7	Juvenile Court	Junior Achievement	15000
Auditor	City of Chillicothe Auditor's Office	47343.51	Adult Probation	Jordan Baker	147.9
Common Pleas Court #2	Speitz, Tammy	66	Adult Probation	Zach Ward	28.07
Commissioners	Griegby Environmental Control	1600	Adult Probation	Brandon Puckett	50.71
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	1662.5	Adult Probation	Brandon Puckett	3.9
Commissioners	General Sales Company	792.89	Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	202.92
Commissioners	The Theater People	1493.44	Sheriff	Woodson Indaco LLC	620
Commissioners	Muffler Brothers	1568.38	Sheriff	Gallr, LLC	413
Commissioners	RAPID CONSULTING LLC	320	Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	6634.12
Commissioners	Printex Printing	410	Sheriff	Ohio Treasurer of State	1800
Commissioners	Hansen Excavating, Inc.	280	Sheriff	Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.	1100
Commissioners	Bricker Graydon LLP	3031.25	Sheriff	American Electric Power	18803.57
Automatic Data Processing Board	Dell Marketing L.P.	9340.33	Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	24
Adult Probation	Treasurer of State	75	Sheriff	Ohio School Resource Officers	495
Commissioners	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	221.09	Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc	1186.13
Automatic Data Processing Board	Gla Fiber	2021.51	Sheriff	Spartan Plus	108
Commissioners	Capital One Commercial	140.64	Sheriff	LINDA HUFF	76.56
Auditor	Fried, Claire R. Attorney At Law	125	Sheriff	South Central Power Company	24
Common Pleas Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	78.99	Sheriff	American Electric Power	197.88
Commissioners	Spartan Plus	28	Prob County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	1601.39
VOCA	Gla Fiber	137.53	Prob County Court System	Gordon Flerch Co, Inc.	588.73
Coroner	AT&T Mobility	149.49	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Coroner	International Assoc. of Coroners	300	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	240
Commissioners	Warly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	465	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	23.38	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	446.08	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Commissioners	RJ Wright and Sons LTD	1448.04	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Commissioners	Ohio Dept of Job & Family Services	3690	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	County Engineers Association	375	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Farnon Company	461.5	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Farnon Company	1430.61	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Menards	418.58	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Indiana Eastern Railroad, LLC	1025	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Old Canal Stop	22	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	1348.77	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	712.5
Engineer	Tau Path Materials	275.8	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	870
Automatic Data Processing Board	Suanga Cabling & Trenching LLC	2226.4	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	150
Planning Commission	The Water Experts	30.25	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	187.5
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	2673.42	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	255
Planning Commission	American Structure Paint, Inc	1136.25	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	277.5
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	5700	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	270
Engineer	West Auto Service East	677.94	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	315
Engineer	US Safety Gear, Inc.	137.23	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	292.5
Commissioners	D.E. Huddleston, Inc.	21250	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	75
Veterans Service Commission	OSACVSO	50	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	195
Veterans Service Commission	South Central Power Company	300	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	195
Veterans Service Commission	Xerox Corp	47.73	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	142.5
Sheriff	Thomson Reuters - West	225	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	480
Sheriff	Highland Co. Sheriff	4299.36	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	457.5
Planning Commission	ESRI	2440	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	390
Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	41.57	Automatic Data Processing Board	Andy Wethersten	206
Sheriff	Scioto-P.V. Mental Health	14166.65	Veterans Service Commission	McGee, Matt	236.02
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9	Veterans Service Commission	Seward, Randy A.	626.86
Sheriff	Adena Health System	21.3	Veterans Service Commission	Finley, John	66.38
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	337.6	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	97.5
Emergency Management	Nou Piq	1227.1	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	412.5
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8472.62	Auditor	Benran, Melinda J	322.5
Juvenile Court	Amazon Capital Services	89.14	Auditor	ANTHONY M SKOWRONEK	705
Sheriff	Friends Service Co. Inc	80.25	Auditor	Hirsch Lau LLC	382.5
Probate Court	MARTINDUNN	255.2	Auditor	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	5237.25
Juvenile Court	JBILTD	2500	Sheriff	American Electric Power	50.06
Juvenile Court	JEFFERY TATMAN	228.38	Prob County Court System	Charter Communications	169.98
Sheriff	Ercamilla, Vanessa	319	Prob County Court System	Compaz Integration LLC	3031.94
Sheriff	Janina Johnson	322	Prob County Court System	DIONNA HATFIELD ORR	803.84
Probate Court	Amazon Capital Services	175.87	Sheriff	American Electric Power	285.32
Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	504.49	Auditor	American Electric Power	900.31
Juvenile Court	TRANS UNION LLC	4.5	Auditor	South Central Power Company	750
Probate Court	Franklin County Probate Court	518	Emergency Management	Ohio Treasurer of State	210
Auditor	J.L. Uhlig & Associates	3725			\$1,610,536.71
Planning Commission	Mount Zion Black Cultural Center	96098.03			
Planning Commission	Rio Grande Community College	1260000			

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated June 15, 2026 through June 29, 2026, in the amount of \$8,215.65 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. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, absent. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$46,850.00 from account code 100-00-00-00-7932 General, into account code 203-02-00-5901 Dog & Kennel and \$3,510,731.67 from account code 100-29-56-7935 General into account code 212-29-00-5901 Correctional & LE, per a request of June 29, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$200.00 from account code 100-02-00-7150 Supplies, into account code 100-02-00-7551 Remit to State Dept. Tax, per a request of June 29, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to transfer \$1,600.00 from account code 100-00-00-7134 Taxes & Assessments, into account code 100-00-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of June 29, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$9,000.00 from Prison Diversion Subsidy into account code 420-11-37-7200 Equipment, per a request of June 29, 2026 from the Ross County Court Administrator.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to appropriate \$10,782.00 from Tax Certificate Administration fund into account code 242-03-00-7550 Tax Certificate Other Expenses, per a request of June 22, 2026, from the Ross County Treasurer.

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

TIME SHEET APPROVED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending June 27, 2026.

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve a public hearing notice for the comprehensive plan, August 24, 2026 at 9:30am in the Commissioner Conference room.

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

ADDENDUM TO COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to sign the addendum between the State of Ohio, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and Ross County to amend the original fiscal year 2026/2027 Community Corrections Grant Agreement to modify the award amounts as listed below and add paragraphs 27 and 28:

	Base Award	PSI Award	Incentive Award	Addendum Increase	Addendum Decrease	New Total Award
CCA 2.0	\$378,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,831.00	\$0.00	\$414,831.00
TCAP	\$615,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$615,690.00
PSG	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

27. Liability: To the extent allowable by law, each party agrees to be responsible for any liability, suits, losses, judgments, damages, or other demands brought as a result of its own negligent actions or omissions in the performance of this Agreement.
28. Civil Rights Assurance: The parties hereby agree that they will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.).

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

AMENDMENT 1 ACGP GRANT AGREEMENT VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve an amendment to the ACGP grant agreement between Ross County and the Village of Georgetown. The Department of Development increased the project award by \$115,000 for the US Grant Visitor Center for a canopy for the outdoor areas of the US Grant Visitor Center, and for foundation repairs to the Visitor Center.

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

AMENDMENT 1 ACGP GRANT AGREEMENT BELMONT PORT AUTHORITY

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve an amendment to the ACGP grant agreement between Ross County and the Belmont Port Authority. The Department of Development increased the project award by \$50,000.00 for the Black Horse Inn for the scope of work inclusion of structural repairs to the Black Horse Inn.

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

BAINBRIDGE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PAY APPLICATION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve Pay Application No. 6 for the Bainbridge Water Line Replacement Project that is partially funded with approved CDBG funds in the amount of \$329,293.42.

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

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIME VICTIMS GRANT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the Ohio Attorney Generals Crime Victims Grant request for the Ross County Prosecutor’s office Victim Assistance Program. SVAA grant amount is \$5,957.00, VOCA grant amount is \$39,364.00 and the County match is \$9,841.00.

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

ROSS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CHILD PLACEMENT AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter a contract, by and between the Ross County Juvenile Court, a Title IV-E Agency, and Lighthouse Youth Services, Paint Creek Youth Center. This Contract sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement and related services for children who are in the care and custody of RCJC during calendar year 2026. The maximum amount payable pursuant to this Contract is Forty Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$66,000.00) for placement and related services.

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

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY WIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to certify that we have reviewed the cost allocation plan prepared by Maximus US Services, Inc. and submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief: All costs included in this proposal based on FY 2025 actual costs to establish cost allocations or billings for the year ended December 31, 2027 are allowable in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200, (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), and the Federal award(s) to which they apply. Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated in the cost allocation plan.

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

CDBG CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve two Certificate of Determinations requesting categorical exemption of both allocation projects (Carver Community Center bathroom remodel and Community Action Resource Center roof repair) from environmental assessments.

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

BOND SURETY INCREASE UNESCO PROJECT ACGP

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve the UNESCO World Heritage Sites Visitors Center Project Bond increase from \$1,769,391.98 to \$2,185,100.00.

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

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve submitting a notice of termination of management agreement letter to the Ross County Senior Center.

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

PAY APPLICATION BERGLUND CONSTRUCTION COURTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve pay application 2 from Berglund Construction for work completed on the Courthouse Restoration project in the amount of \$6,250.00.

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

CHANGE ORDER COURTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to approve change order OCO-1, return unused investigation budget of \$8,000.20.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 9:30 am, to discuss security matters.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 9:30am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:11am. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

OSU Extension Office – had an employee leave and will be advertising for a replacement and wanted to make the Commissioners aware. This will not affect the 2026 budget and has already been included in the preliminary budget for 2027.

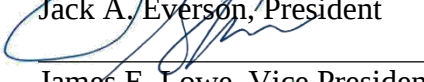
Work Session

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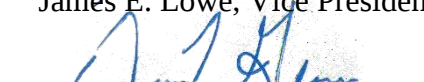
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of June 29, 2026, at 11:15am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner