

DECEMBER 30 – MEETING 53
VOLUME 27

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, December 30, 2024, in regular session.

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

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the minutes of the December 23, 2024, meeting be approved as submitted.
On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Everson, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
Sheriff	South Central Power Company	48.3
Sheriff	VISA	924.62
Recorder	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	41
Recorder	Office City Express	102.35
Recorder	Staff Source Inc.	1836
Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5
Coroner	Andrew Scotty Lagard	21.44
Coroner	Parcel N Post Express	33.3
Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	7000
Coroner	AT&T Mobility	208.68
Auditor	American Electric Power	2425.35
Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	1870.61
Auditor	South Central Power Company	1409
Auditor	Safeguard Business Systems	1169.01
Auditor	ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS II	381.88
Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	448.1
Auditor	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	22.25
		\$17,976.39

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated December 13 through December 30, 2024, in the amount of \$17,764.05 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. Everson, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes. Motion carried.

ASSET DISPOSAL

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal form submitted by the Ross County Recorder for disposal of the following surplus property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/ SERIAL	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
	Gas Lift Riser	17813	Transferred to Engineer Office

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

DE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, (\$20,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-07-31-7132 CHIP CDBG, (\$220,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-07-31-7133 CHIP HOME, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, (\$50,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-46-35-7103 Contract Services Residential, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, (\$35,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-07-32-7130 STBG Match, (\$200,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-07-32-7151 STBG Grant, and (\$65,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-07-32-7152 TA Grant, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, (\$1,500.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-29-11-7100 Travel, (\$33,500.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-29-11-7550 Confidential Funds, and (\$24,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-29-11-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, (\$500,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 558-01-01-7204 Contract Projects, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, (\$430,757.00) be de-appropriated from account code 510-10-00-7204 Contract Projects, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, (\$43.03) be de-appropriated from account code 231-51-00-7136 Election Expenses, (\$5,449.53) be de-appropriated from account code 231-51-00-7409 Auditor & Treasurer Fees, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, (\$79.31) be de-appropriated from account code 234-01-50-7103 Contract Services, (\$43.03) be de-appropriated from account code 234-01-50-7136 Election Expenses, and (\$5,564.41) be de-appropriated from account code 234-01-50-7409 Auditor & Treasurer fees, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, (\$97,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-99-39-7001 Salaries Employees, (\$15,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-99-39-7012 PERS, (\$3,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-99-39-7014 Group Insurance, and (\$2,000.00) be de-appropriated from account code 420-99-39-7017 Medicare, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to de-appropriate the following, per a request of December 30, 2024 from the Ross County Auditor.

ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT
PVADAMH PAX GBG Prevention	420-18-13-7105	(\$ 41,000.00)
Integrated Serv for Behavioral Health	420-18-13-7106	(\$ 27,000.00)
Lighthouse Comm Juv Justice Serv	420-18-13-7107	(\$ 33,000.00)
Probation Electronic Monitoring	420-18-13-7110	(\$ 8,000.00)
Zane Trace Be Here	420-18-13-7114	(\$ 8,000.00)
T.E.A.M.	420-18-13-7116	(\$ 13,000.00)
Keys to Success	420-18-13-7117	(\$ 6,000.00)
Paper City Mentoring	420-18-13-7118	(\$ 11,000.00)
Chillicothe Digital Academy	420-18-13-7119	(\$ 14,000.00)
Probation Incentives	420-18-13-7130	(\$ 4,000.00)
Ross County Restitution	420-18-13-7131	(\$ 20,000.00)
Admin Program Costs	420-18-13-7154	(\$ 12,000.00)
Reimb - CASA	420-18-13-7842	(\$ 53,000.00)

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

TIME SHEET APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending December 28, 2024.

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

The following proclamation was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, December 30, 2024, with Dwight A. Garrett, James E. Lowe and Jack A. Everson in attendance.

RESOLUTION NO. 054-24
INTERIM APPOINTMENT ROSS COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners, received and accepted the resignation of Ty Hinton, Clerk of Courts, effective date December 31; and
WHEREAS, the Board wishes to appoint Jordan Wheeler as Interim Clerk of Courts, effective date January I, 2025, and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Jordan Wheeler to serve as Interim Ross County until the Clerk of Courts until the Clerk of Courts elected term begins on January 6, 2025, and
BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ross County Board of Commissioners authorizes the President of the Board to endorse any and all documents necessary to formalize the appointment of Jordan Wheeler Ross County Clerk of Courts, until his elected term begins January 6, 2025.

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

GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET SUMMARY

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the General Fund Budget Summary for 2025 in the amount of \$36,473,472.79.

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

ALL FUNDS BUDGET SUMMARY

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the All Funds Budget Summary for 2025 in the amount of \$170,245,152.65.

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

APPOINTMENT GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the appointment of Robin Farleigh, to solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Ohio, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Guardian ad Litem in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Ross County, Ohio, according to the best of my ability and understanding.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to accept the appointment of Kelsey Krech, to solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Ohio, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Guardian ad Litem in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Ross County, Ohio, according to the best of my ability and understanding.

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

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to accept the appointment of Hollie Reynolds, to solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Ohio, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Guardian ad Litem in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Ross County, Ohio, according to the best of my ability and understanding.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to accept the appointment of Sara Rolfe, to solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Ohio, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Guardian ad Litem in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Ross County, Ohio, according to the best of my ability and understanding.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 11:12am, to discuss Personnel Matters.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 11:12am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:47am. No action was taken.

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO GOODHUE CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to enter into a contract with Goodhue Consulting for Professional Services for Legal and Traffic Engineering services to set parameters for and review on behalf of the County, a Traffic Impact Study for the proposed development by DR Horton. Goodhue Consulting, Inc. will provide professional engineering services to the County for the term beginning December 10, 2024, through December 31, 2025 for maximum compensation of \$10,000.00.

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

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BRICKER GRAYDON

Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the engagement letter for Bricker Graydon to provide Tax Increment Financing legal services associated with possible public improvements on Pleasant Valley Road associated with a proposed housing development by DR Horton. Estimate of Services is between \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

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

BUDGET REQUEST ADDENDUM PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, to amend the 2025 budget after the first of the year to include the carryover \$544,750.00 into account code 100-01-00-7105 Contract Services Comprehensive Plan. This account was overlooked in the Planning Department budget request.

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

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO GUARDIAN RFID COMMAND CLOUD SUBSCRIPTION


Mr. Everson moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract with Guardian RFID, effective 12/30/2025 for a system comprised of hardware, support services, and a web based software as a service platform to deliver a wide range of inmate management, monitoring, and tracking solutions and the Customer desires to implement the Command Cloud System by subscribing for the right to use the Command Cloud Subscription Services and Command Cloud Mobile Devices and purchasing certain Command Cloud Mobile Device Accessories at a cost of \$34,927.80

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

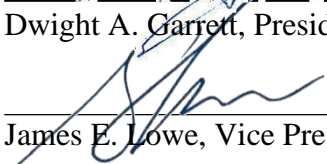
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

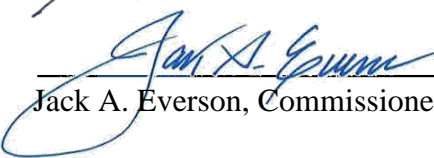
Mr. Dwight A. Garrett, President, adjourned the regular meeting of December 30, 2024, at 11:48 a.m. Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Dwight A. Garrett, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



Jack A. Everson, Commissioner