

OCTOBER 14 – MEETING 41
VOLUME 28

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, October 14, 2025, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the minutes of the October 6, 2025 meeting, be approved as submitted.
On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, absent. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DEPARTMENT	~	PAY TO NAME	~	TOTAL VALUE	~
VOCA		T-Mobile USA Inc		28.42	
VOCA		Kathy Richardson		70	
VOCA		Office City Express		104.35	
VOCA		Glo Fiber		177.12	
VOCA		First Communications, LLC		6.23	
Veterans Service Commission		American Electric Power		300	
Veterans Service Commission		Save-A-Lot		5761.37	
Veterans Service Commission		Nicole Charity		52.88	
Sheriff		DPS Media, Inc		29.73	
Sheriff		Visa		65	
Sheriff		Vance Outdoors, Inc.		81.43	
Sheriff		Treasurer of State		111	
Sheriff		Tim's Tires & Accessories		69.99	
Sheriff		Sparkle Cleaners		19.1	
Sheriff		Sparkle Cleaners		114.6	
Sheriff		Penwell, Julia		99.89	
Sheriff		Wex Bank		14009.83	
Sheriff		Stericycle, Inc.		165.38	
Sheriff		Chillicothe Utilities Dept.		4294.37	
Sheriff		Glo Fiber		511	
Sheriff		Glo Fiber		244.69	
Sheriff		Southern Ohio Shredding LLC		51.5	
Sheriff		Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.		565	
Sheriff		APCO, AFC, Inc.		35	
Sheriff		MOBILEXUSA		2105	
Sheriff		PAUL HAWK		1890	
Sheriff		Krace Gill		1220	
Sheriff		DUSTIN HAYBURN		21.87	
Sheriff		TIMOTHY CLAYTOR		31.47	
Sheriff		Christina Doyle		425	
Sheriff		Office City Express		6.18	
Sheriff		Office City Express		42.38	
Sheriff		Office City Express		39.73	
Sheriff		Aramark Services, Inc		8123.65	
Sheriff		Adena Medical Group, LLC		26.24	
Sheriff		Correctional Consultants of OH		300	
Sheriff		Glo Fiber		79.95	
Sheriff		Treasurer - State of Ohio		3054	
Sheriff		Visa		864.6	
Sheriff		Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc		71.51	
Ross County Court System		Thales Distribution USA, Inc		2850	
Ross County Court System		Westside Media		48.75	
Ross County Court System		Glo Fiber		1374	
Ross County Court System		Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.		1467.95	
Ross County Court System		Thomson Reuters - West		333.88	
Ross County Court System		ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRO		519.6	
Ross County Court System		ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRO		192	
Ross County Court System		Amazon Capital Services		23.88	
Ross County Court System		Lexis-Nexis		429	
Recorder		Innvok LLC		163.08	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		20.25	
Prosecuting Attorney		Axia Technology Partners, LLC		65	
Prosecuting Attorney		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		123	
Prosecuting Attorney		Axia Technology Partners, LLC		2880	
Prosecuting Attorney		Microsystems Inc		416.2	
Probate Court		Hirsch Law LLC		200	
Probate Court		Hill, Laura J.		1000	
Probate Court		Rutherford, Sherri K.		200	
Probate Court		Amazon Capital Services		1682.65	
Probate Court		Government Forms and Suppl		1539.75	
Planning Commission		American Structure Point, Inc		804325.8	
Planning Commission		City of Chillicothe Auditor's Off		702377.4	
Planning Commission		Amazon Capital Services		292.92	
Planning Commission		C. T. CONSULTANTS INC		20189.44	
Planning Commission		American Structure Point, Inc		2167.5	
Planning Commission		City of Hillsboro		711.7	
Planning Commission		City of Chillicothe Auditor's Off		36350.55	
Planning Commission		Rio Grande Community Colleg		2689.96	
Planning Commission		JOHN W HEMMINGS III		15803.8	
Planning Commission		Gannett Ohio LocaliQ		5113.58	
Planning Commission		Athens County Historical Soci		65713.24	
Planning Commission		ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCLIME		46572.48	
Planning Commission		Village of Greenfield		296450.83	
Planning Commission		Holzer Health Systems		129492.54	
Planning Commission		Choice One Engineering Corp		3740	
Planning Commission		Village of Greenfield		197839.43	
Planning Commission		Choice One Engineering Corp		101900	
Planning Commission		Rio Grande Community Colleg		1445800	
Litter Control		Central Center Hardware		13.07	
Law Library		West Group		1174.82	
Law Library		Glo Fiber		71	
Law Library		Office City Express		95.21	
Juvenile Court		Verizon Wireless		546.75	
Juvenile Court		Schutt, Adelina		160	
Juvenile Court		ALLYSSA SANDOVAL		236.6	
Juvenile Court		Pike Co. Recovery Council		531.75	
Engineer		Old Canal Stop		41.25	
Engineer		Hedges Supply Inc		1374.75	
Engineer		Iron City Implement		617.3	
Engineer		Tow Path Materials		1021.6	
Engineer		Tim's Tires & Accessories		500	
Engineer		Sugarloaf Power Equipment		114.87	
Engineer		Ohio Machinery Co		222.22	
DEPARTMENT	~	PAY TO NAME	~	TOTAL VALUE	~
Engineer		Ohio Machinery Co		222.22	
Engineer		The Ohio Bridge Corp		13760	
Engineer		Ohio AFSCME Care Plan		405	
Engineer		Moore, Greg		700	
Engineer		Menards		19.99	
Engineer		S & S Aggregates		215.9	
Engineer		Lowe's		188.05	
Engineer		Kenworth Truck Co.		70.26	
Engineer		G&J Asphalt & Materials, Inc.		632.1	
Engineer		Fastenal Company		333.52	
Engineer		Eitel's Towing Service Inc.		7000	
Engineer		D.G.M., Inc		52750	
Engineer		Do It Right Cleaning Service, L		750	
Engineer		Coppel Coal & Supply Co.		64.4	
Engineer		Cooper Glass Service		225	
Engineer		Cintas Corporation # 530		375.61	
Engineer		Ace Truck Body, Inc.		1637.57	
Emergency Management		Joshua Garrett		199.95	
Emergency Management		S.O.S. Electric		4610	
Emergency Management		US Bank NA		76.33	
Emergency Management		Alexander, Sharon		32	
Emergency Management		GFC Leasing		121.65	
Emergency Management		Joshua Garrett		14.62	
Emergency Management		Bad Day Training & Consulting		9250	
Dog Warden		Davis Tire of Chillicothe		89.84	
Dog Warden		Glo Fiber		131.41	
Dog Warden		Wex Bank		1463.58	
Dog Warden		Sports Plus		90	
Coroner		Thomas, Jodi L.		140	
Coroner		Haller Funeral Home, LLC		1075	
Coroner		Interactive Data LLC		125	
Coroner		Central Center, LLC		649.32	
Coroner		Extra Packaging, LLC		1407.99	
Coroner		Amazon Capital Services		65.99	
Common Pleas Court #2		Speirs, Tammy		90	
Common Pleas Court #2		Clevenger, Leah		210	
Common Pleas Court #1		Office Depot Inc.		185.95	
Commissioners		Speer Mechanical		2419.1	
Commissioners		Sunbelt Rentals, Inc		272.19	
Commissioners		Gannett Ohio LocaliQ		1236.8	
Commissioners		Lowe's		964.2	
Commissioners		Office City Express		229.97	
Commissioners		Barco Products		793.54	
Commissioners		Integrated Protection Services		102	
Commissioners		American Electric Power		8216.77	
Commissioners		Schindler Elevator Corporation		1974.47	
Commissioners		Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.		19.31	
Commissioners		Todd Landrum		66.95	
Commissioners		DTB Distributors, Inc.		99.2	
Commissioners		Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc		568.43	
Commissioners		K&K Carpet Care of Chillicothe		1954	
Commissioners		Master Locksmith and Safe Se		24	
Commissioners		Waste Management of Ohio		229.01	
Commissioners		Waste Management of Ohio		1414.15	
Commissioners		Waste Management of Ohio		277.33	
Commissioners		Waste Management of Ohio		558.98	
Commissioners		Central Center Hardware		294.76	
Commissioners		Southern Ohio Shredding LLC		417	
Commissioners		Ross Co. Water Company		19.68	
Commissioners		Ross Co. Water Company		26.54	
Commissioners		Ross Co. Water Company		312.36	
Commissioners		Juvenile Detention Center		55954.27	
Clerk of Courts		UPS		187.24	
Clerk of Courts		Amazon Capital Services		78.34	
Clerk of Courts		Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate		31	
Clerk of Courts		Office City Express		105.45	
Certificate of Title		Sunrush Water		33.58	
Building Department		JOSHUA HETTINGER		33.95	
Board of Elections		Office City Express		509.95	
Board of Elections		Go2ITGroup		4933.32	
Board of Elections		Go2ITGroup		1928.8	
Board of Elections		Go2ITGroup		1824.44	
Board of Elections		Gannett Ohio LocaliQ		38.6	
Board of Elections		US Postal Service		188	
Board of Elections		Election Systems & Software, I		3950	
Automatic Data Processing B		Andy Wettersten		61.6	
Automatic Data Processing B		Glo Fiber		1816.78	
Automatic Data Processing B		Glo Fiber		2264.86	
Automatic Data Processing B		Westside Media		67.5	
Automatic Data Processing B		Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.		538.45	
Automatic Data Processing B		Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.		966.29	
Automatic Data Processing B		Amazon Capital Services		199.9	
Auditor		Rutherford, Chase Colin		125	
Auditor		Glo Fiber		3129.87	
Auditor		Rutherford, Chase Colin		187.5	
Auditor		Glo Fiber		640	
Auditor		Wex Bank		102.47	
Auditor		Ross Co. Water Company		161.33	
Auditor		Chillicothe Utilities Dept.		656.28	
Auditor		Glacier Mountain Bottled Wate		22.25	
Auditor		Treasurer, State of Ohio		4886.81	
Auditor		Amazon Capital Services		50.53	
Auditor		Appraisal Research Corp.		19046.25	
Auditor		Appraisal Research Corp.		3988.87	
Auditor		Appraisal Research Corp.		19777.22	
Auditor		City of Chillicothe Auditor's Off		64047.01	
Auditor		Office of the Ohio Public Defe		2079.14	
Auditor		Michael Lucas Benson		2025	
Adult Probation		Wex Bank		123.94	
Adult Probation		Ohio Treasurer of State		75	
				\$4,263,534.37	

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated September 29, 2025 through October 13, 2025, in the amount of \$14,923.89 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. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, absent. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$450.00 account code 242-03-00-7157 Postage Fees, into account code 242-03-00-7800 Refunds, per a request of October 14, 2025 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$5,500,000.00 from ACPG Funds into account codes 420-07-32-7459 High Leesburg (\$500,000.00) and into account code 420-07-32-7465 Vint-Rio McArthur (\$5,000,000.00) per a request of October 14, 2025 from the Ross County Planning.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$24,500.00 from General Fund into account code 100-30-00-7001 Salaries (\$6,500.00) and \$18,000.00 from account code 100-30-00-7014 Group Insurance, per a request of October 14, 2025 from the Ross County Recorder.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Sheriff’s Office for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	2016 Ford Explorer K-9	1MF5K8AR8GA19288	Surplus Property
1	2012 Dodge Charger	2C3DXAG3CH264776	Surplus Property
1	2017 Ford Explorer	1FM5K8AR2HGD26330	Wrecked

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

PROMULGATION STATEMENT AND AUTHENTICATION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve, with no revisions, the Promulgation Statement and Authentication for Hazardous Materials Annex of the Ross County Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)

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

RECESS 9:19 – 10:15

The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners of October 14, 2025, with Commissioners James E. Lowe and David Glass in attendance and Jack Everson, absent.

RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 23-31-2025

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug use and abuse; and **WHEREAS**, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug prevention, along with the hard work and determination of organizations, communities, and individuals; and **WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles; and **WHEREAS**, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established to honor the memory of DEA Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who gave his life in the fight against drugs; and **WHEREAS**, the 2025 National Red Ribbon Week Theme, "**Life Is a Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free.**", encourages students, parents, and community members to make positive choices, support prevention efforts, and spread awareness of the dangers of drug use; and **WHEREAS**, organizations such as ADAMH, are committed to establishing effective drug prevention programs and activities that engage youth, families, and the community; **NOW, THEREFORE**, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 23–31, 2025, as **Red Ribbon Week** in Ross County, and encourage all citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, wear red ribbons, and show their support for a drug-free environment.

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

AMENDMENT TO OWNER ENGINEER AGREEMENT NO. 4

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve Amendment No. 4 for the remaining basic services to be performed by Engineer, MS Consultants, Inc. for he SR 104 Force Main Project for an additional \$822,500.00, to include: Additional Cultural Resources Investigations Required by SHPO and EPA, Additional Gravity Sewer Design Along Stone Road, ODRC Interceptor Sewer Design Services at Fort Sherman, Union Heights Collection System Smoke and Dye Testing, Bidding Phase Services, Construction Administration, Material Testing, and RPR Services.

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

PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SANITARY SEWER EVALUATION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a Proposal for additional Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Surveys (SSES). Our understanding is that MS Consultants would like B&N to perform additional sewer Inflow and Infiltration pathway identification using smoke and dye testing of the public sanitary infrastructure to locate inflow and infiltration for the Union Heights subdivision in Ross County at a cost of \$91,000.00.

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

FEDERAL GRANT DOCUMENTS ST RT 104 SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to sign the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) for the 104 Sewer Project.

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

QUOTE FOR REPAIR OF BELLTOWER LIGHTS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a quote from the Theater People to repair the lower bell tower lights at a cost of approximately \$11,639.04.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

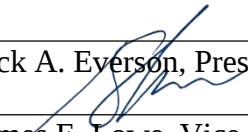
Investment Advisory Meeting

Economic Development Work Session

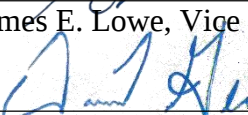
Budget Meetings, Juvenile Probate Court, Prosecutor, Recorder

ADJOURN

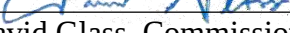
Mr. James Lowe, Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of October 14 at 3:00 p.m., Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner