

**FEBRUARY 23- MEETING 8
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, February 23, 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 February 17, 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. Everson seconded, the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE			
Wellness	Amazon Capital Services	173.22	Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	13276.69
VOCA	T-Mobile USA Inc	28.42	Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	9009.23
Veterans Service Commission	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	57.5	Engineer	T-Mobile USA Inc	224.72
Veterans Service Commission	J&W Enterprises Inc	500	Engineer	Southern Equipment Co.	111.32
Veterans Service Commission	Finley, John	118	Engineer	Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc	248.34
Veterans Service Commission	Seward, Randy A.	700.61	Engineer	Razz Auto Parts	10.93
Veterans Service Commission	McGee, Matt	435.14	Engineer	Riffle & Son Machine Works	534.5
Veterans Service Commission	Spartz Plur	149	Engineer	Melvin Stone Co.	6313.32
Treasurer	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	23	Engineer	Main & High Startstop	287.92
Sheriff	Lakerhore IT Solutions	416.46	Engineer	Kenworth Truck Co.	393.38
Sheriff	DanCo Lettering	1937	Engineer	JAMAR Technologies, Inc.	54.3
Sheriff	Superior Uniform Sales, Inc	1688.58	Engineer	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc.	259.9
Sheriff	JOSHUA O BOMSAWIN	91	Engineer	Hart, Linda	580
Sheriff	Gla Fiber	2306.73	Engineer	Fayette County Solid Waste	50
Sheriff	Stap Stick, Ltd.	8093	Engineer	Fartonal Company	779.73
Sheriff	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	1033.04	Engineer	Dexter Company	61.36
Sheriff	Gla Fiber	895.38	Engineer	Caughlin Auto	1844.87
Sheriff	Purchase Power	12	Engineer	B & C Communications	3211.06
Sheriff	Purchase Power	54.82	Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	1175.81
Sheriff	Purchase Power	69	Engineer	Airgar Great Lakes	1414.32
Sheriff	Purchase Power	39	Engineer	Advanced Hydraulic and Hand	750
Sheriff	Purchase Power	180	Engineer	Ace Truck Body, Inc.	295.32
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	37.95	Engineer		49.25
Sheriff	Penuell, Julia	159.78	Emergency Management	Gordon Flerch Company	121.65
Sheriff	FBI- LEEDA	50	Emergency Management	Gordon Flerch Co, Inc.	54.97
Sheriff	FBI- LEEDA	50	Emergency Management	Gordon Flerch Co, Inc.	22.34
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	407.28	Emergency Management	Gordon Flerch Co, Inc.	11.06
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	330.96	Emergency Management	Fire-Safety Services Inc.	644
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	99.04	Deq Warden	Gla Fiber	209.36
Sheriff	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	378.73	Deq Warden	Cavetrax North America	940.75
Sheriff	Adena Health System	274.44	Coroner	CHRISTOPHER SABIN	875
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8056.82	Coroner	Kent Harshbarger, M.D.	12950
Sheriff	Calumbar Radiology Corp.	14.98	Common Pleas Court #1	Chillicothe Gazette	73.99
Sheriff	Red Diamond Uniform & Police	6.99	Commissioners	Ohio Software Services	1115
Sheriff	Adena Health System	190.95	Commissioners	Sherwin Williams Company	125.32
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	108.65	Commissioners	DTB Distributors, Inc.	367.09
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	1872.98	Commissioners	Hope Partnership Project	40000
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	898.15	Commissioners	Razz County Reentry Coalition	40000
Sheriff	Penuell, Julia	217.3	Commissioners	Stantec Consulting Services, I	501.59
Sheriff	Janina Johnson	276	Commissioners	Stantec Consulting Services, I	35227.74
Sheriff	Ercamilla, Vanessa	440	Commissioners	Treasurer, State of Ohio	100
Sheriff	Kadex, Inc	245	Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	79.25
Razz County Court System	US Bank Equipment Finance	869.76	Commissioners	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	29
Recorder	Modern Office Methods, Inc.	76.44	Commissioners	Warty Plumbing Supply, Inc.	16.44
Probate Court	Coleman Professional Services	23038.56	Commissioners	Thamar Gar Services, Inc.	7.72
Probate Court	Coleman Professional Services	28331.5	Commissioners	Neil Coleman Insurance Services	5192
Probate Court	Rutherford, Chare Calin	200	Clerk of Courts	Amazon Capital Services	53.57
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	600	Clerk of Courts	UPS	61.82
Planning Commission	Rio Grande Community College	529888.94	Certificate of Title	Sunrnh Water	33.58
Planning Commission	Rio Grande Community College	2258.67	Certificate of Title	US Bank Equipment Finance	342.39
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Society	94300	Certificate of Title	Karen Sexton	96.58
Planning Commission	Athens County Historical Society	189616.08	Certificate of Title	Amie Hamman	89.25
Planning Commission	American Structure Paint, Inc	6798.1	Building Department	Verizon Wireless	160.44
Planning Commission	Village of Chauncey	39158.88	Building Department	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	8.75
Planning Commission	Village of Chauncey	68388.19	Building Department	Amazon Capital Services	47.36
Planning Commission	Bricker Graydon LLP	237.5	Board of Elections	Fitney Bauer	182.13
Juvenile Court	Star Commonwealth	150	Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software,	75861.05
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	415	Board of Elections	Election Systems & Software,	1975
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	800	Automatic Data Processing B	PDO.COM Corporation	3256.8
Juvenile Court	Razz County Juvenile Court	53579	Auditor	Berry, Jennifer	78
Juvenile Court	Integrated Services of Appala	7500	Auditor	Berry, Jennifer	156
Juvenile Court	JEFF TATMAN	162.88	Auditor	Fultz, Marissa Marie	42
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	33	Auditor	Rutherford, Chare Calin	125
Juvenile Court	Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	14	Auditor	First Communications, LLC	40.52
Juvenile Court	J. JEFFREY BENSON	338.45	Auditor	Gla Fiber	108.83
Juvenile Court	Chillicothe City Schools	3250	Auditor	J.L. Uhrig & Associates	2100
Juvenile Court	Peachtree Electronic Monitor	1584	Auditor	Amazon Capital Services	150.04
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	711.2	Auditor	Treasurer, State of Ohio	1976.29
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	6250	Auditor	Reserve Account	79615
Juvenile Court	Lighthouse Youth Services	2916.67	Adult Probation	Amazon Capital Services	150.09
Engineer	Marter Locksmith and Safe S	60			
Engineer	World Fuel Services, Inc	13276.69			\$1,441,005.25

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 February 7, 2026 through February 21, 2026, in the amount of \$97,205.32 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 \$4,000,000.00 from St. Rt. 104 Sewer Project into account code 650-01-00-7113 Contract Services EPA, per a request of February 23, 2026 from the Ross County Commissioners.

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 \$16,736.94 from account code 420-29-00-1100 Recovery Ohio Fund, into account code 100-00-00-5842 General Fund, per a request of February 23, 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 \$8,000.00 from account code 212-29-01-7550 Other Expenses, into account code 212-29-01-7200 Equipment, per a request of February 23, 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.

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Wooden Credenza	1444	Surplus Property
1	Optiplex Computer	4686	Transfer to Court 2

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

TIME SHEET APPROVED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve the time sheet submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, County Administrator for the pay period ending February 21, 2026.

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

WALK THROUGH METAL DETECTOR REPLACEMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the purchase of a Walk-Through Metal Detector to be used at the entry to the Courthouse, for a cost of \$7,208.66.

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

STANTEC AMENDMENT 3 TO 2022 CONTRACT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve Amendment 3 to the Stantec General Services Agreement to include the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The total fees for the amended period of performance shall not exceed \$6,000.00 without approval of the Authority.

2026 RATE TABLE

ITEM	RATE (maximum)
Project Manager / Senior Associate	\$215.00 / hour
Project Engineer	\$160.00 / hour
Airports Engineer	\$135.00 / hour
Designer/Technician	\$110.00 / hour
Personal Vehicle Mileage (current IRS rate)	\$0.725 / mile (at time of agreement)
Automobile Rental	Actual Cost, plus gasoline

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

NOMINATION FOR MEMBER APPOINTMENT ROSS-CHILlicothe VISITORS BUREAU

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded to accept the request of Executive Director Melody Young to appoint Mr. Pat Quackenbush to the Ross-Chillicothe Visitors Bureau Board of Directors effective March 1, 2026. In accordance with the Bureau's bylaws, the appointment does not carry a defined expiration date

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

BID OPENING AIRPORT CONSULTANT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to open bids for an Airport Consultant; Two bids were received; Brand Stetter Carroll, Inc - \$65,000.00 and Thrasher - \$52,500.00. One bid was received after the deadline from Passero. The bids were given to County Administrator Brad Cosenza, for review and to make a recommendation.

2025 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to certify the 2025 County Highway System Mileage, provided by County Engineer Charlie Ortman, in accordance with the provisions specified in Section 4501.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The total length of county maintained public roads in Ross County was 400.43 miles as of December 31, 2024.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Ohio Public Defender – Patrick Clark, Ariel Eilola, and Ronald Lemieux, from the Ohio Public Defenders office, discussed the reimbursement rate for fiscal year 2027. Right now, the rate is reimbursed at 82%. The new rate will be dependent upon what is allotted, in the state budget.

Ross Chillicothe Visitors Bureau - Melody Young, Executive Director, presented the annual report for 2025.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of February 23, 2026, at 10:43 am.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President



James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner