

**MAY 8, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING - #19**  
**VOLUME 20**

**MEETING**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, May 8, 2017, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., with Commissioners Stephen A. Neal and Dwight A. Garrett also in attendance.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the minutes of the previous meetings of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of May 1, 2017 be approved as submitted.

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

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
5/3/2017	2017001388	AFCO	66.27
5/1/2017	2017001335	ALEXANDER ROOFING AND SIDING	6500.00
4/1/2017	2017001367	AMERICAN COURT & DRUG TESTING SERVICES	195.00
4/24/2017	2017000688	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	5772.78
3/14/2017	2017000073	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	3312.57
5/1/2017	2017000019	APPRAISAL RESEARCH CORP.	7326.00
5/1/2017	2017000011	APPRAISAL RESEARCH CORP.	845.00
4/17/2017	2017000316	AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY INC.	150.00
4/5/2017	2017000316	AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY INC.	450.00
5/2/2017	2017001176	BAINBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZEN INC	60.00
4/28/2017	2017000604	BENSON & SESSER LLC	60.00
4/20/2017	2017001368	Brandon Puckett	139.91
4/18/2017	2017001364	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	2386.08
4/21/2017	2017000361	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	30.84
4/21/2017	2017000360	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	900.90
4/1/2017	2017001366	CHILLICOTHE GAZETTE	10.00
3/13/2017	2017000982	CHILLICOTHE UTILITIES DEPT.	5590.31
3/9/2017	2017000074	CHILLICOTHE UTILITIES DEPT.	425.92
4/11/2017	2017000824	CHILLICOTHE UTILITIES DEPT.	795.51
3/31/2017	2017001009	COLUMBUS TIME RECORDER CO INC	780.00
4/24/2017	2017001109	COPPEL COAL & SUPPLY CO.	2329.00
2/12/2017	2017000693	CTL Engineering, Inc	416.00
4/7/2017	2017000072	DAN PATTERSON	7500.00
4/17/2017	2017000055	DAVID A MORRISON	640.00
4/17/2017	2017000055	DAVID MICHAEL WELCH	480.00
4/15/2017	2017000205	DE LAGE LANDEN	263.26
5/2/2017	2017000126	DEAN THROCKMORTON	14780.00

4/24/2017	2017001122	DETILLION LANDSCAPING CO	50.00
4/7/2017	2017000358	DONALD E. DARBY	24.57
4/3/2017	2017000346	DONALD E. DARBY	81.36

Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
4/20/2017	2017000137	DOUG MARINE MOTORS	33.95
4/12/2017	2017001207	DOWNTOWN AUTO BODY REPAIR INC.	1274.96
4/25/2017	2017001391	DOWNTOWN AUTO BODY REPAIR INC.	775.23
4/13/2017	2017000613	DTB DISTRIBUTORS, INC	1376.67
4/10/2017	2017000450	Eastbay Inc	602.44
4/18/2017	2017001309	FIRE SYSTEM PROFESSIONALS	309.00
5/1/2017	2017000322	FIRST CAPITAL ANSWERING SERVICE	132.03
4/25/2017	2017000651	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	209.40

4/28/2017	2017000152	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	27.75
4/26/2017	2017001392	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	37.11
5/2/2017	2017001176	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE	50.00
4/26/2017	2017000726	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	3.04
3/6/2017	2017000076	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	17.87
4/25/2017	2017000361	FRANKLIN CO PROBATE COURT	271.50
4/25/2017	2017001381	GARRETT FUNERAL HOME	1000.00
4/26/2017	2017000153	GFC LEASING	391.25
5/10/2017	2017001369	GFC LEASING	189.51
4/21/2017	2017001363	GFC LEASING	123.93
3/30/2017	2017000444	GLENN R FULTZ	660.00
4/1/2017	2017001411	GOOGLE, INC.	547.61
3/20/2017	2017000791	GORDON FLESCH CO., INC.	7.67
4/25/2017	2017001398	GRIFFIN PAVEMENT STRIPING	9997.35
5/2/2017	2017000552	GRIGSBY ENVIRON. CONS. SVC. LLC	1300.00
4/22/2017	2017001014	HALLER FUNERAL HOME LLC	200.00
5/1/2017	2017000186	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	102.17
5/1/2017	2017000083	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	42.95
5/1/2017	2017000482	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	19.95
5/1/2017	2017000547	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	59.42
5/1/2017	2017000560	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	83.95
5/1/2017	2017000045	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	123.91
5/1/2017	2017000136	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	112.26
5/1/2017	2017000984	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	19.95
5/1/2017	2017000086	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	5914.61
5/1/2017	2017000311	HORIZON TECHNOLOGY	9.95
5/1/2017	2017000012	J. L. UHRIG & ASSOC.	2400.00
4/17/2017	2017000055	JAMES A. SMITH	80.00
5/3/2017	2017000062	JAMES E BARRINGTON, CO, LPA	488.00
4/26/2017	2017000954	JAMES K. OUTRIGHT	1150.00
2/22/2017	2017000349	Jessica Richmond	194.85
4/18/2017	2017001122	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	499.68
4/5/2017	2017000355	Joseph P Glandon	48.60
4/12/2017	2017001207	JULIA PENWELL	40.00
4/26/2017	2017000994	JULIA PENWELL	83.86
4/26/2017	2017000138	JULIA PENWELL	12.04
5/1/2017	2017000291	JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT	9400.00

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5/2/2017	2017001176	KINGSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	50.00
4/13/2017	2017001360	KNOWINK, LLC	1680.00

4/20/2017	2017000946	KOFILE PRESERVATION, INC.	142.79
4/1/2017	2017000151	LEXIS-NEXIS	739.70
4/27/2017	2017000992	LINDA WOOD	21.44
4/17/2017	2017000431	LORI HUSTON	1875.00
4/25/2017	2017000391	LOWES	553.29
4/25/2017	2017000390	LOWES	333.66
4/25/2017	2017000405	LOWES	961.81
4/19/2017	2017001399	LYKINS OIL COMPANY	15765.32
4/25/2017	2017000550	MARY R. DAVIS	400.00
5/2/2017	2017000062	MATTHEW P BRADY	148.00
4/17/2017	2017000055	MELISSA NERVIANO	150.00
4/17/2017	2017000147	MICHAEL WARD	278.00
4/17/2017	2017001362	MICHAEL WARD	230.50
3/13/2017	2017000222	MODERN LEASING	92.10
4/24/2017	2017001206	MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	232.39
4/26/2017	2017001379	MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	184.76
5/1/2017	2017000335	NOURSE FAMILY OF DEALER.	623.96
4/25/2017	2017000578	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	18.14
4/25/2017	2017000579	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	18.12
4/26/2017	2017000197	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	48.86
4/27/2017	2017000992	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	73.35
4/25/2017	2017000444	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	18.12
4/26/2017	2017000168	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	158.96
5/2/2017	2017000618	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	200.07
4/10/2017	2017000450	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	37.79
4/25/2017	2017000361	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	41.10
4/19/2017	2017000140	OFFICE DEPOT INC.	140.93
5/1/2017	2017000215	OHIO AFSCME CARE PLAN	315.00
4/17/2017	2017000055	PAMELA K SCHOLL	60.00
4/17/2017	2017000055	PHILLIP RUTHERFORD	1386.00
4/17/2017	2017001382	PRINTEX PRINTING	29.95
4/26/2017	2017001359	PRINTEX PRINTING	29.60
5/1/2017	2017000711	RICH & GILLIS LAW GROUP LLC	15.50
5/2/2017	2017001176	ROSS CO. COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY	50.00
5/1/2017	2017000001	ROSS CO. HUMANE SOCIETY	10000.00
4/26/2017	2017000180	ROSS CO. TREASURER	1527.22
4/28/2017	2017000782	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	20.94
3/6/2017	2017000077	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	80.98
4/28/2017	2017000778	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	14.16
4/28/2017	2017000781	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	20.94
3/24/2017	2017000444	SAM'S CLUB DIRECT	88.97
4/21/2017	2017000167	SARAH WILLIAMSON	138.50
4/1/2017	2017000034	SAVE-A-LOT	10136.18

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4/4/2017	2017000966	SCIOTO PAINT VALLEY ASSESSMENT SERVICES, LLC	350.00
4/7/2017	2017001234	SHERWIN WILLIAMS COMPANY	550.55
3/23/2017	2017000305	SPRINT PCS	77.28
7/9/2016	37491	STANTEC CONSULTING SERV. INC.	830.85
3/30/2017	2017000828	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	30.63
3/6/2017	2017000611	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	369.05
4/17/2017	2017001309	SUGAR LOAF POWER EQ.	1007.96
5/2/2017	2017001176	TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH	60.00
4/24/2017	2017000167	TARA UHRIG	112.79
4/1/2017	2017000035	TAYLOR'S IGA	1275.00
4/28/2017	2017001386	TERESA MINNEY	5962.50
4/30/2017	2017000400	THOMAS GAS SERVICES, INC.	6.60
4/24/2017	2017001309	TIM'S TIRES & ACCESSORIES	125.75
4/24/2017	2017001122	TIM'S TIRES & ACCESSORIES	276.25
4/21/2017	2017000126	TOM SCOTT BUILDING & REPAIR	11130.00
4/17/2017	2017001122	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	233.79
4/1/2017	2017001191	TREASURER OF STATE	1092.55
4/1/2017	2017001191	TREASURER OF STATE	18.85
5/2/2017	2017001191	TREASURER OF STATE	30.00
3/31/2017	2017000796	TREASURER-STATE OF OHIO	6209.00
4/17/2017	2017000055	TREIVA J. COTTRILL	1000.00
4/27/2017	2017000939	TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	5783.16
4/18/2017	2017000410	UPS	11.11
4/14/2017	2017000941	UPS	47.04
4/11/2017	2017001390	VANCE OUTDOORS, INC	6593.03
3/20/2017	2017000981	VERIZON WIRELESS	1567.05
5/2/2017	2017000062	WALTER A. BEVINS	350.00
4/26/2017	2017000404	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	120.41
4/26/2017	2017000392	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	58.07
4/26/2017	2017000399	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	63.07
4/26/2017	2017000398	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	363.04
5/1/2017	2017001099	WESTSIDE MEDIA	360.00
4/6/2017	2017000131	WESTSIDE MEDIA	32.50
4/28/2017	2017000720	WEX BANK	10323.52
3/30/2017	2017000137	WEX BANK	1442.31
3/10/2017	2017001365	WEX BANK	105.27
3/21/2017	2017000745	XEROX CORPORATION	216.99
4/27/2017	2017000450	Y. M. C. A.	2250.00
5/2/2017	2017001176	ZANE VILLAGE MOBIL HOME	30.00
5/8/2017	2017001199	Election Poll Workers	32,302.36

248,685.83

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

**THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated May 1, 2017 through May 5, 2017, in the amount of \$7,282.12 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. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SHERIFF**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$7,767.00 be transferred within the Concealed Carry Weapon Fund, from account code #218-29-00-7550, Other Expense, to #218-29-00-7200, Equipment, according to a request of May 3, 2017, from the sheriff.

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

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS DENIED – VETERANS COMMISISON**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners deny a request of appropriation, from the Ross County Veterans Commission, of \$68,667.62, as listed below, due to the fact that prior budgeted monies cannot be used for 2017 expenses.

AMOUNT	TO
\$ 935.00	100-52-61-7100, Travel
3,578.61	100-52-61-7150, Supplies
26,000.00	100-52-61-7200, Equipment
4,191.35	100-52-62-7363, Grave Markers
2,666.00	100-52-62-7364, Memorial Day expense
<u>31,296.66</u>	100-52-62-7550, Other Expense
<b>\$68,667.62</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

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

**APPROPRIATION APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE – COMMISSIONER & RECORDER**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$451.00 (approx.), submitted by Kathy Dunn, Ross County Recorder, for her attendance upon the Ohio Recorders’ Association Summer Conference, to be held on June 11-14, 2017, at Marietta, Ohio.

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

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$30.00 (approx.), submitted by Commissioner R. Douglas Corcoran, for his attendance upon the CEBCO Conference, to be held on May 10-12, 2017, at Deer Creek Resort, Pickaway County, Ohio.

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED – VOCA/SVAA**

Mr. Garrett moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 17.116**

**WHEREAS**, the Chillicothe Municipal Court has successfully administered a Victim Witness Assistance Program with the aid of public funding grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the court has been approved for grant funding in the amount of \$33,889.16 for this program for 2017-2018 under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA), administered through the Office of the Ohio Attorney General; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ross County Board of Commissioners and the Council of the City of Chillicothe each have provided matching funds to grants for the program since its inception in 1994, and the Chillicothe Municipal Court has requested that the city and county continue their support of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners notes that the Chillicothe Municipal Court is a countywide court, and that victim witness assistance issues have a countywide effect; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners agrees to provide \$4,430.08 during the year 2017, contingent upon the availability of funds, as local matching funds to VOCA/SVAA grant funding awarded to the Chillicothe Municipal Court for its Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Mr. Neal seconded the motion and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

_____ R. Douglas Corcoran, President	_____ Stephen A. Neal, Vice President	_____ Dwight A. Garrett
<b>DAMAGE AGREEMENT – AEP OHI TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.</b>		

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, as trustees of the John W. Roweton Trust, enter into a Damage Agreement, by and between AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., for compensation for damages to the sidewalk at Camp Cattail, in the amount of \$1,400.00, to be paid in full directly to Camp Cattail.

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

**PAYMENT AUTHORIZED - JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER SERVICES FOR APRIL 2017**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that payment of \$37,387.46 be authorized from General Fund account code #100-18-91-7550 to the South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center, for Ross County's share of services rendered by the Center during the month of April 2017.

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

**CONTRACT AWARD - PAVING VARIOUS ROADS**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that a contract be awarded to Shelly and Sands, in the amount of \$1,602,225.15, for paving various county and township roads, according to a bid proposal submitted May 1, 2017, and upon recommendation of the county engineer.

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

**PROCLAMATION ISSUED – OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners issue the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio has more than 2.5 million residents age 60 and older and our 60-plus population is growing 20 times faster than our overall population; and

**WHEREAS**, Ross County includes older Americans who richly contribute to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that what it means “to age” has changed – for the better; and

**WHEREAS**, Ross County is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Ross County can provide and support opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community;
- Promoting home and community-based services that support independent living;
- Encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and other; and
- Providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, we, the Ross County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

We urge every citizen to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute.

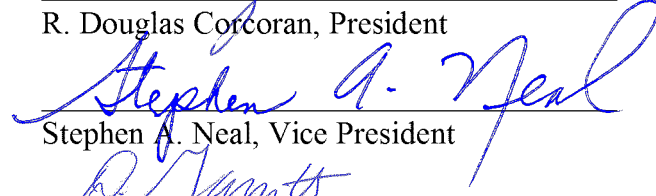
On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.



Issued this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio

  
R. Douglas Corcoran, President

  
Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

  
Dwight A. Garrett

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**LETTER OF REQUEST AUTHORIZED - FAA FY 2017 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, authorize and execute a letter of request, for submission to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), for the use of non-primary entitlement funds to assist in completion of the crack sealing on the Ross County Shoemaker Airport runway, under the FY 2017 Airport Improvement Program.

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

**FY 2017 CATEX FORM APPROVED – ROSS COUNTY-SHOEMAKER AIRPORT**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve and execute the FY 2017 Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) form, for submission to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), for the runway crack sealing and lighting projects proposed to the FY 2017 Airport Improvements Project.

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED – SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Mr. Neal moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-117**

**Resolution of Support for the  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

**WHEREAS**, Ross County is served by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (including the counties of Adams, Brown, Clermont, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton) as its Economic Development District for the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, EDA's investments in planning, technical assistance, infrastructure and capacity building support business start-up and expansion to enable towns and cities all across the country to build strong, durable and resilient local economies that produce good wages for American workers; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of a Washington-knows-best approach, EDA works hand-in-hand with local economic development partners to advance their locally-developed projects which are linked to the region's longer-term, sustainable economic development strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, from grants that help build rail lines, improve wastewater treatment facilities, or construct business incubators and roads, EDA invests in the critical infrastructure needed by businesses to locate or expand in the U.S., generating thousands of middle-class jobs in areas of the country that need them the most; and

**WHEREAS**, EDA also makes strategic investments that equip American workers with the skills new or expanding businesses need to be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, through its network of regionally-based staff and a portfolio of flexible investment mechanisms, EDA helps hundreds of communities, especially those suffering economic distress, take control of their future; now, therefore be it

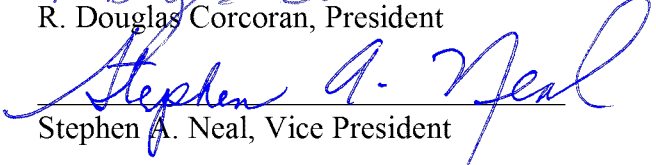
**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Commissioners of Ross County hereby supports funding the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration at a minimum of \$261 million (the Federal FY'2016 level) in Federal FY'2018, and supports the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission as its EDA Economic Development District.


Mr. Garrett seconded the motion and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,  
Ohio

  
R. Douglas Corcoran, President

  
Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

  
Dwight A. Garrett



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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED – SUPPORT FOR THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)**

Mr. Neal moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-118**

**Resolution of Support for the  
Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**

**WHEREAS**, Ross County is served by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (including the counties of Adams, Brown, Clermont, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton) as its Local Development District for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC); and

**WHEREAS**, the ARC is a model for federal economic development programs and has assisted the OVRDC region to improve the social and economic climate and improve critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARC provides funding for business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation projects creating new jobs; improvements to local water and sewer systems; increasing workforce readiness; expanding access to health care; assisting local communities with strategic planning; and providing technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, without the ARC and its ability to consider a county or community’s current assets and ability to “match” funding, many projects would go unfunded because counties simply do not have local funds to complete the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, Ohio’s LDDs administered 50 projects totaling \$61,653,671 in total project costs and resulting in 748 new jobs and another 1,782 jobs retained in the region with funding provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission and Ohio Development Services Agency Appalachian Assistance Fund; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Commissioners of Ross County hereby supports funding the Appalachian Regional Commission at a minimum of \$146 million (the Federal FY’2016 level) in Federal FY 2018, and supports the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission as its ARC Local Development District.

Mr. Garrett seconded the motion and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,  
Ohio

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R. Douglas Corcoran, President

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Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

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Dwight A. Garrett

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED – SUPPORT FOR THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY (ODSA)**

Mr. Neal moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-119**

**Resolution of Support for the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA)  
Appalachian Assistance Fund Line Item**

**WHEREAS**, Ross County is served by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (including the counties of Adams, Brown, Clermont, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton) as its Local Development District for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC); and

**WHEREAS**, the ARC is a model for federal economic development programs and has assisted the OVRDC region to improve the social and economic climate and improve critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Appalachian Assistance Fund provides much needed economic development project funding in the region and also assists communities to improve the social and economic climate and improve critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio is the ONLY state in the 13-state ARC region that matches federal project funding with state funding to ensure the monies go even farther toward serving the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the ODSA Appalachian Assistance Fund provide funding for business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation projects creating new jobs; improvements to local water and sewer systems; increasing workforce readiness; expanding access to health care; assisting local communities with strategic planning; and providing technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, without the ODSA Appalachian Assistance Fund and their ability to consider a county or community’s current assets and ability to “match” funding, many projects would go unfunded because counties simply do not have local funds to complete the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, Ohio’s LDDs administered 50 ARC and ODSA Appalachian Assistance Fund projects totaling over \$61,653,671 in total project costs and resulting in 748 new jobs and another 1,782 jobs retained in the region with funding provided from these sources; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Ross County hereby supports Governor John Kasich’s original State Biennium Budget request to continue funding of the ODSA Appalachian Assistance Fund Line Item as follows:

		Actual	Estimated	Recommended	
Line Item #	Name	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
GRF195455	Appalachian Asst.	\$5,748,749	\$5,748,749	\$5,748,749	\$5,748,749;

and, further be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioner of Ross County do not support the addition of earmarks to the GRF 195455 – Appalachian Assistance line item other than the amounts to support the four local development districts to pay operating costs involved with coordinating with the Governor’s Office of Appalachia.

Mr. Garrett seconded the motion and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,  
Ohio

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R. Douglas Corcoran, President

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Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

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Dwight A. Garrett

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**SUBJECTS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Devon Shoemaker, Ross County Planning Department, met with the commissioners to prioritize, select projects and discuss budget for the CDBG Allocation Grant.

Mr. Shoemaker presented a list of seven potential projects for this year’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies. We have not heard from the State on the amount of funding we will receive. I expect the amount could come in anywhere between \$150,000 and \$270,000 with the county having received around \$135,000 during the last two-year project cycle awarded in 2015. If we receive \$150 we could possibly handle four of the seven projects. If we receive \$270 we could probably get as many as five or six of them completed. With the seven projects proposed, the combined costs are \$531,200 in CDBG money and \$249,980 in local matching funds to accomplish all seven. Each project will need evaluated based on community impact and number of low-to-moderate income people benefiting from the work, ability to maximize the local match and private investment on the project, previous funding that may have been received in a particular locale and targeted areas where other potential funding is available to maximize impact. We need to prioritize the seven projects presented to you today so when the dollar amount figure is available sometime in the next week or two, we then can determine how many of the projects can be done.

On another note, I would like to take about \$10,000 left over from the last cycle of CDBG funding and use it toward work on Spud Run Road Bridge. The critical infrastructure funds would be applied for with cost estimates coming probably in June or July to replace a pair of bridges on Rozelle Creek Road. The funding source for these bridges are from a different source and therefore is not competing against the seven projects.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The commissioners noted receipt of the Status of County Lawsuits as of May 1, 2017, from the Ross County Prosecutor’s office.


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The commissioners were invited to take part of an Executive Level Stakeholder meeting with APCO Consulting Services in regard to an overview of a proposal for an Operations Analysis and Potential Consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points for the City of Chillicothe, Ohio and Ross County, Ohio.

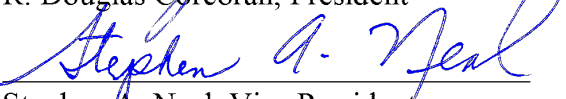
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The commissioners attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tourism Banquet, held at the Christopher Conference Center.

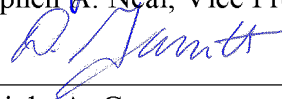
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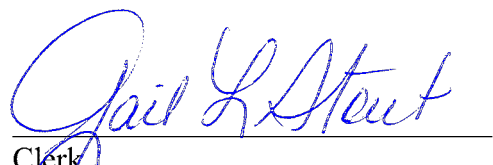
Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, May 8, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,  
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