

JANUARY 20– MEETING 3
VOLUME 29

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, January 20, 2026, in regular session.

Commissioner Jack Everson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with Commissioner James Lowe and David Glass in attendance.

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting, be approved as submitted. On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
VOCA	Ohio Domestic Violence Net	100	Engineer	Tow Path Materials	449.4
VOCA	T-Mobile USA Inc	28.42	Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	223.1
Veterans Service Commission	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	78.41	Engineer	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	313.67
Veterans Service Commission	J&W Enterprises Inc	600	Engineer	Sugarloaf Power Equipment	129.23
Treasurer	Ross County Clerk of Courts	2420	Engineer	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	248.34
Treasurer	TABITHA SHAFFER	38.6	Engineer	Principal Truck Supply	230.22
Treasurer	Amazon Capital Services	118.96	Engineer	The Chas E. Phipps Company	158.67
Treasurer	Amazon Capital Services	61.7	Engineer	Old Canal Stop	27.5
Treasurer	Amazon Capital Services	23.45	Engineer	Ohio Machinery Co	107.2
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	1529.71	Engineer	Morton Salt	22128.28
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	585.05	Engineer	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	473.99
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	723.2	Engineer	MD Solutions	1536
Sheriff	HCMP, Inc	881	Engineer	Kenworth Truck Co.	59.89
Sheriff	Office City Express	30.61	Engineer	JAMAR Technologies, Inc.	223.85
Sheriff	Printex Printing	69	Engineer	Dexter Company	64.21
Sheriff	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	1540.21	Engineer	Hupp Electrical Service LLC	349.43
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	511	Engineer	Airgas Great Lakes	2992.03
Sheriff	Glo Fiber	244.69	Engineer	Adena Health System	170
Sheriff	Governmentjobs.com, Inc	414.75	Engineer	Advance Auto Parts	108
Sheriff	Governmentjobs.com, Inc	2844	Dog Warden	Glo Fiber	131.36
Sheriff	Governmentjobs.com, Inc	2666.25	Dog Warden	Covetrus North America	386.26
Sheriff	Visa	821.16	Coroner	Amazon Capital Services	183.49
Sheriff	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc	631.44	Coroner	MARK A GRAY	19
Sheriff	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000	Coroner	US Bank Equipment Finance	202.46
Sheriff	Sparkle Cleaners	38.2	Coroner	Coroner Files, LLC	550
Sheriff	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	51.5	Common Pleas Court #2	Globe Furniture	1195
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8543.07	Common Pleas Court #2	Office Depot Inc.	68.95
Sheriff	Penwell, Julia	314.95	Common Pleas Court #2	Office City Express	1500
Sheriff	Galls, LLC	71.49	Common Pleas Court #2	Globe Furniture	186.25
Sheriff	AutoZone	67.98	Common Pleas Court #2	Clevenger, Leah	30
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	15.8	Common Pleas Court #2	Printex Printing	150
Sheriff	Krace Gill	530	Common Pleas Court #1	Rafael Montanez	253.1
Sheriff	Krace Gill	450	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1025.17
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	795	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	150
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	675	Commissioners	Central Center Hardware	87.62
Sheriff	Adena Health System	769.85	Commissioners	Speer Mechanical	30480
Sheriff	Adena Health System	48	Commissioners	McKee Door Sales of Colum	707.5
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	288.11	Commissioners	P&R Communications Servic	3416.18
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1114.49	Commissioners	Speer Mechanical	694.2
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	700.87	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	216.29
Sheriff	Columbus Radiology Corp.	550	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	4408.64
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	37.75	Commissioners	Fastenal Company	1299.44
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	678.86	Commissioners	Veregy East, LLC	22800
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	482.39	Commissioners	Treasurer of State	273
Sheriff	Office City Express	1.07	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	155.8
Sheriff	Office City Express	7.33	Commissioners	Thomas Gas Services, Inc.	7.72
Sheriff	Office City Express	6.88	Commissioners	American Electric Power	8407.92
Sheriff	Treasurer, State of Ohio	7200	Commissioners	Iron City Implement	36.99
Sheriff	DPS Media, Inc	173.18	Commissioners	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	389.2
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	59.13	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	276.17
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	236.48	Commissioners	Speer Mechanical	2196
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	118.24	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	289.86
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	295.65	Commissioners	Ohio Software Services	2030
Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	2959.94	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	30.34
Ross County Court System	Compass Integration LLC	4844.5	Commissioners	Juvenile Detention Center	52396.8
Ross County Court System	Ross County Commissioners	1401.62	Commissioners	Ohio Software Services	1115
Ross County Court System	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTR	294.4	Commissioners	JSL Landscape Construc	23950
Ross County Court System	ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTR	562.9	Commissioners	Chillicothe Utilities Dept.	680.93
Recorder	Total ID Solutions	195	Commissioners	Sedgwick Claims Managem	1164
Recorder	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	17.5	Commissioners	Muffler Brothers	436.97
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	20.61	Commissioners	Schindler Elevator Corporatio	1810.97
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, L	2880	Commissioners	Coppel Coal & Supply Co.	502
Prosecuting Attorney	Axia Technology Partners, L	115	Commissioners	Iron City Implement	19.98
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	378.57	Commissioners	Lowe's	672.75
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	300	Commissioners	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	417
Prosecuting Attorney	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	123	Commissioners	Liberty Mutual	100
Prosecuting Attorney	Karpel Solutions	16150	Commissioners	Amazon Capital Services	153.88
Prosecuting Attorney	Lexis-Nexis	826	Commissioners	State Electric Supply, Inc.	77.57
Prosecuting Attorney	Karpel Solutions	3200	Commissioners	Glo Fiber	114.37
Prosecuting Attorney	Microsystems Inc	416.2	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	277.07
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	600	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	8.5
Probate Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	23.5	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	1630.65
Probate Court	JENNIFER ATER	29	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	225
Probate Court	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	465.01	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	229.01
Planning Commission	WALLACE & PANCHER INC.	13500	Commissioners	Waste Management of Ohio	329.65
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	12150	Commissioners	Speer Mechanical	1236
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	1200	Commissioners	Capital One Commercial	439.02
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	2873.75	Commissioners	K&K Carpet Care of Chillico	14940
Planning Commission	A Morton Thomas and Assoc	1709.8	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	7.78
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	4512.5	Commissioners	General Sales Company	456.7
Planning Commission	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	10871.61	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	568.96
Planning Commission	City of Logan	1032530.96	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	529.25
Planning Commission	Village of Zaleski	42218.36	Commissioners	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	73.53
Planning Commission	Schooley Caldwell Associate	10262.1	Commissioners	CCAO	10111
Planning Commission	Montrose Group, LLC	5000	Commissioners	National Association of Cou	1542
Planning Commission	Village of Greenfield	22973.85	Clerk of Courts	Amazon Capital Services	115.08
Planning Commission	Belmont County Port Author	177699.26	Clerk of Courts	Printex Printing	425
Planning Commission	StreamLink Software Inc	17500	Building Department	Verizon Wireless	160.44
Planning Commission	Village of Greenfield	166465.35	Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	102.47
Planning Commission	American Structure Point, In	11048.5	Board of Elections	Amazon Capital Services	38.82
Litter Control	Wex Bank	174.61	Automatic Data Processing	Gordon Flesch Co, Inc.	50.78
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Wa	15.5	Automatic Data Processing	Verizon Wireless	265.11
Juvenile Court	ALLYSSA SANDOVAL	117.6	Automatic Data Processing	Swango Cabling & Trenching I	173.3
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	147.06	Automatic Data Processing	VC3 INC	1622.71
Juvenile Court	Supreme Court of Ohio	100	Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	2444
Juvenile Court	Hallenross & Assoc., LLC	585	Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	19.99
Juvenile Court	Pryor Learning Solutions	249	Automatic Data Processing	Amazon Capital Services	545.27
Juvenile Court	BILLIE LYTHE	39.96	Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	226.7
Juvenile Court	Preston, Maloree	1200	Auditor	Clark, John K. Jr.	787.5
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	2916.67	Auditor	Clark, John K. Jr.	937.5
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	379.78	Auditor	Brian T. Goldberg	205.6
Juvenile Court	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	1500	Auditor	Rutherford, Chase Colin	250
Juvenile Court	King, Kristen	750	Auditor	Benson, Melinda J	125
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitc	145	Auditor	ANTHONY M SKOWRONEK	1275
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitc	900	Auditor	KARYN JUSTICE	2002.5
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	6250	Auditor	Pitney Bowes, Inc	2248.41
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	1294.28	Auditor	First Communications, LLC	50.81
Engineer	CSX Transportation, Inc	5000	Auditor	Wex Bank	45.87
Engineer	County Engineers Associat	380	Auditor	Glo Fiber	847.92
Engineer	Carpenter Marty Transportat	34248.9	Auditor	Printex Printing	100
Engineer	Clemans, Nelson & Associat	345	Auditor	The Huntington National Ban	20126.05
Engineer	Deric Cox	237.12	Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	76.7
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	837.02	Auditor	Pike Co. Recovery Council	253.78
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	17383.44	Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	499.5
			Auditor	Treasurer of State	75

\$1,956,374.28

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Everson seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated January 15, 2026 through January 20, 2026, in the amount of \$58,837.73 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. Glass, yes; Mr. Lowe, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$111.66 from Jail Diversion Grant Fund into account codes 420-29-07-7800 Reimbursements (\$110.88) and account code 420-29-07-7150 Office Supplies (\$.78), per a request of January 20, 2026 from the Ross County Sheriff.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$7,605.00 from General Fund, into account code 100-01-13-7450 Grant Regional Planning, per a request of January 20, 2026 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$361,256.00 from General Fund into account code 100-11-02-7123 Public Defenders Office, per a request of January 20, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$10,000.00 from One Ohio Opioid Fund, into account code 420-01-14-7450 Grants Other, per a request of January 20, 2026 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$276,563.62 from ACGP Appalachian Fund into account code 420-07-32-7457, per a request of January 20, 2026 from the Ross County Planning.

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

The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on January 27, 2025, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass in attendance:

RESOLUTION 004-26

AUTHORIZING ROSS COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAND USE PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of strategic planning in guiding the future growth, development, and preservation of Ross County;

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Agriculture Land Use Planning Grant opportunity would enable the County to support the work already underway by helping to offset the costs associated with professional planning services and technical analysis;

WHEREAS, the Ross County Board of Commissioners recognizes the significance of this initiative and the long-term benefits it will bring to the residents and communities of Ross County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Ross County, Ohio, that:

The Board strongly supports the Ross County Planning & Development Department's application for grant funding to support the update of the Ross County Comprehensive Plan;

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

RESOLUTION 005-26

DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2026.

Commissioner Glass moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jack A. Everson is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Ross County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David Glass is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Ross County.

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

REQUEST FOR HEARING LIQUOR PERMIT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to not hold a hearing for a new liquor permit for the Golf Barn LLC, The Golf Barn 1403 Sulphur Lick Rd, Frankfort OH 45628.

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

PROMULGATION STATEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to sign the Promulgation Statement for the Ross County Emergency Operation Plan. This plan is a statement of policy regarding emergency management and assigns tasks and responsibilities to county officials, department heads and various agencies and organizations specifying their roles before, during and after an emergency or disaster situation. It is developed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5502 and 3750 and the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) from Presidential Directive, HSPD-5.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 10:40 am, to discuss matters to be kept confidential regarding the Ross County Shoemaker Airport.

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

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

The executive session called at 10:40 am was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:27 am. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Michael Burns, Managing Director Ohio Public Finance, Baird – discussed various financing options to consider for the restoration and improvements to the Ross County Courthouse.

Janelle McManis, Ross County Health Commissioner discussed her desire to have the Piggy Back Tax reinstated. The Commissioners explained that this fund had not been active since 2007. With the reduction in property tax and the increased mandated share the county is obligated to pay, for Job and Family services, there is no plan to reinstate the piggyback tax.

Myranda Vance, Director Ross County Park District – requested clarification on her budget appropriations.

Sheriff Lavender – requested information on the county policy for credit card usage. Certain licensing required by the department, can only be purchased through credit card transfer. Attorney Chase Carter will research the issue and draft a new county policy regarding credit card usage, for the Commissioners to review.

Economic Development Work Session**ADJOURN**

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of January 20, at 12:25 pm, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner