

MARCH 20, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING - #12
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MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, March 20, 2017, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 March 13, 2017, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
3/13/2017	2017000823	AABES TERMITE PEST CONTR	150.00
3/10/2017	2017000441	ACORN DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	121.24
3/4/2016	2017000466	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	5871.65
1/21/2016	2017001018	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	4830.34
3/4/2016	2016000852	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	3942.52
2/10/2017	2017000589	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	128.00
4/1/2016	2016000853	ADENA MEDICAL GROUP, LLC	501.87
3/4/2017	2016000853	ADENA MEDICAL GROUP, LLC	256.30
3/14/2017	2017000983	Advantage Data Systems	750.00
2/22/2017	2017000128	All Around Home Maintenance	200.00
2/23/2017	2017000688	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	6180.39
3/15/2017	2017000062	ANGELA HIRSCH FLEURIMA	371.00
3/6/2017	2017000444	BARRY DANIELS	24.00
3/3/2017	2017000604	BENSON & SESSER LLC	139.00
3/1/2017	2017000589	BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC	50.01
3/1/2017	2017000960	BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC	428.16
3/1/2017	2017000349	Boyd Quincy Bailey, III	56.70
3/10/2017	2017001011	BRIDGE STREET LANDING	500.00
3/15/2017	2017000062	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	450.56
3/16/2017	2017000892	CAROL L. SCHRADER, FISCAL OFFICER	8895.88
2/28/2017	2017000891	CAROL L. SCHRADER, FISCAL OFFICER	2252.25
2/28/2017	2017000891	CASSIE L. LONG, FISCAL OFFICER	1567.50
3/16/2017	2017000892	CASSIE L. LONG, FISCAL OFFICER	6191.27
2/28/2017	2017000554	CENTRAL CENTER HARDWARE	41.40
2/28/2017	2017000854	CENTRAL CENTER HARDWARE	106.76
2/16/2017	2017000973	CHILLICOTHE GAZETTE	258.28
3/4/2017	2017000960	Chuck Schrader	140.00
3/13/2017	2017000954	CNBLAW, LLC	750.00
3/16/2017	2017000066	CNBLAW, LLC	125.00
12/14/2016	2016000854	COLUMBUS RADIOLOGY CORP	176.65
3/9/2017	2017000606	COPPEL COAL & SUPPLY CO.	35.90
3/8/2017	2017000960	COUGHLIN CHEVROLET OF CHILLICOTHE	87.97

11/21/2016	2017000327	COUNTY COMM ASSOC OF OHIO	975.00
2/28/2017	2017000891	D. BRAD MCCORKLE, FISCAL OFFICER	2955.00
Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
3/16/2017	2017000892	D. BRAD MCCORKLE, FISCAL OFFICER	11671.58
2/17/2017	2017000974	DLZ	128367.50
3/7/2017	2017000298	DORRAL W CUNNINGHAM JR	62.50
3/7/2017	2017000575	DOWNTOWN AUTO BODY REPAIR INC.	100.00
3/9/2017	2017000575	DOWNTOWN AUTO BODY REPAIR INC.	210.00
3/8/2017	2017000613	DTB DISTRIBUTORS, INC	115.20
3/2/2017	2017000444	ECOLAB	3666.05
3/2/2017	2017001006	ECOLAB	580.16
3/3/2017	2017000444	ECOLAB FOOD SAFETY SPECIALTIES	47.64
1/11/2017	2017000126	EnviroHab, LLC	400.00
2/8/2017	2017000960	FASTENAL COMPANY	78.66
2/8/2017	2017000206	FASTENAL COMPANY	497.84
10/30/2016	38670	FAWCETT, OLIVER, GLASS & PALMER FUNERAL HOME	1000.00
2/22/2017	2017000960	FIRE SYSTEM PROFESSIONALS	103.00
2/28/2017	2017000152	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	27.75
2/28/2017	2017000651	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	209.10
2/28/2017	2017000557	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	10181.02
1/13/2017	2017000076	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	16.05
3/9/2017	2017000992	FOSTER SUPPLY	125.16
3/9/2017	2017000144	FOSTER SUPPLY	88.86
3/16/2017	2017000490	FOULKE BLOCK/ALTHOFF	2461.70
3/15/2017	2017001012	Freedom Path-Chillicothe	319.00
3/6/2017	2017000589	GARY BARTLEY	26.50
1/16/2017	2017000370	GFC LEASING	921.66
2/24/2017	2017000153	GFC LEASING	391.25
3/13/2017	2017000407	GFC LEASING	62.21
3/9/2017	2017000409	GLACIER MTN. BOTTLED WATER	10.00
1/12/2017	2017000370	GORDON FLESCH CO., INC.	485.59
3/20/2017	2017000665	GORDON FLESCH CO., INC.	90.65
3/6/2017	2017001014	HALLER FUNERAL HOME LLC	200.00
3/10/2017	2017000424	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	72.76
3/10/2017	2017000547	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	226.30
3/1/2017	2017000984	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	2134.09
3/10/2017	2017000365	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	275.66
3/20/2017	2017000186	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	102.34
3/10/2017	2017000482	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	3014.04
3/1/2017	2017000086	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	436.99
3/10/2017	2017000556	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	52.71
3/8/2017	2017000993	HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE GROUP	800.00
12/2/2016	2017000129	J. DEVON SHOEMAKER	89.10
3/15/2017	2017000062	JAMES E BARRINGTON, CO. LPA	412.00
3/8/2017	2017000954	JAMES K CUTRIGHT	200.00
2/6/2017	2017000960	JD EQUIPMENT INC	873.29

2/27/2017	2017000299	JERRY R DETILLIAN	434.38
2/25/2017	2017000575	JULIA PENWELL	315.50
3/7/2017	2017000994	JULIA PENWELL	316.14
1/1/2017	2017000160	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS	3420.00
Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
3/13/2017	2017001038	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS	115.00
3/1/2017	2017000304	KENNETH E COTTRILL	380.63
2/27/2017	2017000575	LEO MEYERS, INC.	145.33
3/8/2017	2017001006	LEO MEYERS, INC.	37.49
3/8/2017	2017000575	LEO MEYERS, INC.	11.51
2/27/2017	2017000444	LEO MEYERS, INC.	89.90
3/22/2017	2017000207	LINDA HART	212.50
3/9/2017	2017000065	LORI J. RANKIN	106.00
3/13/2017	2017000063	LORI J. RANKIN	44.00
3/9/2017	2017000960	Matt Francis	8.56
3/15/2017	2017000062	MATTHEW P BRADY	535.50
2/28/2017	2017000300	MELVIN H PARK, JR	137.50
3/1/2017	2017000607	MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANN. COMMISSION	5032.00
3/1/2017	2017000179	MODERN LEASING	59.83
3/1/2017	2017000340	MODERN LEASING	123.15
2/25/2017	2017000508	MODERN LEASING	249.60
3/1/2017	2017000339	MODERN LEASING	181.95
2/28/2017	2017000724	MODERN LEASING	206.05
3/1/2017	2017000338	MODERN LEASING	353.37
3/1/2017	2017000341	MODERN LEASING	138.93
3/10/2017	2017000965	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	20.13
2/15/2017	2017000441	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	149.16
2/15/2017	2017000578	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	149.16
3/6/2017	2017000605	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	46.06
2/15/2017	2017000579	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	149.16
3/10/2017	2017000361	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	13.64
11/23/2016	2017000371	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	2374.62
3/15/2017	2017001007	OHIO VALLEY BANK	800.00
1/18/2017	2017001018	OHIOHEALTH PHYSICIAN GROUP	761.34
3/16/2017	2017000892	PAMELA S DEMPSEY, FISCAL OFFICER	5809.13
2/28/2017	2017000891	PAMELA S DEMPSEY, FISCAL OFFICER	1470.75
1/27/2017	2017000371	PARCEL N POST EXPRESS	115.31
3/10/2017	2017000992	PAUL MINNEY	10.00
2/1/2017	2017000364	PEACHTREE ELECTRONIC MONITORING, LLC	1579.00
3/7/2017	2017000046	PNEU-DART, INC.	363.00
3/9/2017	2017000561	PRINTEX PRINTING	59.95

2/7/2017	2017001008	QUALITY BUSINESS SYSTEM INC.	2895.70
3/7/2017	2017000336	QUILL CORPORATION	144.45
3/7/2017	2017000130	QUILL CORPORATION	109.93
3/6/2017	2017000960	RIFFLE & SON MACHINE WORKS	415.00
2/24/2017	2017000301	ROBERT D LEAMAN, SR	487.51
3/1/2017	2017000137	ROSS CO. COMMISSIONERS	400.00
3/13/2017	2017001004	ROSS CO. HEALTH DISTRICT	108000.00
3/10/2017	2017000126	ROSS COUNTY RECORDER	44.00
10/7/2016	2017001018	ROSS EMERGENCY GROUP PC	834.77
12/14/2016	2017000466	ROSS EMERGENCY GROUP PC	59.35
3/8/2017	2017001045	Ross Soil & Water Conservation District	107.91
2/28/2017	2017000975	ROSS-CHILLICOTHE CVB	10000.00

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3/1/2017	2017000480	RUMPKE WASTE, INC.	506.63
2/2/2017	2017000589	SARGENT SALES & RENTALS	192.00
8/26/2016	2016000922	SCIOTO PAINT VALLEY ASSESSMENT SERVICES, LLC	1050.00
2/14/2017	2017000971	SECURETECH SYSTEMS INC.	1510.00
1/13/2017	2017000894	SHARON MAERTEN-MOORE	14.00
3/10/2017	2017001003	SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS, INC.	150.00
2/1/2017	2017000350	SOJOURNERS CARE NETWORK	7544.00
3/13/2017	2017000037	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	300.00
2/23/2017	2017000893	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO	367.20
2/2/2017	2017001002	SPRINT PCS	6.78
1/26/2017	2017000589	SPRINT PCS	358.70
2/2/2017	2017000308	SPRINT PCS	77.70
3/1/2017	2017001026	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	14.95
2/27/2017	2017000444	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	149.51
3/6/2017	2017000066	STEVEN C NEWMAN	125.00
2/1/2017	2017001017	TERESA MINNEY	5475.00
3/1/2017	2017001005	TERESA MINNEY	24.85
2/28/2017	2017000302	THOMAS D. ABRUZZINO	515.64
2/28/2017	2017000400	THOMAS GAS SERVICES, INC.	6.60
2/1/2017	2017000368	THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	249.00
3/6/2017	2017000589	TIM'S TIRES & ACCESSORIES	10.00
2/22/2017	2017000749	TOW PATH MATERIALS	1058.15
3/9/2017	2017000549	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	843.78
1/1/2017	2017000353	TREASURER OF STATE	542.28
1/1/2017	2017000353	TREASURER OF STATE	26.50
3/9/2017	2017000939	TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	5773.32

3/16/2017	2017001043	U. S. POSTMASTER	58.20
3/16/2017	2017000531	U. S. POSTMASTER	232.00
2/24/2017	2017000941	UPS	59.08
3/13/2017	2017000412	US SAFETY GEAR, INC	130.00
1/31/2017	2017000750	VALUE ADDED BUSINESS SERV	1025.32
3/4/2017	2017000649	VERIZON WIRELESS	103.15
2/2/2017	2017000798	VISA	700.00
2/2/2017	2017000444	VISA	25.10
2/2/2017	2017001027	VISA	59.14
2/2/2017	2017001006	VISA	448.95
3/15/2017	2017000062	WALTER A. BEVINS	222.00
2/27/2017	2017000392	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	153.07
2/27/2017	2017000398	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	9.08
2/27/2017	2017000399	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	63.07
2/5/2017	2017000833	WEST GROUP	157.94
2/28/2017	2017000183	WEST GROUP	3029.83
3/1/2017	2017001064	WESTSIDE MEDIA	195.00
3/1/2017	2017001065	WESTSIDE MEDIA	52.50
2/28/2017	2017000852	WEX BANK	165.79
1/30/2017	2017000408	WEX BANK	158.45
2/28/2017	2017000044	WEX BANK	548.99

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2/2/2017	2017000430	WEX BANK	359.15
2/2/2017	2017000867	WEX BANK	125.17
2/1/2017	2017000642	WORLY PLUMBING SUPPLY INC	609.83
			<u>\$ 406,322.76</u>

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated March 13, 2017 through March 17, 2017, in the amount of \$6,332.03 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. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

AUDITOR AUTHORIZED TO ADVANCE FUNDS FROM GENERAL TO HEROIN PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to advance the sum of \$15,000.00 from the General Fund to the Heroin Partnership Fund, 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.

APPROPTIATION OF FUNDS – SHERIFF & SMART OHIO GRANT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$14,975.75 be appropriated in the Smart Ohio Grant Fund, from unappropriated funds to account code #420-20-14-7550, Outpatient Treatment/Counseling, according to a request of March 14, 2017, from the court administrator, common pleas general division.

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 \$15,017.67 be appropriated in the Correctional & Law Enforcement Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #212-29-58-7103, Civil Contract Services, according to a request of March 16, 2017 from the sheriff.

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

APPROPRIATION APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE – VARIOUS

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$0.00 (approx.), submitted by Brad Cosenza & Andy Wettersten, Ross County Administrator & IT Coordinator, for their attendance upon the CORSA Annual Meeting, to be held on March 22, 2017, at Worthington, Ohio.

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 application for an appropriation Of \$150.00 (approx.), submitted by Robert Ball, Ralph Roe, David Blosser, John Barnhart, and Raymond Schinkle, Ross County Veterans Commission Board of Directors, for their attendance upon the County Veterans Service Commissioners Spring Conference 2017, to be held on March 31, - April 2, 2017, at Dublin, Ohio.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL FORMS APPROVED – TITLE & EMA

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
One (1)	Low Band/2-way radio, Tag #1705	Transfer to Surplus Property

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 Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Title Department, for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
One (1)	Office chair, Tag #8188	Transfer to Surplus Property

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

ESTIMATE APPROVED - ROSS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLEX

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, approve Moody’s of Dayton, Inc., dba GM Baker and Son Co., to repair the 7” 2 stage pump for the water well #2, located at the Ross County-Chillicothe Law Enforcement Center, in the amount of \$4,510.00, to be paid from account code #100-01-03-7204, Capital Improvement Fund.

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS - PY 2016 CDBG ALLOCATION PROGRAM

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that R. Douglas Corcoran, president of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, be authorized on behalf of the Board to execute, a Request for Release of Funds and Certification for the Jefferson Township Parks & Rec. Facilities, funded under the county’s PY2016 CDBG Allocation program, in the amount of \$3,500.00, for submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development.

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

BID OPENING – FURNISHING ONE GALVANIZED STEEL BRIDGE ON ORR ROAD

The commissioners opened bids as advertised at 10.00 a.m., for the furnishing one galvanized steel bridge on Orr Road, Ross County, Ohio. The following bids were received:

Big R Manufacturing, LLC Greenly, CO	\$73,510.00	US Bridge Cambridge, OH	\$56,900.00
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The bid proposals were referred to the county engineer for review and recommendation for contract award.

BID OPENING – FURNISHING, INSTALLING AND REMOVING A TEMPORARY BRIDGE ON SPUD RUN

The commissioners opened bids as advertised at 10:30 a.m., for the furnishing, installing and removing a temporary bridge on Spud Run Road, Ross County, Ohio. The following bid was received:

US Bridge Cambridge, OH	\$119,510.00
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The bid proposals were referred to the county engineer for review and recommendation for contract award.

NEWS BRIEF APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that a News Brief be approved for publication in the Chillicothe Gazette, for accepting applications during the month of April 2017, for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program for Owner Rehabilitation, administered by the Ross County Planning Department.

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

ENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL ACCEPTED – OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIRMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners accept the engagement proposal of Dave Yost, Auditor of State, of March 9, 2017, providing audit services for the completeness and accuracy of selected census data provided to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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

ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFIED

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded that the Ross County Board of Commissioners certifies and reports to the Ohio Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 4501.04 (Distribution of Revenue), that the total mileage for Ross County for calendar year 2015 is 401.925 miles.

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. 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 pay period ending March 19, 2017.

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

GRANT AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – MASTERMIND, LLC

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, entered into a Grant Agreement by and between MasterMind, LLC, in the amount of \$16,200.00, for a Ball Bank (Horizontal Curve Safe Speed) Safety Study, in Ross County, Ohio.

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

BUSINESS SYSTEMS/SERVICE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – CHILLICOTHE TELEPHONE COMPANY (HORIZON)

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, enter into a Business Systems/Service Agreement, by and between The Chillicothe Telephone Company (Horizon), to be installed for the Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue, Chillicothe, Ohio, at \$108.95 per month.

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

ELECTRIC AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – DYNEGY

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, enter into an Electric Agreement by and between Dynegy, to provide and/or arrange for competitive electric generation supply to satisfy the requirements of the Board’s participating accounts (service), for a 36 month term through May 2020.

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

CHRIST MINISTRIES AUTHORIZED TO USE THE COURTHOUSE STEPS FOR PRAYER VIGIL

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that Christ Ministries, be authorized to use the courthouse steps for a prayer vigil event March 24, 2017, convening at 4:30 p.m., to stop prostitutes, heroin and drugs in the community.

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

APPLICATION AUTHORIZED – REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND REMISSION

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve an application, to be submitted to the Ross County Auditor, for real property tax exemption and remission, for parcel numbers 3709-14-057000 & 3709-14-058000, 32.519 acres, located at 344 Fairgrounds Road, Union 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

Jeff Benson, judge of Probate & Juvenile Divisions of Common Pleas Court, met with the commissioners to discuss the recent letter from the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. Wendy McWhorter and Dionna Orr were also in attendance.

Judge Benson said that it appears that we will no longer have a contract with the public defender. As of July 1, we will need to appoint counsel to cover these types of cases. They will no longer contract for representation in abuse, neglect and dependency cases in juvenile court. We appoint

attorneys now if there is a conflict and the hourly rate is \$60.00 per hour in court service and \$40.00 per hour for out of court service. Those numbers will go way up come July 1, 2017.

Also, let’s talk about drug testing. We were understood to believe that the drug testing would be for the county wide agencies. Judge Ater’s court and the commissioners were to pay for everyone’s.

Mr. Corcoran said that we talked about this and the annual cost would be around \$50,000.

Ms. Orr said that they were charging \$20.00 per test and that included admin fee. The probation department does about 400 testing per month.

Mr. Corcoran said that space was provided for you to do the testing and the municipal court was to be included. Where did this fall through the cracks? Could you please work on this and let us know. If the need is greater for county testing then let us withdraw municipal court from using the service.

Tom Spetnagel Jr., county auditor, met with the commissioners to discuss a proposed advance refunding of the Series 2008 General Obligation Bonds.

Mr. Spetnagel advised that under Ohio law, an entity is prohibited from issuing more than \$10 million of "non bank-qualified" bonds in a single year. The advance refunding is for \$2.8 million, and the Jail Project is currently estimated to be around \$7 million. Unfortunately, Adena Hospital has immediate plans to issue over \$100 million of debt for which it wants the county to act as a conduit. This would cause the county to exceed the \$10 million limit and pay interest at a much higher rate on its Jail Bonds.

The Board decided to hold off on the advance refunding until 2018 and to try to negotiate a deal with the Hospital whereby the Hospital will reimburse the county for paying the higher non-bank-qualified rate. If the Hospital is unwilling to do this, then the county will refuse to act as a conduit and the Hospital will have to issue debt through a different entity (e.g. a port authority, Pike County, etc.).


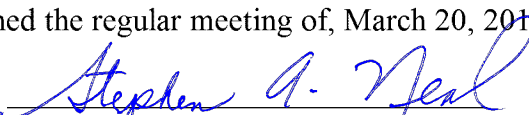

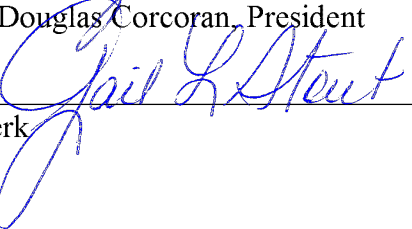
OTHER BUSINESS

The commissioners were guests at the Annual Rotary Rural-Urban luncheon, held at the Chillicothe Country Club.

The commissioners were invited to attend a meeting with representatives of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), at their office, to discuss ROS-207 extension.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, March 20, 2017, at 4:20 p.m.

 _____ R. Douglas Corcoran, President	 _____ Stephen A. Neal, Vice President	 _____ Dwight A. Garrett
 _____ Clerk		