

SEPTEMBER 14 – MEETING 39
VOLUME 29

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, September 14, 2026, in regular session.

Commissioner Jack Everson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., with Commissioner James Lowe and Commissioner David Glass in attendance.

Commissioner Everson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the minutes of the September 8, 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. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	TOTAL VALUE			
Adult Probation	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	319.94	Planning Commission	08543 (Bricker Graydon LLP)	1668.75
Automatic Data Processing Board	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	137.43	Probate Court	27627 (Franklin County Probate Court)	496
Common Pleas Court #1	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	138.62	Juvenile Court	00730 (Abraxas Ohio)	6980
Recorder	55041 (Modem Office Methods, Inc.)	76.44	Juvenile Court	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	92.98
Adult Probation	82499 (Stepmobile LLC)	500	Juvenile Court	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	33.05
Commissioners	15000 (Chillicothe Utilities Dept.)	786.01	Treasurer	31347 (Glacier Mountain Bottled Water)	16
Adult Probation	29583 (The Garden Family Advocacy Center)	1052.15	Treasurer	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	56.91
Commissioners	90182 (Waste Management of Ohio)	1765.56	Planning Commission	73018 (Ross County Park District)	86973.5
Commissioners	90182 (Waste Management of Ohio)	229.01	Veterans Service Commission	21874 (Day Funeral Service)	1000
Commissioners	90182 (Waste Management of Ohio)	297.31	Planning Commission	6161 (Beyond Consulting Group LLC)	22341.34
Commissioners	90182 (Waste Management of Ohio)	435.09	Planning Commission	08543 (Bricker Graydon LLP)	29536.25
Commissioners	74130 (Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc)	596.85	Planning Commission	15469 (Choice One Engineering Corporation)	10500
Commissioners	20839 (DTB Distributors, Inc.)	671.08	Adult Probation	01390 (Alcohol Monitoring Systems Inc)	169.26
Commissioners	78120 (Sherwin Williams Company)	33.95	Juvenile Court	46640 (Lighthouse Youth Services)	2916.67
Commissioners	39327 (International Identification, Inc.)	1901.4	Juvenile Court	46640 (Lighthouse Youth Services)	6250
Clerk of Courts	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	131	Juvenile Court	46640 (Lighthouse Youth Services)	2787.56
Adult Probation	91120 (Thomson Reuters - West)	381.59	Planning Commission	15469 (Choice One Engineering Corporation)	10500
Adult Probation	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	7.03	Juvenile Court	46640 (Lighthouse Youth Services)	6250
Commissioners	31347 (Glacier Mountain Bottled Water)	5.75	Juvenile Court	46640 (Lighthouse Youth Services)	2916.67
Commissioners	30141 (General Sales Company)	486.22	Juvenile Court	46640 (Lighthouse Youth Services)	3442.85
Commissioners	08543 (Bricker Graydon LLP)	1222.5	Juvenile Court	43780 (Kristen King)	211.87
Building Department	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	33.95	Juvenile Court	43780 (Kristen King)	1050
Commissioners	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	25	Juvenile Court	39247 (Integrated Services of Appalachian Ohio)	6250
Commissioners	08543 (Bricker Graydon LLP)	3046.25	Planning Commission	88946 (Village of Georgetown)	49051
Commissioners	08543 (Bricker Graydon LLP)	2858.75	Juvenile Court	39247 (Integrated Services of Appalachian Ohio)	6250
Adult Probation	88898 (Verizon Wireless)	128.84	Juvenile Court	30920 (Peachtree Monitoring)	1490
Engineer	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	344.98	Common Pleas Court #1	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	65.11
Engineer	15682 (Cintas Corporation # 530)	390.18	Planning Commission	88946 (Village of Georgetown)	23451
Engineer	18960 (Coppel Coal & Supply Co.)	99.75	Planning Commission	88946 (Village of Georgetown)	743411.46
Engineer	27788 (Friends Service Co. Inc)	124.94	Planning Commission	5087 (BDT AID, Inc)	4671.88
Engineer	39832 (JDA Insurance Agency LLC)	200	Planning Commission	09263 (Bruns Construction Enterprises, Inc)	163647.29
Engineer	47765 (Lowe's)	75.05	Planning Commission	35591 (JOHN W HEMMINGS III)	16162.63
Engineer	52410 (Melvin Stone Co.)	164.17	Planning Commission	1047 (Adams County Regional Medical Center)	382398.84
Engineer	78120 (Sherwin Williams Company)	780.24	Law Library	46427 (Lexis-Nexis)	1127.96
Engineer	71400 (Ross Auto Parts)	206.84	Planning Commission	75900 (Schooley Caldwell Associates Inc)	2061.69
Engineer	86942 (Tim's Tires & Accessories)	250	Law Library	31410 (Glo Fiber)	55
Engineer	87025 (Tow Path Materials)	226.5	Ross County Court System	91356 (Westside Media)	48.75
Engineer	89242 (WW. Williams)	1289.6	Ross County Court System	31410 (Glo Fiber)	1374
Engineer	46647 (Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC)	516.52	Ross County Court System	26640 (Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.)	1467.95
Engineer	01087 (Advanced Hydraulics and Hoses)	201.9	Sheriff	14520 (Chillicothe Gazette)	1445.1
Planning Commission	91356 (Westside Media)	30	Sheriff	27788 (Friends Service Co. Inc)	117.86
Automatic Data Processing Board	88721 (VC3 INC)	3519.79	Sheriff	27788 (Friends Service Co. Inc)	125.71
Commissioners	82130 (State Electric Supply, Inc.)	59.5	Sheriff	27788 (Friends Service Co. Inc)	18.33
Commissioners	82130 (State Electric Supply, Inc.)	506.08	Sheriff	52320 (Adena Health System)	65.61
Commissioners	41872 (K&K Carpet Care of Chillicothe)	8500.8	Sheriff	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	130
Commissioners	86300 (Thomas Gas Services, Inc.)	7.72	Prosecuting Attorney	46427 (Lexis-Nexis)	863
Clerk of Courts	88138 (UPS)	61.89	Prosecuting Attorney	03499 (Axia Technology Partners, LLC)	24
Commissioners	80614 (Southern Ohio Shredding LLC)	417	Prosecuting Attorney	03499 (Axia Technology Partners, LLC)	115
Commissioners	02070 (American Electric Power)	9574.54	Prosecuting Attorney	03499 (Axia Technology Partners, LLC)	315
Clerk of Courts	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	38.61	Prosecuting Attorney	03499 (Axia Technology Partners, LLC)	2880
Engineer	74158 (Rush Truck Centers of Ohio)	3387.87	Prosecuting Attorney	53047 (Microsystems Inc)	428.66
Engineer	74158 (Rush Truck Centers of Ohio)	207.82	Prosecuting Attorney	26640 (Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.)	378.57
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Prosecuting Attorney	26640 (Gordon Flesch Co., Inc.)	123	VOCA	85277 (T-Mobile USA Inc)	28.92
Coroner	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	19	Auditor	16327 (John K. Clark)	262.5
Coroner	39256 (INTERACTIVE DATA LLC)	125	Auditor	16327 (John K. Clark)	262.5
Coroner	57267 (NMS Labs)	1673	Auditor	16327 (John K. Clark)	300
Sheriff	13718 (Charter Communications Holdings, LLC)	787.53	Auditor	10715 (CNBLAW, LLC)	125
Sheriff	00120 Reimbursements (00120 Reimbursements)	20.06	Auditor	05933 (Jennifer Berry)	690
Sheriff	2623 (Aramark Services, Inc)	9462.04	Veterans Service Commission	89890 (Ware Funeral Home)	1000
Sheriff	76560 (Scioto-P.V. Mental Health)	14166.65	Veterans Service Commission	26378 (Wex Bank)	126.83
Sheriff	20839 (DTB Distributors, Inc.)	487.98	Auditor	02070 (American Electric Power)	57.85
Sheriff	20839 (DTB Distributors, Inc.)	356.51	Auditor	01849 (Amazon Capital Services)	317.31
Sheriff	20839 (DTB Distributors, Inc.)	42.66	Board of Elections	87847 (Triad Governmental System)	1670.07
Sheriff	64190 (Roger Ratcliff)	136.3	Auditor	73320 (Ross Co. Water Company)	88.31
Sheriff	25406 (Fayette County Commissioners)	1136.95	Auditor	26378 (Wex Bank)	85.22
Sheriff	20828 (DPS Media, Inc)	33.2	Auditor	25862 (First Communications, LLC)	37.39
Sheriff	03488 (AutoZone)	37.48	Auditor	31410 (Glo Fiber)	687.95
Sheriff	29355 (Galls, LLC)	308.84	Auditor	31410 (Glo Fiber)	1842.03
Sheriff	31410 (Glo Fiber)	54.74			\$1,703,389.11
Sheriff	31410 (Glo Fiber)	511			
Sheriff	87480 (Treasurer of State)	255			
Sheriff	80614 (Southern Ohio Shredding LLC)	51.5			
Sheriff	44510 (Kodex, Inc)	45			
Sheriff	25582 (Fifth Third Bank)	80			
Sheriff	29355 (Galls, LLC)	2631.28			
Sheriff	29355 (Galls, LLC)	2806.7			
Sheriff	29355 (Galls, LLC)	409.31			
Sheriff	53002 (Michael A. Murphy, Ph.D.)	1100			
Sheriff	87360 (Treasurer - State of Ohio)	4109			
Sheriff	89010 (VISA)	285			

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated August 31, 2026 through September 14, 2026, in the amount of \$38.60 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. Glass, yes; Mr. Everson, yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to transfer \$300.00 from account code 100-02-00-7150 Supplies, into account code 100-02-00-7550 Other Expenses, per a request of September 14, 2026 from the Ross County Auditor.

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 transfer \$11,775.90 from account code 219-20-00-7550 Other Expenses into account codes 100-14-00-7001 Salaries (\$10,200.00), account code 100-14-00-7017 Medicare (\$147.90) and account code 100-14-00-7013 PERS (\$1,428.00), per a request of September 14, 2026 from the Ross County Court Administrator.

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 transfer the following, per a request of September 14, 2026 from the Ross County Juvenile Court.

ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT
Zane Trace Be Here	420-18-13-7114	Lighthouse Community Juv Justice Services	420-18-13-7107	\$ 8,050.76
T. E. A. M.	420-18-13-7116	Lighthouse Community Juv Justice Services	420-18-13-7107	\$ 6,000.00
Paper City Mentoring	420-18-13-7118	Lighthouse Community Juv Justice Services	420-18-13-7107	\$ 6,000.00
Ross County Restitution	420-18-13-7131	Lighthouse Community Juv Justice Services	420-18-13-7107	\$ 2,000.00
PVADAMH PAX GBG Prev.	420-18-13-7105	Lighthouse Community Juv Justice Services	420-18-13-7107	\$ 1,470.00

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

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to appropriate \$32,714.36 from 2025 JAG Fund into account codes 410-29-02-7550 Other Costs (\$13,424.16) and account code 410-29-02-7104 Confidential Funds (\$19,290.20), per a request of September 14, 2026, from the Ross County US 23 Major Crimes Task Force.

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 \$82,814.60 from 401 Care & Custody Fund into account codes 420-18-13-7106 Integrated Services (\$30,000.00), account code 420-18-13-7119 Chillicothe Digital Academy (\$27,533.35) account code 420-18-13-7110 Probation Electronic Monitoring (\$5,754.00) and account code 420-18-13-7107 Lighthouse Justice (\$19,527.25), per a request of September 14, 2026, from the Ross County Juvenile Court.

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

STORM WATER ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, not not to increase or decrease any of the assessments that have been calculated for the following storm water districts: Northview Estates, Sherman Heights, Teays Valley Estates PH. I, Teays Valley Estates PH. 2, Teays Valley Estates PH. 3, Slate Creek Cove, Creek View, Golf View Block D & E, Clayton Mills - Sub District A, Clayton Mills- Sub District B, Raygans Meadow, Cross Creek, Arrow Wood and Autumn Woods.

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

The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on September 14, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance:

RESOLUTION NO. 026-26

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 028-25 TO AUTHORIZE SCIOTO COUNTY TO JOIN THE ROSS-PIKE RURAL OHIO HOSPITAL JOINT FUNDING DISTRICT AND RENAMING THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly authorized the formation of the Ross-Pike Rural Ohio Hospital Joint Funding District (the "District") through Am. Sub. H.B. No. 96 for the purpose of levying assessments on hospitals within participating counties to support the nonfederal share of the Rural Southern Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized Ross County to join the District by its Resolution 028-25 adopted on June 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Scioto County is listed among the counties that may participate in the District, and Scioto County qualifies for participation in the District because Scioto County has fewer than two hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Scioto County, by its Resolution No. 26- Zit, adopted on 9/1 ,J , 2026, authorized Scioto County to join the District upon approval of the Board and the Board of Commissioners of Pike County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Section 333.300(8)(2) of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 96 states that "[f]ollowing the creation of a multi-county funding district, each resolution or ordinance required to establish the district shall be amended before a new county may join the district;" and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the potential benefits of Scioto County joining the District to ensure continued support for local hospital services and Medicaid financing and the Board desires to allow Scioto County to join the District.

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

1. Authorization to Join: The Board hereby amends Resolution 028-25 to authorize Scioto County's participation in the District and hereby renames the District the "Ross-Pike-Scioto Rural Ohio Hospital Joint Funding District."
- 2o Implementation and Execution: The Board authorizes the Clerk of the Board, in coordination with the County Prosecuting Attorney, to take all actions necessary and to execute all required agreements and documents to formalize Scioto County's addition to the District.
- 3: Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
4. Open Meetings: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were conducted 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 the law.

LIQUOR PERMIT NO HEARING

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to not request a hearing on the transfer of a liquor license from 1ST STOP INC, 617 FRANKFORT CLARKSBURG PK FRANKFORT OH 45628, Muni/Village/Twp: Concord Twp to SG Group Oil LLC, 617 Frankfort Clarksburg Pk Frankfort OH 45431, Muni/Village/Twp: Concord Twp.

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

ROSS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DELCARE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOLLOWING SEVERE FLOODING CHILLICOTHE, OHIO - The Ross County Board of Commissioners has declared a State of Emergency in Ross County following significant rainfall and flooding that has impacted portions of the county.

Heavy rainfall has resulted in flooded homes and properties, road closures, damage to public infrastructure, displacement of residents, and hazardous conditions in affected areas. Local response efforts have included county and local emergency management, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, highway and public works personnel, state agencies, relief organizations, and other community partners.

The Board of Commissioners adopted the emergency declaration on September 14, 2026, following a recommendation from the Ross County Emergency Management Agency and consultation with local officials. The declaration formally recognizes the severity of the flooding and provides the County with additional flexibility to coordinate resources, request assistance, document damages and costs, and support ongoing response and recovery efforts.

"Our immediate priority is the safety of Ross County residents and supporting the communities and families affected by this flooding," the Board of Commissioners stated. "We are grateful for the tremendous response from first responders, public employees, relief organizations, volunteers, and neighbors throughout Ross County. We will continue working together across jurisdictions as we assess the damage and begin the recovery process." County officials and partner agencies will continue assessing damage to roads, public infrastructure, homes, businesses, and other property. The declaration also authorizes continued coordination with municipalities, townships, the State of Ohio, and other partners and allows the County to request additional assistance should it become necessary.

Residents are encouraged to continue exercising caution, avoid flooded or closed roadways, and follow guidance from local public safety officials as conditions develop.

The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners on September 14, 2026, with Jack A. Everson, James E. Lowe, and David Glass, in attendance:

EMERGENCY/DISASTER SITUATION DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Incident: Severe Thunderstorms / Flash Flooding
Incident Date: September 12, 2026
Jurisdiction: Ross County, Ohio

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2026, Ross County, Ohio experienced severe thunderstorms and excessive rainfall resulting in flash flooding and high-water conditions throughout portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, the resulting flooding created hazardous and potentially life-threatening conditions, including flooded residences and properties, residents isolated by floodwaters, displacement of individuals and families, flooded and impassable roadways, impacts to public infrastructure, disruption of transportation, and threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, these conditions required a coordinated emergency response involving the Ross County Emergency Management Agency, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, highway and public works personnel, state agencies, relief organizations, and other emergency-response partners; and

WHEREAS, emergency response and recovery operations remain ongoing, affected residents continue to require assistance, and the full extent of damages to residential and commercial property, public infrastructure, transportation systems, and other facilities continues to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, Ross County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordinating emergency-management activities within the County in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ross County Emergency Operations Plan, and other applicable emergency-management authorities;

Mission Statement: "Our mission is to coordinate people and resources through partnerships to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters whether natural or manmade."

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the information currently available and the severity and extent of the impacts resulting from the September 12, 2026 severe thunderstorms and flash flooding, I, Joshua J. Garrett, Director of the Ross County Emergency Management Agency, hereby determine that an emergency/disaster situation exists within Ross County requiring continued coordination of emergency response, recovery, damage assessment, resource management, and relief activities.

Accordingly, I hereby recommend that the Ross County Board of Commissioners declare a State of Emergency for Ross County, Ohio, resulting from the severe thunderstorms, excessive rainfall, flash flooding, and associated impacts beginning September 12, 2026.

Such declaration is recommended to formally recognize the emergency conditions affecting Ross County and to support continued emergency-management coordination, mutual-aid and resource requests, damage assessment, recovery operations, documentation of disaster-related costs, and requests for available state or federal assistance should such assistance become necessary.

Reference is hereby made to all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans, and agreements, and particularly to Chapter 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joshua J. Garrett, Director
Ross County Emergency Management Agency

RESOLUTION 027-26

ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
Began Raining Thursday, September 10, 2026 Through Sunday September 13, 2026

WHEREAS, Ross County, Ohio, has experienced significant rainfall and flooding resulting in dangerous conditions throughout portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in flooding of homes and properties, displacement of residents, closure and damage of public roadways and infrastructure, disruption of transportation, and conditions threatening the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, flooding and high-water conditions have required a coordinated response involving county and local emergency management, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, highway and public works personnel, state agencies, relief organizations, and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, Ross County Emergency Management Agency personnel and resources have been deployed, emergency response and relief operations are ongoing, and the full extent of damage to public and private property continues to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, It is expected that weather conditions for the next seven to ten days are calling for additional significant and substantial rainfall to impact areas of Ross County Ohio.

WHEREAS, continued flooding, infrastructure damage, recovery operations, and the needs of affected residents may require the continued deployment and coordination of County resources and assistance from municipalities, townships, other political subdivisions, agencies of the State of Ohio, relief organizations, and other emergency-response partners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code, including Sections 5502.21 and 5502.41, the Board of County Commissioners is the chief executive of Ross County for purposes of emergency management and is authorized to declare that an emergency exists and to request assistance or mutual aid as circumstances require;

RESOLUTION 028-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS STATE-OWNED LAND TO ROSS COUNTY, OHIO FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE HOUSING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROSS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), owns approximately 1,200 acres of land in Ross County associated with the Chillicothe Correctional Institution and the Ross Correctional Institution; and

WHEREAS, portions of this state-owned property are noncontiguous with secure correctional operations and have historically been used for agricultural or residential purposes; and

WHEREAS, Ross County has identified three areas of particular strategic importance (See attached maps): approximately 65. 78 acres of undeveloped land fronting State Route 104 and approximately 92.36 acres fronting Pleasant Valley Road, and approximately 54.31 acres fronting Sandusky Boulevard all of which are located within high-demand growth corridors identified in the Ross County Comprehensive Plan; and **WHEREAS**, the Ross County Comprehensive Plan establishes a clear vision for supporting market-rate workforce housing, expanding economic opportunities, and encouraging infill development in targeted corridors to strengthen the county's long-term economic vitality; and **WHEREAS**, local control of these excess state-owned lands through one of Ross County's economic arms such as the Ross County Community Improvement Corporation, Port Authority, or Land Bank would enable Ross County to advance the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and respond to increasing demand for housing and job-creating development; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the strategic reuse of publicly owned land is essential to supporting workforce retention, attracting new investment, and ensuring that Ross County remains competitive in the region; and **WHEREAS**, the Board further recognizes that collaboration between Ross County and the State of Ohio is necessary to ensure that excess state-owned land is evaluated, designated, and transferred in a manner that benefits both state and local interests.

WORKERS COMP SETTLEMENT CLAIM

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve a settlement claim through Sedgwick in the amount of \$8,200.00 for Sara Hempstead, former employee with the Ross County Sheriff’s Department.

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

AMENDMENT 2 CHAUNCEY STREET REVITALIZATION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve amendment 2 for the Chauncey Street Revitalization project. The Basic Services fees to be paid to the Architect are increased by \$13,500 for the design and construction administration costs related to (1) Site Parking Lot Design & Sidewalk Extension Conceptual Design; and (2) Graphic Design (Banners for Street Lights). The scope of work outlined in Exhibit A of this Amendment is incorporated in the scope of work outlined in Section 1.1.1 of the Agreement to the extent the terms of Exhibit A are not inconsistent with the Agreement. The total amount of Basic Services fees, as revised by this Amendment, payable to the Architect under this Agreement shall not exceed \$209,000 including Reimbursable Expenses.

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

GOODHUE CONSULTING INC CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve a contract amendment increase with Goodhue Consulting to increase the maximum limit of compensation and to continue work through December 31st 2027. Goodhue Consulting aids the planning department and the County Engineer with access management review, and traffic engineering services including developing scopes for traffic studies and with state and federal grant applications for programs such as the STBG and RTAP grants.

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

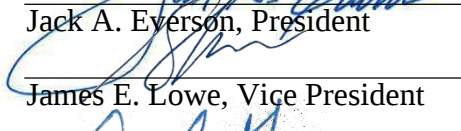
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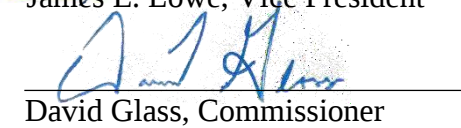
Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of September 14, 2026, at 9:53am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner