

FEBRUARY 28, 2022 – MEETING 09
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MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, February 28, 2022, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the minutes of the February 22, 2022, meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

PAY TO NAME	CURRENT QUEUE	SCHEDULED PAY DATE	TOTAL VALUE
Chillicothe Gazette	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	265.00
American Electric Power	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3509.68
DTB Distributors, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	10.60
Nourse Family of Dealerships	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3840.02
American Electric Power	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	300.00
Advanced Hydraulics and Hoses	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1835.51
The Water Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	50.00
Media Network of Central Ohio	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	419.10
Hanson Excavating, Inc./A-1 Limestone	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	139.41
Bane-Welker Equipment, LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	6083.37
Cutright, James K.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	200.00
Bevins, Walter A.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	284.00
Printex Printing	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	79.90
PTS of America, LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	2425.00
Downtown Auto Body Repair, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	157.98
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	5372.62
Bunstine Law Office	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	65.75
Minor, Chris	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	265.00
Kathy Dunn	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	45.00
Scioto Shoe Mart	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	200.98
Mougey, Andrea J	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	60.00
Scioto Paint Valley Assessment Services, LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	550.00
AT&T Mobility	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	112.32
Red Diamond Uniform & Police Supply Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	322.93
Young's Family Market LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	78.00
Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1391.87
Horizon Technology	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	134.92
Capital City Oil, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	80.00
Welch, David Michael	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	800.00
UPS	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	30.79
Roberta Barron, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	5153.34
Modern Leasing	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	240.16
Sports Plus	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	214.95
Gigsby Environmental Consulting Services, LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1600.00
American Electric Power	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	10003.53
Sports Plus	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	328.00
Magana-Harris, Erika L.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	50.05
Columbus Radiology Corp.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	21.46
Harper's Garage	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	645.00
Bunstine Law Office	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	20.90
Cognitians	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	964.42
Red Diamond Uniform & Police Supply Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	589.73
Key Blue Prints, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	520.45
Pinney Bowes	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	524.81
Insight Public Sector, Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	614.39
Bricker and Eckler, LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3277.50
Insight Public Sector, Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1801.81
Ricart Properties Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1395.00
The Water Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	15.00
Leo Meyers, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	115.24
Public Agency Training Council	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	350.00
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3009.69
Roberta Barron, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1304.25
Scioto Paint Valley Assessment Services, LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	550.00
American Rock Salt	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	36469.06
DTB Distributors, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	321.35
Carpenter Marty Transportation	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	7409.01
DTB Distributors, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	68.16
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1190.07
Lakeshore IT Solutions	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	307.29
Robin L. Snyder, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3533.25
The Water Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	31.75
Architecture Ohio, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	206.25
Printex Printing	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	314.55
Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	667.47
Lacal Equipment Co.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	562.68
Harry B. Junk III, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	14609.51
MP Digital LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	20000.00
ComDoc, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	52.08
Newman, Steven C.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	375.00
Muffler Brothers	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	40.00
Printex Printing	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	400.00
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	22.91
Dave Kuhn	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	750.00
Richards, Angela	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	833.33
Jonina Jones-Plummer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	576.00
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	24.74
Ricart Properties Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	39896.00
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	140.08
Insight Public Sector, Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	539.46
Vicky Mettler, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1547.25
American Electric Power	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	33.61
AT&T Mobility	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	140.23
Miami County Sheriff's Office	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	49335.00
Kemper, Travis	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	400.00
Vermeer of Southern Ohio, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1042.25
Gray Manufacturing Co.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	422.00
Sherwin Williams Company	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	25.59
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	407.32
Melvin Stone Co.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	12323.52
US Safety Gear, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	220.80
Steven G. Wisecup, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3495.00
B & C Communications	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	236.58
Trinity Services Group	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	5187.84
Wex Bank	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	862.38
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	370.03
State Electric Supply, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	155.87
American Electric Power	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	541.24
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	239.10
Ohio CAT	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	415.09
Horizon Chillicothe Telephone	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	68.68
State Electric Supply, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	97.23
Axis Forensic Toxicology	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1100.00
Steticycle, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	150.00
Riffle & Son Machine Works	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	80.00
World Fuel Services, Inc	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	250.80
Project Badass	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	2500.00
Southeastern Equipment Co.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	698.17
Staff Source Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	608.00
American Electric Power	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	17.46
Miami County Sheriff's Office	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	6.65
Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	456.00
William G. Jones, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3018.00
Saltfield, Charles L.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1998.74
Robin L. Snyder, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	13960.52
Steven G. Wisecup, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	13809.39
Harry B. Junk III, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3697.50
Miami County Sheriff's Office	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	6215.00
Fayette County Commissioners	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	21817.63
Printex Printing	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	39.95
LogMeln, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	3479.99
William G. Jones, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	11924.67
Bricker and Eckler, LLC	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1400.00
Bunstine Law Office	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	953.98
Cottrell, Treiva J.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	1247.00
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	285.74
Seitz Trucking, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	4220.00
Paul Minney	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	21.00
Vicky Mettler, Fiscal Officer	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	6113.47
Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	Commissioners Approval	2/28/2022	6.50
			\$369,396.20

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated February 21, 2022 through February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$1,452.08 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. Corcoran, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, \$760.32 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 770-01-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of February 28, 2022 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$1,300.00 be appropriated from General Fund into account code 100-00-00-7103 Contract Services, per a request of February 28, 2022 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

TIME SHEET APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the submitted time sheet of Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending February 26, 2022.

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

PUBLIC HEARING THOROUGHFARE PLAN

Commissioner Garrett called the public hearing, for the adoption of the Ross County – City of Chillicothe Thoroughfare Plan, to order at 9:30 am. Mr. Devon Shoemaker, Senior Planner reviewed the plan for the Commissioners. No guests were in attendance. Commissioner Garrett closed the public hearing at 10:00 am.

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, to adopt the Ross County – City of Chillicothe Thoroughfare Plan as the long range plan for the county and city roadway system.

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

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the following resolution be passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, February 28, 2022, with Dwight A. Garrett, R. Douglas Corcoran and James E. Lowe in attendance.

RESOLUTION 011-22

WHEREAS, The Ross County Board of Commissioners acknowledge the retirement of the Ross County Auditor, Tom Spetnagel Jr. effective February 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Ross County Board of Commissioners appoint Jerry Uhrig, Chief Deputy Auditor, as interim Auditor, effective February 28, 2022 until the time when the officer appointed by the central committee qualifies and takes office according to ORC 305.02 (F); and

BE IT RESOLVED, the interim auditor will hold office for not less than five days before an officer is appointed.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, to adjourn into executive session at 11:30 am for the entrance conference for the 2021 audit.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMES

The executive session of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, called at 11:30 am adjourned, and the regular session resumed 12:05 pm. No action was taken.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR 2021 AUDIT

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Commissioner Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, the Engagement Letter between the Auditor of State and Ross County for the 2021 audit.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, to adjourn into executive session at 2:03 pm to discuss legal action regarding the Ross County Shoemaker Airport.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMES

The executive session of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, called at 2:03 pm adjourned, and the regular session resumed 3:01 pm. No action was taken.

APPROVE OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE AT THE COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve an offer, prepared by the Ross County Prosecutor, for the purchase of property in the runway protection zone of the Ross County Shoemaker Airport.

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

COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERIFICATION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, to certify the 2021 Ross County Highway System Mileage Certification provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The total length of county maintained public roads in Ross County was 401.510 miles as of December 31, 2020.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Ohio Public Defender – Joseph Medici and Chase Carter attended the meeting to discuss making Chillicothe the regional hub for public defenders. Housing legal-council from other counties would provide a larger pool of attorneys for outside counties that may have less resources. Using Ross County as a regional site would also employ more attorneys and give existing employees a more flexible schedule. Felony cases are up by 25% and making it difficult to find criminal attorneys. The 2023 Fiscal Year Contract with the Public Defender’s office would not be affected by this decision. The Commissioners believe this would be beneficial to everyone involved.

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Airport Zoning Board of Appeals met on this day with Mr. Richard Hurtt, Mr. Gene Bowen Mr. Larry Vitatoe and Mr. David Duckworth, Chief Building Officer, in attendance. The issue at hand is the construction of a barn on residential property located in the runway protection zone. The Building Inspector notified property owner Ms. Stefanie Ann Wright the new structure is a nonconforming use and violates section 1.09.04 of the regulations. As a result the structure needs to be removed.

Ms. Wright spoke to the committee via virtual media. Ms. Wright has chosen to appeal the order or remedial action. She stated she replaced a previous structure that had been removed, with a new structure. She also stated she had built a garage onto her home a few years ago. Ms. Wright said she was told she did not need a permit to build in the county and that she could build back on the same footprint as the previous structure. This was several years ago and she does not recall the name of the person who provided this information.

Mr. Vitatoe stated, a building permit is not required in the county, but a permit is required for building in the airport zoning areas. Ms. Wright was aware of the zoning, due to the fact she tried to place a mobile home on her property and removed it once she found out she was not permitted to run electricity to it due to the zoning regulations.

Mr. Hurtt noted the new construction was not on the same footprint as the old structure which had been torn down over 10 years ago. The regulations say you are required to inform the building department within two years of removal if you wish to replace the building. Ms. Wright asked the question, if she had requested the permit for building would it have been approved. Mr. Duckworth replied the answer would have been no, due to the runway protection zone regulations.

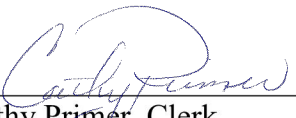
Mr. Vitatoe noted federal regulations state a fine of up to \$500 can be assessed or 90 days in jail, for not complying with the regulations.

Mr. Hurtt made a motion to deny the appeal of Ms. Wright to keep the structure that was built in the runway protection zone. Mr. Bowen seconded to deny the appeal as well and Mr. Vitatoe motioned to allow the appeal of Ms. Wright to keep the structure.


A notice will be forwarded to Ms. Wright explaining she has to remove the structure or she may make an appeal to the Ross County Court of Common Pleas to overturn the decision of the board for removal.


ADJOURN

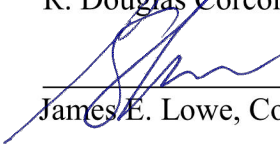
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, February 28, 2022, at 3:45 p.m.


Cathy Primer, Clerk

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio


Dwight A. Garrett, President


R. Douglas Corcoran, Vice President


James E. Lowe, Commissioner