

MARCH 21, 2022 – MEETING 12
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MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, March 21, 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, the minutes of the March 14, 2022, meeting, be approved as submitted.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Corcoran, yes; Mr. Lowe, 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 | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Glacier Mountain Bottled Water | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 13.50 | Staff Source Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 618.93 |
| Sparkle Cleaners | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 26.40 | Simey, Dillon | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1018.20 |
| Ebert, Jerry | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 132.88 | Lexis-Nexis | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 2633.45 |
| Horizon Network Partners | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 664.30 | JAMAR Technologies, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 697.48 |
| Office City Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 27.00 | GFC Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 378.57 |
| Fastenal Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 226.99 | General Sales Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 457.15 |
| The Water Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 42.00 | DTB Distributors, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 364.72 |
| Michael R Ratliff | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 40.18 | Sewards, Randy A. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 488.13 |
| Fayette County Commissioners | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 16127.57 | Miami County Sheriff's Office | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 10120.00 |
| Edge Document Solutions, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 225.00 | Leaman, Robert D. Sr | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 377.32 |
| VISA | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 180.00 | Thomson Reuters - West | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 223.98 |
| Advance Auto Parts | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 61.99 | Pike Co. Recovery Council | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1200.00 |
| Stacey Boroff | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 96.04 | Waste Management of Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 171.84 |
| CVK Enterprises Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 77.06 | Bevins, Walter A. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 112.50 |
| Gordon Flesch Co., Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 65.51 | Abuzzino, Thomas D. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 558.95 |
| Bunstime Law Office | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 392.43 | Media Network of Central Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3306.52 |
| Bevins, Walter A. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 292.50 | Pike Co. Recovery Council | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1687.36 |
| Ross Co. Agricultural Society | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3300.00 | B & C Communications | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 912.04 |
| Cintas Corporation # 530 | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 528.78 | KK 6211 Blain Hwy LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 175.00 |
| Atech Fire & Security | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 207.00 | Main & High Shortstop | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 372.80 |
| DTB Distributors, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 11.39 | Barrington, James E. CO, LPA | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1572.00 |
| Axis Forensic Toxicology | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 10.00 | Christman, Feal | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1333.03 |
| Brandon Puckett | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 229.00 | Pederson, Madison | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1000.04 |
| J. Jeffrey Benson | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 216.86 | Glacier Mountain Bottled Water | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 33.75 |
| Bunstime Law Office | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 111.70 | Coughlin Chevrolet of Chillicothe | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 41.84 |
| Media Network of Central Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 85.50 | Office City Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3.80 |
| Barrington, James E. CO, LPA | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1920.00 | King, Kristen | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 450.00 |
| Quill Corporation | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 34.99 | Cam Supply Chillicothe | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 398.79 |
| Modern Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 83.58 | J.L. Uhig & Associates | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 2275.00 |
| Horizon Chillicothe Telephone | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 292.02 | Rivers Bend Bike Shop | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 144.00 |
| GFC Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 202.90 | Search, Virgil D. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1694.12 |
| Downtown Auto Body Repair, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 5514.68 | First Capital Enterprises | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 11519.54 |
| Waste Management of Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 592.67 | American Electric Power | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 410.12 |
| Bud's Septic Tank Cleaning LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 200.00 | Indigital Telecom | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3509.49 |
| Kent Harshbarger, M.D. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3500.00 | Ross Co. Agricultural Society | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 12500.00 |
| Elford, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 72005.59 | Fastenal Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 88.07 |
| Modern Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 112.37 | Rutherford, Chase Colln. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 665.00 |
| Sparkle Cleaners | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 26.40 | Wex Bank | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 20.85 |
| County Treasurers Association of Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 2587.24 | Insight Public Sector, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3359.14 |
| DTB Distributors, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 73.24 | Waste Management of Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 147.08 |
| Office City Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 24.42 | Integrated Services of Appalachian Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 5400.00 |
| GFC Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 106.33 | Route 50 Express, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 237.73 |
| Horizon Chillicothe Telephone | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 168.61 | Glacier Mountain Bottled Water | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 13.00 |
| Cutright, James K. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 800.00 | AG-PRO OHIO, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 456.31 |
| GFC Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1135.71 | Derby Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 4297.65 |
| Gingsby Environmental Consulting Services, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1600.00 | Lucas Tool Sales, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 279.25 |
| Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 127.25 | Office City Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 101.78 |
| Brown, Beth | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1213.36 | Industrial Reliability and Repair LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 30.00 |
| Office City Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 621.80 | Leo Meyers, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 52.22 |
| Purchase Power | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 19.24 | Harper's Garage | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1350.00 |
| State Electric Supply, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 180.58 | Fennell, Julia | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 626.22 |
| Sprint PCS | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 35.46 | Quill Corporation | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 300.00 |
| First Communications, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 84.37 | Aargas Great Lakes | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 573.77 |
| Sports Plus | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 98.00 | Sparkle Cleaners | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 171.05 |
| Election Systems & Software, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 455.00 | Petroleum Services Plus | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1975.75 |
| Mickle, Michael | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1129.86 | Office City Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 26.04 |
| Horizon Chillicothe Telephone | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1279.36 | Master Locksmith and Safe Service, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 121.00 |
| Ross Co. Water Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 210.00 | Modern Office Methods, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 407.53 |
| First Capital Enterprises | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 652.02 | APCO, AFC, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 35.00 |
| Trinity Services Group | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 9911.71 | Ross Co. Agricultural Society | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 37500.00 |
| Axis Forensic Toxicology | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 740.00 | Horizon Chillicothe Telephone | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3096.26 |
| Dexter Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 46385.00 | Sherwin Williams Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 46.78 |
| Gordon Flesch Co., Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 4.82 | Integrated Services of Appalachian Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 90.49 |
| White, Haley | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1049.26 | Tow Path Materials | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 2140.00 |
| Charter Communications Holdings, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 312.50 | Horizon Chillicothe Telephone | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 112.77 |
| Staff Source Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 618.93 | Gordon Flesch Co., Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 12.99 |
| Simey, Dillon | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1018.20 | Price, Harold S. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 316.26 |
| Lexis-Nexis | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 2633.45 | Galls, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1476.34 |
| JAMAR Technologies, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 697.48 | Rutherford, Chase Colln. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 230.00 |
| GFC Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 378.57 | Insight Public Sector, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 500.70 |
| | | | | Wex Bank | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 68.97 |
| | | | | Elan Corporate Payment Systems | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 415.00 |
| | | | | General Sales Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 159.83 |
| | | | | Hice, Craig | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 509.10 |
| | | | | Galls, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 122.00 |
| | | | | Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1777.00 |
| | | | | Office City Express | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 273.76 |
| | | | | Modern Leasing | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 856.96 |
| | | | | Centec Cast Metal Products | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 1174.33 |
| | | | | Avertest, LLC | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 3433.00 |
| | | | | Coroname | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 400.00 |
| | | | | Dave Kuhn | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 300.00 |
| | | | | Dexter Company | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 794.30 |
| | | | | Waste Management of Ohio | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 209.37 |
| | | | | VISA | Commissioners Approval | 3/21/2022 | 846.26 |
| | | | | | | | \$319,594.59 |

Two (2) additional payments to Printex were added late, totaling \$1956.85 bringing the total to \$321,551.44.

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 March 14 through March 21, 2022, in the amount of \$4,385.75 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. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$2,920.00 be appropriated from Small Cities Fund into account code 420-07-31-7134 Program Income HOME City, per a request of March 21, 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.

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, \$70,000.00 be appropriated from Residential into account code 420-46-35-7106 Rent, per a request of March 21, 2022 from the Ross County Board of DD.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, \$15,701.00 be transferred from 420-07-31-7133 CHIP HOME Fund into account code 420-07-31-7134 CHIP – City Fund, per a request of March 21, 2022 from the Ross County Planning Commission.

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, \$1,500.00 be transferred from US 23 Pipeline Taskforce fund 410-29-02-7200 Equipment into account code 410-29-02-7550 Other Costs, per a request of March 21, 2022 from the Ross County Sheriff’s Taskforce.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, \$2,519.32 be transferred from 420-29-07-7557 Electronic Monitoring Fund into account code 420-29-07-7200 Equipment and \$1,500.00 from account code 420-29-07-7103 Contract Services into account code 420-29-07-7200 Equipment, per a request of March 21, 2022 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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, \$1,000.00 be transferred from General fund 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses into account code 100-02-00-7150 Supplies, per a request of March 21, 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.

ASSET ACQUISITION

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Acquisition Form submitted by the Ross County Sheriff for purchase of the following property as indicated:

| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION | TAG/SERIAL |
|----------|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | HP Pro Book 440 G8 | 5CD1418YT7 |

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION | TAG/SERIAL | METHOD OF DISPOSAL |
|----------|-------------|---|--------------------|
| 8 | Switches | 003223, 003222, 003025 0030026, 003034, 003423 003232, 003224 | Surplus Property |

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PY2022 CHIP GRANT

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to allow the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2022 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP which may include CDBG, HOME, and OHT funds), competitive grant administered by Ohio Development Services Agency/Office of Community Development (ODSA/OCD). Ross County shall coordinate with Chillicothe to form a partnership. The maximum award for the partnership will be \$750,000.00. Ross County budgeted amount is \$400,000, City of Chillicothe is \$350,000. The first of two public hearings will be held for Ross County on: Monday, April 4, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., Ross County Commissioners Office, 2 N. Paint Street Suite H.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Corcoran, 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, March 21, 2022, with Dwight A. Garrett, R. Douglas Corcoran and James E. Lowe in attendance.

RESOLUTION 012-22

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A QUALIFIED ENERGY PROJECT EXEMPTION APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY ROSS COUNTY SOLAR, LLC FOR THE ROSS COUNTY SOLAR PROJECT IN ROSS COUNTY AND THEREBY EXEMPTING SUCH PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY FROM REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF SUCH PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Section 5727.75 allows a “qualified energy project” using renewable energy resources to be exempt from real property taxes and tangible personal property taxes if certain conditions are satisfied (a “Qualified Energy Project”); and **WHERAS**, a Qualified Energy Project may be certified by the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency (“ODSA”) in accordance with the provisions of R.C. Section 5727.75 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 122:23-1; and **WHEREAS**, Ross County Solar, LLC (the “Company”) desires to construct a new 120 megawatt nameplate capacity solar energy facility approved before the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"), on multiple parcels of land located within Buckskin and Paint Townships, Ross County, Ohio (the “Project”); and **WHEREAS**, the Company submitted an Ohio Qualified Energy Project Tax Exemption Program Application for Certification to the Director of ODSA on February 25, 2022 the (“Application for Certification”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and **WHEREAS**, this Board of Ross County Commissioners (the “Board”) has received and reviewed the Application for Certification submitted by the Company to ODSA for the Project; and **WHEREAS**, the Project is expected to be an important source of renewable energy in Ross County (the “County”), and the Board believes that that the Project will benefit the citizens of the County and serve as a model alternative energy project for future development; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. Section 5727.75(E)(1)(b), the Board must adopt a resolution approving or rejecting the Company’s Application for Certification; and **WHEREAS**, the Board may require an annual service payment to be made in addition to the service payment required under R.C. Section 5727.75(G), provided the sum of the service payment required in the resolution and the service payment required under R.C. Section 5727.75(G) shall not exceed \$9,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the County and the resolution specifies the time and manner in which the payments required by the resolution shall be paid to the County's Treasurer; and **WHEREAS**, the Board desires to encourage the construction and development of alternative energy projects in the County. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ROSS COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**
SECTION 1. This Board hereby approves the Application for Certification pursuant to R.C. Section 5727.75(E) (1) (b).
SECTION 2. The approval provided in Section 1 of this resolution is expressly conditioned upon the payment of an annual service payment required under R.C. Section 5727.75(G) in the amount of seven thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the County. The annual service payment in lieu of taxes shall be charged, collected, and distributed at the same time and in the same manner as the taxes that would ordinarily be imposed on taxable property.
SECTION 3. The approval provided in Section 1 of this resolution is also expressly conditioned upon the payment of an additional annual service payment to the County as permitted under R.C. Section 5727(E)(1)(b) in the amount of two thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the County. The payment of this additional annual service payment shall be charged and collected at the same time, in the same manner and under the same conditions as set forth in Section 2. The additional annual service payment set forth in this Section shall be deposited into the County general fund in accordance with R.C. Section 5727.75(E).
SECTION 4. The sum of the annual service payments set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this resolution shall equal, and may not exceed in any year, nine thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the County, pursuant to R.C. Section 5727(E) (1) (b).

SECTION 5. The clerk of this Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution by certified mail to the Director of ODSA and to the Company within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Application for Certification.

SECTION 7. The Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and related to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were taken or held in meetings open to the public and in compliance with Ohio law.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

WPCLF PAYMENT REQUEST

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, a 2021 WPCLF pay request for a soil evaluation at 1138 Cooks Hill Rd. and 1764 Blue Lick Rd., Londonderry for the amount of \$800.00.

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

CHANGE ORDER ELFORD INC

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, change order 049 from Elford Inc., for General Construction on the Chillicothe – Ross County Law Enforcement Complex, in the amount of \$0.00.

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

FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES CLEANING SERVICE CONTRACT ROSS SERVICE CENTER (JFS)

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, a cleaning contract with First Capital Enterprises for Job & Family Services entire department beginning April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 at an annual cost of \$82,102.92.

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

FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES CLEANING SERVICE CONTRACT ROSS SERVICE CENTER (RSCS)

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, Mr. Garrett be authorized to sign, on the Commissioners behalf, a cleaning contract with First Capital Enterprises for the Board of Elections, 4-H Extension, USDA Agriculture, EMA, State Highway Examiners, License Bureau and Title Bureau, conference rooms and kitchen, beginning April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 at an annual cost of \$76,480.92.

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 proclamation be presented to Fluor BWXT, at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, March 21, 2022, with Dwight A. Garrett, R. Douglas Corcoran and James E. Lowe in attendance.

**IN APPRECIATION FOR
OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE BY FLUOR BWXT**

WHEREAS, the contract between Fluor BWXT and the Department of Energy for decontamination and decommissioning of the former nuclear site in Piketon should be completed by 2023; and

WHEREAS, Fluor BWXT created an "Opportunity Fund" as part of their "Community Commitment Plan" so funds could be used to support job-creating projects to lessen the impact on our economy once Fluor BWXT left the region; and

WHEREAS, Fluor BWXT has awarded 16 "Opportunity Fund" grants to local businesses, from 2013 to 2021, with a grand total of \$268,954.00; and

WHEREAS, Fluor BWXT grant awards have leveraged investment (capital and machinery/equipment) to the extent of \$218,659,967.00, allowing for 63 full time jobs to be created and 452 full time jobs to be retained; and

WHEREAS, Fluor BWXT has brought respect, unquestionable competency and exhibited outstanding community spirit by leading by example; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Ross County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend Fluor BWXT for promoting industrial, economic, commercial and civic development for Ross County, Ohio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be provided to Fluor BWXT to acknowledge their contribution to our community over the past 10 years.

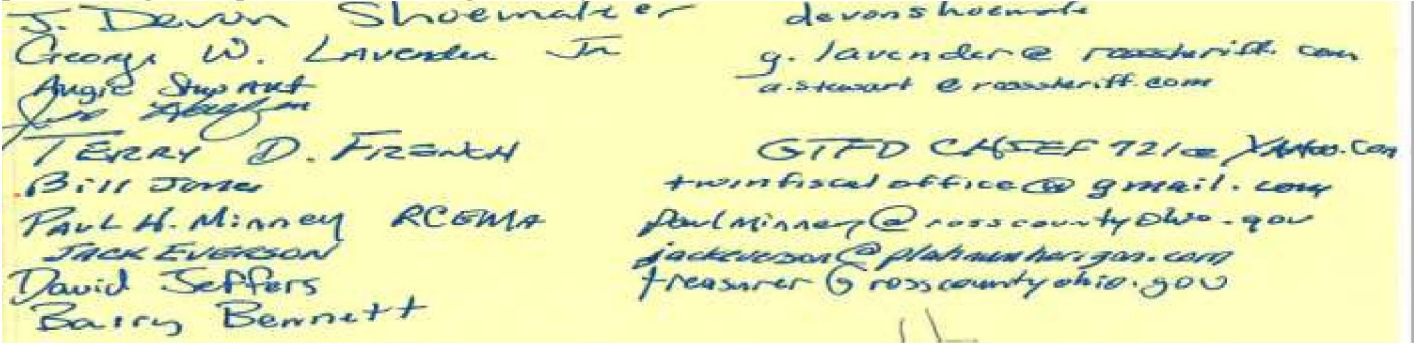
On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sand in the Streets – Tiffany Baldwin of Downtown Chillicothe visited the Commissioners to fill them in on the Sand in the Streets volleyball tournament taking place August 7, 2022 8:30 am – 10:00 pm. Ms. Baldwin guaranteed an emergency lane across Paint St. will be open to allow access to the Law Enforcement Complex during the tournament. The layout will include two additional courts and the DJ will be situated on the Courthouse steps. No F permit is required due to the DORA ordinance that is in place.


Ross County Solar – Mr. William Risse, Mr. Chris Snider, Mr. Greg Courter and Ms. Kara Heffelbower, of National Grid Renewables provided an update on the status of the Buckskin Solar project. Mr. Shoemaker, Ross County Senior Planner requested copies of the plans that are provided to the OEPA and townships, as well as a copy of the decommissioning plan and copy of the landscape design for the buffering and screening plan. Mr. Risse will provide the requested documents and expressed the desire to be a good steward and work to provide as much information as possible to be a good neighbor to the surrounding community. He spoke about working together with OUC to provide educational opportunities by providing training and site visits. The delivery of the panels should begin in April with installation in May. The goal is for the solar field to be operational the last quarter of this year. With their concerns addressed and willingness of Ross County Solar to continue to be forthcoming with project details, the Commissioners passed a resolution **APPROVING A QUALIFIED ENERGY PROJECT EXEMPTION APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY ROSS COUNTY SOLAR, LLC FOR THE ROSS COUNTY SOLAR PROJECT IN ROSS COUNTY AND THEREBY EXEMPTING SUCH PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY FROM REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF SUCH PAYMENTS.**

Ross County EMS – Mr. Jim Hatfield called together members of the EMS in Ross County to speak with the Commissioners about bringing the townships fire departments and EMT services into a county wide service. The attendees of the meeting reverberated how difficult it is to staff a volunteer fire department and first responder service. Only a few of the townships have paid personnel to provide 24/7 service. Unfortunately this has caused response time to an emergency, to sometimes taking up to an hour and sometimes requiring an all-county tone to be sent out to find an available unit. The consensus was, if a county wide service is to be developed, the township trustees will need to be 100% on board with the idea and to implement the process. A meeting is scheduled for April 28, 6:00 pm at the Scioto Township Hall, to gage the interest and to put a committee into place to begin the process of forming a county wide EMS. Parties in attendance for the discussion were as followed:





ADJOURN


Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, March 21, 2022, at 3:30 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