

DECEMBER 27, 2022 – MEETING 52  
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MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, December 27, 2022, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, the minutes of the December 19, 2022, meeting, be approved as submitted.

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

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

PAY TO NAME	CURRENT QUEUE	SCHEDULED PAY DATE	TOTAL VALUE
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	130.50
Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	22.25
Jadwin, Brittany G.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	2165.50
American Electric Power	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	3094.26
Avertest, LLC	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	600.00
Avertest, LLC	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	1513.00
Ohio Secretary of State	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	1087.81
Price, Harold S.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	330.01
Sewards, Randy A.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	522.50
Leaman, Robert D. Sr.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	268.13
Abnuzzino, Thomas D.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	449.63
Litter Quality Propane Gas	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	596.29
Ross County Commissioners	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	2225.00
Modem Leasing	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	164.71
Jean Ziogas	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	158.72
Office City Express	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	82.85
Modem Leasing	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	114.41
Kert Harshbarger, M.D.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	5250.00
Axis Forensic Toxicology	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	370.00
AT&T Mobility	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	97.48
Horizon Technology	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	134.99
CDW Government, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	2742.51
CDW Government, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	174.14
Verizon Wireless	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	88.24
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	2441.15
South Central Power Company	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	1277.05
Sports Plus	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	11.10
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Commissioners Approval	12/27/2022	2063.72
			\$28,175.95

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated December 12 through December 27, 2022, in the amount of \$157,439.95 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. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, absent. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Corcoran moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, \$14,207.10 be appropriated from General Fund into account codes

Legal Counsel	100-01-00-7123	Medicare Airport	100-01-05-7017	\$86.89
		PERS Airport	100-01-05-7012	\$179.37
		Salaries Employees	100-01-05-7001	\$5,546.55
		Medicare Maintenance	100-01-04-7017	\$5.97
		Group Insurance Mntc	100-01-04-7104	\$4,920.85
		Salaries Officials	100-01-00-7000	\$3,467.47

per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$976,372.00 be appropriated from Road & Bridge Improvements into account code 510-10-00-7204 Contract Projects POWC, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Engineer.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrettseconded, \$22,124.00 be appropriated from Litter into account code 207-01-00-7001 Salaries, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Litter Control.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrettseconded, \$2,225.00 be appropriated from American Rescue Plan into account code 241-00-00-7450 Grant Awards Other, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Mr. Garrettseconded, \$77,524.32 be appropriated from Court Backlog Account into account codes

Court Backlog Grant	420-16-01-7001	Salaries	\$42,000.00
	420-16-01-7012	PERS	\$5,880.00
	420-16-01-7014	Group Insurance	\$22 ,120.32
	420-16-01-7017	Medicare	\$609.00
	420-11-37-7100	Travel	\$1,000.00
	420-11-37-7200	Equipment	\$4,190.00
	420-11-37-7550	Other Expenses	\$1,725.00

per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Common Pleas General Division.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$106.48 be transferred from account code 224-20-00-7550 Mediation into account code 224-20-00-7001 Salaries, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Common Pleas.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$92.55 be transferred from account code 100-04-00-7550 Other Expenses into account code 100-04-00-7017 Medicare, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Prosecutor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$0.36 be transferred from account code 207-01-00-7550 Other Expenses into account code 207-01-00-7012 PERS, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Litter Control.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$59.67 be transferred from account code 100-03-00-7001 Salaries Employees into account code 100-03-00-7017 Medicare Treasurer, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Treasurer.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$1,353.29 be transferred from account code 100-07-00-7116 Expense Committee Members into account code 100-07-00-7001 Salaries, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Planning.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$16.40 be transferred from account code 100-18-21-7550 Other Expenses into account code 100-18-21-7017 Medicare IVE Program and \$16.66 be transferred from account code 100-19-00-7550 Other Expenses into account code 100-19-00-7017 Medicare , per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Juvenile Probate.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$50,000.00 be transferred from account code 237-20-50-0010 Certificate of Title into account code 100-20-00-5937 General, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$7,900.00 be transferred from account code 100-00-00-0010 into account code 420-29-11-5801 Recovery Ohio Grant, per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$13,115.09 be transferred from account codes

General	100-01- 23-7014	Group Insurance	100-01-23-7001	Salaries	\$1,211.60
	100-01-23- 7550	Other Expenses	100-01-23-7001	Salaries	\$1,664.49
	100-01-23-7100	Travel	100-01-23-7001	Salaries	\$239.00

per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross Building Department.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, \$13,115.09 be transferred from account codes

Engineers	210-58-67-7017	Medicare	210-58-66-7012	PERS	\$383.03
	100-58-00-7550	Other Exoenses	100-58-00-7014	Grouo Insurance	\$101.76
	100-58-00-7550	Other Exoenses	100-58-00-7012	PERS	\$150.57
	100-58-00-7550	Other Expenses	100-58-00-7001	Salaries	\$1,514.56

per a request of December 27, 2022 from the Ross County Engineer.

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

DE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$18,000.00) be de-appropriated from the Delinquent Tax & Assessment Collection, account code 229-03-00-7101 Advertising and Printing, according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$346,000) be de-appropriated from the Septic Improvement, account code 420-07-30-7102 WPCLF Contract Repairs, according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$3,000.00) be de-appropriated from the ATP Juvenile, account code 420-18-01-7551 Admin Costs, according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$6,000.00) be de-appropriated from the Ohio CASA, account code 420-18-39-7801 Reimburse General, according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$200.00) be de-appropriated from the AOT Program, account code 420-19-01-7550 Other Expenses, according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$4,000.00) be de-appropriated from the ATP Grant Common Pleas, account code 420-20-19-7550 Other Expenses, according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$42,000.00) be de-appropriated from the Residential Services, account code 420-46-35-7103 Contract Services, according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$72,000.00) be de-appropriated from the Sheriff Jail Diversion, account codes 420-29-07-7103 Contract Services (\$42,000.00) and account code 420-29-07-7001 Salaries Employees (\$30,000.00), according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$86,120.71) be de-appropriated from the Children’s Services, account codes 231-51-00-7103 Contract Services (\$84,816.55), account code 231-51-00-7143 Delinquent Tax Advertising (\$300.00) and account code 231-51-00-7409 Auditor Treasurer Fees (\$1,004.16), according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$576,000.00) be de-appropriated from the Small Cities Formula, account codes 420-07-31-7133 CHIP Home (\$230,000.00), account code 420-07-31-7132 CHIP CDBG (\$231,000.00) and account code 420-07-31-7125 CDBG Projects (\$115,000.00), according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$48,629.69) be de-appropriated from the Recovery Grant, account codes 420-29-11-7200 Equipment (\$4,976.83), account code 420-29-11-7104 Confidential Funds (\$37,833.26) and account code 420-29-11-7100 Travel (\$5,819.60), according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$10,000.00) be de-appropriated from the Marine Patrol Grant, account codes 420-29-04-7001 Salaries Employees (\$8,000.00), account code 420-29-04-7012 PERS (\$1,000.00) and account code 420-29-04-7014 Group Insurance (\$1,000.00), according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$130,000.00) be de-appropriated from the VOCA/SVVA Grant, account codes 420-99-39-7001 Salaries Employees (\$88,000.00), account code 420-99-39-7012 PERS (\$13,000.00), account code 420-99-39-7014 Group Insurance (\$23,000.00), account code 420-99-39-7013 Workers Comp (\$1,800.00), account code 420-99-39-7106 Telephone (\$3,000.00), account code 420-99-39-7150 Supplies (\$1,000.00), and account code 420-99-39-7017 Medicare (\$1,000.00), according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, (\$140,000.00) be de-appropriated from the 401 Care and Custody, account codes 420-18-13-7105 PV ADAMH PAX GBG Prevention (\$25,000.00), account code 420-18-13-7119 Chillicothe Digital Academy (\$10,000.00), account code 420-18-13-7154 Admin Program Costs (\$25,000.00), account code 420-18-13-7106 INTEG ERV FOR BEHAV (\$30,000.00), account code 420-18-13-7112 Ross Co Bully Free (\$20,000.00), and account code 420-18-13-7107 Lighthouse Community (\$30,000.00), according to a request of this date from the Ross County Auditor:

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

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the General Fund Budget Summary for 2023 in the amount of \$31,604,258.71.

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

**ALL FUNDS BUDGET SUMMARY**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the All Fund Budget Summary for 2023 in the amount of \$94,270,628.95

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

Commissioner Lowe offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION 075-22**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Ross, Ohio met in session this date, December 27, 2022 with the following members present: Dwight A. Garrett and James E. Lowe, R. Douglas Corcoran, absent.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE ROSS JAIL FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Ross (the "Board") desires to enter into a LOCAL JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement”), with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (the "Department") concerning the Ross County Jail Facility in the County (the "Project") in accordance with the terms hereof and the Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board as follows:

Section 1. Any two members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County are authorized and directed to execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the County, the Amendment, in substantially the form submitted to and now on file with the County, which is hereby approved, with such changes therein not inconsistent with this Resolution as may be approved by such members of the Board. The approval of such changes by this Board shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Amendment by such County Commissioners

Section 2. Each member of the Board and other county officials are each separately authorized to take any and all actions and to execute such certificates and other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate in order to affect the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and, to the extent inconsistent therewith, supersedes any prior resolution of this Board.

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

**REQUEST FOR PAYMENT BRICKER & ECKLER**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, to approve a pay request from Bricker & Eckler LLP for legal services rendered through November 30, 2022, for CMR procurement in the amount of \$2,625.00.

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

**REQUEST FOR PAYMENT BRICKER & ECKLER**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, to approve a pay request from Bricker & Eckler LLP for legal services rendered through November 30, 2022, for Construction at the Ross County Jail Renovation Project in the amount of \$25,137.50.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 10:00 am, to discuss matters to be kept confidential.

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

**REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

The executive session called at 10:00 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 10:20 am. No action was taken.

**REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 2 RESCHEDULED**

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of January 2, 2022, be rescheduled to January 3, 2022.

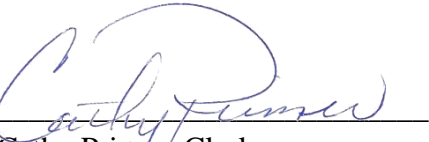
On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, absent. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**


**Mr. Steve Wilkinson, Kickback Cabins** spoke with the Commissioners regarding a neighbor that has cut a driveway into his property without the proper permits or permissions from the township or county. The drive is on a curve and vehicles exiting the drive cannot be seen by oncoming traffic. The drive is also an entrance to a scrap yard started by said neighbor. This is causing mud and debris to be drug onto the road making for unsafe driving conditions. Mr. Wilkinson has offered his time and equipment to improve the situation, but the neighbor is unwilling to accept his help and has now become belligerent and uncooperative. Prosecutor Jeff Marks, will initiate a conversation with the township Trustees about declaring the property a nuisance and abating the property. He will also contact Health Department to see if they can take the lead on cleaning up the property.

**ADJOURN**

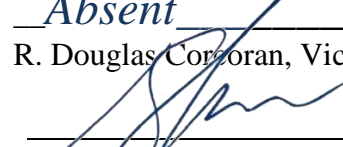
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, December 27, 2022, at 11:30 p.m.

  
Cathy Primer, Clerk

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

  
Dwight A. Garrett, President

Absent  
R. Douglas Corcoran, Vice President

  
James E. Lowe, Commissioner