

**MARCH 2- MEETING 9
VOLUME 29**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, March 2, 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 23, 2026 meeting, be approved as submitted.

On call of the roll, the vote 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	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DEPARTMENT	PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE
VOCA	Gla Fiber	177.72	Engineer	Kimberly J Litter, Fiscal Office	67854.64
Veterans Service Commission	American Electric Power	300	Engineer	Stephen A. Neal, Fiscal Office	63672.89
Veterans Service Commission	Amazon Capital Services	120.53	Engineer	Vicky Mettler, Fiscal Office	36474.51
Veterans Service Commission	Xerox Corp	210.17	Engineer	Dustin G Lewis, Fiscal Office	33474.62
Veterans Service Commission	OSACVSO	200	Engineer	Nanette L. Clary, Fiscal Office	33237.39
Sheriff	Highland Co. Sheriff	4299.36	Engineer	Harry B. Junk III, Fiscal Office	83232.11
Sheriff	Ross County Sheriff's Dept.	5000	Engineer	Roberta Barran, Fiscal Office	32443.89
Sheriff	American Electric Power	197.54	Engineer	Steven G. Wirecup, Fiscal Office	85484.39
Sheriff	US Bank Equipment Finance	170.49	Engineer	Corpuscular Heavy Transportal	6371.26
Sheriff	American Electric Power	37.67	Engineer	Corpuscular Heavy Transportal	26374.79
Sheriff	South Central Power Company	51.45	Engineer	Tau Park Materials	2368.8
Sheriff	Fenuell, Julia	79.39	Engineer	Sunkell Real Estate, Inc	43
Sheriff	DANA HUTTON	77.26	Engineer	State Electric Supply, Inc.	758.32
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9	Engineer	Rush Truck Centers of Ohio	7388.59
Sheriff	Adena Medical Group, LLC	7.9	Engineer	The MacGlaughlin Oil Co.	655
Sheriff	Adena Health System	587.04	Engineer	Glasboro Auto	645.75
Sheriff	Columbur Radiology Corp.	356.63	Engineer	Jack's Tire & Auto Center, Inc.	1654.86
Sheriff	Adena Health System	74	Engineer	Caughlin Auto	146.88
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	525.8	Engineer	Cielus Corporation # 538	445.39
Sheriff	Gallr, LLC	585.2	Engineer	DG Engineering Group, LLC	78841.65
Sheriff	Charm-Tex, Inc.	3297	Engineer	Amazon Capital Services	112.44
Sheriff	Aramark Services, Inc	8352.75	Engineer	Agro Chem Inc.	11458
Sheriff	PAUL HAWK	270	Engineer	Advantage Auto Parts	448.12
Sheriff	Hospitalist Medicine Physics	99.15	Deq/Warden	Pumas Printers New Jersey LLC	143.1
Sheriff	Printex Printing	550	Deq/Warden	Amazon Capital Services	58.78
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	99.68	Career	AT&T Mobility	143.57
Sheriff	EDITH WARD	54	Common Pleas Court III	Officer Regal Inc.	135.48
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	38.22	Common Pleas Court III	Amazon Capital Services	8.38
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	387.98	Common Pleas Court III	Amazon Capital Services	19.38
Sheriff	Sam's Club Direct	258.32	Common Pleas Court III	The Water Express	28.24
Sheriff	DTB Distributors, Inc.	445.45	Commissioner	Ross County Treasurer	4833.34
Sheriff	Davis Tire of Chillicothe	113.35	Commissioner	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	3185.48
Sheriff	Amazon Capital Services	631.59	Commissioner	Paul's Septic Tank Cleaning LLC	598
Sheriff	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	3408.1	Commissioner	Paul's Septic Tank Cleaning LLC	598
Sheriff	American Electric Power	452.73	Commissioner	Joana, Carol V.	385.66
Sheriff	American Electric Power	18488.61	Commissioner	Preritique	1456.19
Ross County Court System	Charter Communications	164.98	Commissioner	Sherwin Williams Company	34.35
Ross County Court System	Gordon Flinch Co, Inc.	681.4	Commissioner	State Electric Supply, Inc.	531.36
Recorder	GOVOS	2747.24	Commissioner	DTB Distributors, Inc.	29.5
Recorder	Office City Express	133.39	Commissioner	HS Caswell Inc	33659
Prosecuting Attorney	Southern Ohio Shredding LLC	34.5	Commissioner	Department of Veterans Affairs	5888.56
Probate Court	Franklin County Probate Court	1811	Commissioner	Department of Veterans Affairs	1838.23
Probate Court	Hill, Laura J.	200	Commissioner	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	2281.45
Planning Commission	C.T. CONSULTANTS INC	5220.26	Commissioner	American Electric Power	61.36
Planning Commission	NEW RIVER ENGINEERS INC	19612.46	Commissioner	Office City Express	133.8
Planning Commission	Ohio Regional Development	11250	Commissioner	Sherwin Williams Company	34.35
Planning Commission	Adams County Regional M-	361324.84	Commissioner	American Electric Power	146.5
Planning Commission	Village of Zaleski	146079.15	Commissioner	Master Locksmith and Safe Serv	388
Planning Commission	City of Logan	14006	Commissioner	Iron City Implement	141.39
Planning Commission	Jackson County Economic D	352620	Commissioner	State Electric Supply, Inc.	186.14
Planning Commission	JSL Home Repair LLC	44200	Commissioner	181 Mobility Inc.	653.5
Planning Commission	City of Hillsboro	1798.18	Commissioner	Grigoby Environmental Care	1688
Planning Commission	Mount Zion Black Cultural C	709067.62	Commissioner	T&H Construction, Inc.	348244.3
Planning Commission	HARDLINES DESIGN COMP	9004.5	Commissioner	R/Wright and Sons LTD	563.8
Planning Commission	American Structure Paint, I	2276.4	Commissioner	Master Locksmith and Safe Serv	28
Planning Commission	Treasurer, State of Ohio	469.75	Commissioner	Industrial Reliability and Rep.	284
Planning Commission	Glacier Mountain Battle-d W	41	Commissioner	Worly Plumbing Supply, Inc.	747.72
Lau Library	Gla Fiber	60.26	Clerk of Courts	UPS	3.77
Juvenile Court	King, Kirtan	120	Clerk of Courts	Amazon Capital Services	13.35
Juvenile Court	BILLIE LYTLE	14.96	Clerk of Courts	Office City Express	283.56
Juvenile Court	Pike Co. Recovery Council	870.36	Clerk of Courts	Ohio Dept of Job & Family Serv	2635.62
Juvenile Court	Ohio Judicial Conference	50	Certificate of Title	J.D. Power	585
Juvenile Court	Ohio Association of Magistra-	350	Building Department	DAVID BITLER	12
Juvenile Court	E.B. Evaluations, Inc	375	Building Department	Wes Bank	433.52
Juvenile Court	Speedway Prepaid Card LLC	200	Auditor	South Central Power Company	2586
Juvenile Court	Speedway Prepaid Card LLC	3.95	Auditor	American Electric Power	5536.39
Juvenile Court	King, Kirtan	97.72	Auditor	Jeff Leber	2122.26
Juvenile Court	King, Kirtan	1140	Auditor	Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	2355.86
Engineer	Cheryl DuBair, Fiscal Office	4786.13	Auditor	Hirsch Law LLC	1182.5
Engineer	Kimberly J Litter, Fiscal Off	2745.38	Auditor	Hirsch Law LLC	1857.5
Engineer	Stephen A. Neal, Fiscal Offi	2576.1	Auditor	Raltherford, Chuan, Collin	427.5
Engineer	Vicky Mettler, Fiscal Office	1475.4	Auditor	Blasney, Jeffrey M.	525
Engineer	Dustin G Lewis, Fiscal Office	1353.98	Auditor	Hirsch Law LLC	1728.75
Engineer	Nanette L. Clary, Fiscal Offi	1587.23	Adell Prerkalica	Sparks Plus	58
Engineer	Harry B. Junk III, Fiscal Offi	3612.98	Adell Prerkalica	Amazon Capital Services	26.32
Engineer	Roberta Barran, Fiscal Offi	1295.1	Adell Prerkalica	Amazon Capital Services	5.48
Engineer	Steven G. Wirecup, Fiscal Of	3458.78	Adell Prerkalica	The Water Express	57.14
Engineer	Cheryl DuBair, Fiscal Office	118279.39			42,835,333.82

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated February 16, 2026 through March 2, 2026, in the amount of \$7,706.88 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.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to appropriate \$393.16 from Federal Grant Fund into account code 410-29-22-7103 Workers Comp, per a request of February 23, 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 \$2,239.41 from Sheriff CLE Fund into account code 212-29-56-7013 Workers Comp, 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 appropriate \$1,445.32 from General Fund into account code 100-00-00-7013 Workers Comp, per a request of February 23, 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 \$8,400.00 from General Fund into account code 100-01-04-7106 Rentals, per a request of February 23, 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 de-appropriate (\$563,607.24) from ACGP Grant Funds into account codes 420-07-32-7452 Ross Bainbridge (\$300.00), account code 420-07-32-7457 BROW MTORB (\$553,127.24) and account code 420-07-32-7458 High Crossroads (\$10,180.00), per a request of March 2, 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.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to transfer \$2,243.79 from account code 233-46-53-7013 Worker Comp DS Children 6-21, into account codes 433-46-03-7013 Workers Comp Families (\$821.02), 233-46-11-7013 Workers Comp DS Comm Residential (\$686.69), 233-46-05-7013 Workers Com Help me Grow (\$476.62), 233-46-54-7013 Workers Comp DS Children Unassigned (\$235.59) and 233-46-98-7013 Workers Comp Adult Program, per a request of February 23, 2026 from the Ross County Board of DD.

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 \$5,000.00 from account code 100-18-00-7550 Juvenile Other Expense, into account code 100-11-01-7120 Indigent Transcripts, per a request of March 2, 2026 from the Ross County Juvenile Probate.

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 \$1,700.00 from account code 100-30-00-7550 Other Expenses, into account code 100-30-00-7100 Travel, per a request of March 2, 2026 from the Ross County Recorder.

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

ASSET DISPOSAL

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Calculator	LG30	Trash
1	Projector	LCI8	Trash

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

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

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TAG/SERIAL #	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
1	Monitor	N/A	Surplus Property

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

CLARKSBURG 3RD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve a Sales and Use Tax Construction Contract Exemption Certificate to be included in the Construction Contract for the Clarksburg 3rd Street Reconstruction Project. The project is funded with CDBG funds and the contract is Prime Civil.

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

AMENDMENT 3 TO ARCHITECT AGREEMENT PAINT CREEK TRAIL PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the New River Architect Agreement for the Paint Creek Trail project which is part of the Appalachian Community Grant program. There is no expense to the BoC as the amendment is covered with ACGP funds.

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

AMENDMENT 2 BAINBRIDGE STREETScape GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve amendment no. 2 to the ACGP grant agreement between Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Village of Bainbridge. This amendment increases the grant agreement by \$12,675. Additional project funding was received from Department of Development.

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

APPROVAL OF ORDC TO ADMINISTER THE ROSS COUNTY CHIP PY 2026 GRANT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to accept the recommendation of the Ross County Planning Department to ask ORDC to administer the PY 2026 CHIP in conjunction with the Ross County Planning Department. Administration services for the PY 2026 CHIP are contingent on the grant being awarded.

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

GMP 2 AND CHANGE ORDER 2 UNESCO PROJECT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the GMP #2 Change Order #2 (Sandstone supplier replacement) for the ACGP UNESCO project. There is no expense to the BoC for these changes.

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

OWNER CONSULTANT AGREEMENT TERRACON AND ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve the agreement for Terracon to perform special inspections and material testing for the ACGP UNESCO project. All inspection fees will be paid through UNESCO ACGP funds.

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

REPLAT LOT 9 ANDERSON SUBDIVISION

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the replat located along Anderson Station Rd located in Union Township near the intersection of Goodale Drive. Intent is to divide parcel 3 70920032000 being Lot 9 of Anderson Subdivision (1.002 Acres) into two tracts. There are two existing homes on Lot 9.

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

PAY APPLICATION 2 BAINBRIDGE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve Pay Application No. 2 for the Bainbridge Water Line Replacement Project that is partially funded with approved CDBG funds. The engineer, DLZ, has reviewed and signed-off on work completed.

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

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FY27

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve letters of support for the Village of Kingston, Clarksburg, and Delano Road Development to apply for congressionally directed funding fiscal year 2027.

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE STEPS AND PORTICO

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve use of the courthouse steps and portico May 7, 2026 from 10:00am – 2:00pm for National Day of Prayer.

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

OPIOID FUNDS TO SUPPRT KOCHERAN STRONG

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve a request from The Kocheran Strong Foundation, for \$10,000.00 from the Ohio Opioid Settlement funds.

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

ROSS COUNTY SHOEMAKER AIRPORT CONTRACT

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to enter into a contract with Daniel Kahana, for a hangar lease for \$135.00 monthly at the Ross County Shoemaker Airport.

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

DRAINAGE DITCH AND DETENTION POND MOWING

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve quotes for drainage ditch spraying, TruGreen, \$4,276.19 and detention pond mowing, Fisher's Complete Lawn care, \$2,585.00.

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

VACATION REQUEST COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Glass moved, Mr. Lowe seconded, to approve the vacation request of County Administrator Brad Cosenza for June 1 – 18, 2026.

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

CHANGE ORDER BERGLUND CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Lowe moved, Mr. Glass seconded, to approve a change order from Berglund Construction for the Ross County Courthouse Exterior Building Repairs. The original 1 phase project cost was \$8,817,440.40. The updated 3-year phasing cost option is \$9,492,755.67.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Monthly Staff Meeting

ADJOURN

Mr. Jack A. Everson, President, adjourned the regular meeting of March 2, 2026, at 11:08 am, Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio



Jack A. Everson, President

James E. Lowe, Vice President



David Glass, Commissioner