

APRIL 6, 2017

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners met on this date for the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous meeting and current transfers, appropriations and bills. At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by President Harold G. Montgomery. Roll Call: President Harold G. Montgomery, present; Vice President David K. Smith, present; Commissioner Brent Saunders, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the March 30, 2017 minutes. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Econ Dev	Melissa Clark	4/11	Jackson, Ohio	ED Group Mtg
Econ Dev	Melissa Clark	4/12	Jackson, Ohio	Business Roundtable
DJFS	Dana Glassburn	4/12	Columbus, Ohio	Workforce Mtg
DJFS	Dana Glassburn	4/13	Columbus, Ohio	OJFSDA Mtg
DJFS	Dana Glassburn	4/26	Jackson, Ohio	OJFSDA Mtg
Treasurer	Steve McGhee	5/16 - 5/18	Sandusky, Ohio	Spring Conference

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

2017 Canine Shelter Weekly Report														
Week Ending	Came in	Adopted	Reclaimed	Euthanized	Out to Rescue	MIA	Died (Natural or unknown Causes)	Destroyed (in field)	Total Out	Remaining at shelter	Out to County Foster	In from County Foster	Died in Foster (Natural or Unknown Causes)	Total in Foster
4/2	20	1	1	0	26	0	0	0	28	18	10	10	0	1

GALLIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gallia County Historical Society board member Jon Lynch met with the commission to advise Gallia County Auditor Larry M. Betz had misinformed the board on 3/30/2017 regarding County Auditor records being left at the Elks building after the Historical Society had moved. Mr. Lynch stated the Historical Society had taken all 392 books belonging to the County Auditor to their new location. Mr. Lynch further stated he wanted the Gallia County Commissioners records to reflect this correction of information and a public apology from Gallia County Auditor Larry M. Betz. The Commission thanked Mr. Lynch for the corrected information.

COUNTY AUCTION REPRESENTATIVE

President entertained a motion to approve David K. Smith as the representative for the Board of Gallia County Commissioners to act on behalf of the board to finalize the upcoming county auction. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

AIRPORT- PURCHASE OF MOWER

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a quote from Jim's Farm Equipment for a mower:

- 72" Predator Pro Bobcat commercial mower with 3 year warranty for \$9,995.00
- 61" Predator Pro Bobcat mower with 1 year warranty for \$7,199.00
- Trade-in of International 444 Tractor \$2,000.00 and Betro Finish Mower \$500.00.

Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of the 72" Predator Pro Bobcat commercial mower with trade-in totaling \$7,495.00. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

ENGINEER – CHIP SPREADER SALE

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the following letter from Brett Boothe:

April 6, 2017

Gallia County Board of Commissioners
 Courthouse
 18 Locust Street
 Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Commissioners,

The Gallia County Engineer's Office has an Etnyre Chip Spreader we are no longer using. Southeastern Equipment valued the chip spreader at \$50,000. The Meigs County Engineer's Office has requested to purchase the chip spreader at \$50,000.

I request a resolution to authorizing the County Engineer to sell the Etnyre Chip Spreader to Meigs County. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
 Brett A. Boothe, P.E., .S.
 Gallia County Engineer

Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to authorize the sale of the Etnyre Chip Spreader to Meigs County for \$50,000.00 as requested. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

MARCH 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with:

- The March 2017 Financial Reports for comparison with the March 2016 Financial Reports. The following was noted during the review:
 - 1/1/2016 beginning cash balance was \$1,397,241.36
 - 1/1/2017 beginning cash balance was \$1,469,989.52
 - Difference of \$72,748.16
 - 3/31/2016 ending cash balance was \$635,612.61
 - 3/31/2017 ending cash balance was \$1,252,467.41
 - Difference of \$616,854.80
 - 2017 6th Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources
 - Notification from Ohio Public Defenders Office that reimbursement to the County for Defense of Indigent cases will be reduced from 44% reimbursement to 40% reimbursement beginning April 2017. The reimbursement rate for capital cases will remain at 50%.

B/P SEWER – ODNR WWT LAGOON SAFETY INSPECTION

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a safety inspection report performed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources on the Bidwell/Porter Wastewater Treatment Lagoon. The County got a good report noting the following:

- No Engineer repair or investigations required
- No monitoring items were in the report
- No discussion items were in the report
- The report noted Bidwell/Porter WWT Lagoon has an approved, up-to-date Operation, Maintenance and Inspection Manual on file with the Division of Water Resources
- The report noted Bidwell/Porter WWT Lagoon has an approved, up-to-date Emergency Action Plan on file with the Division of Water Resources
- Minimal Owner Repair items were noted as follows:
 - Seed the sparse areas on the exterior slope to establish a proper grass cover.
 - Repair the rodent burrows on the crest.
 - Level the crest to provide 10ft wide level crest along the entire perimeter of the lagoon. Seed all disturbed areas to provide a healthy grass cover.

Ms. Sprague noted the County Sewer Department will be working on these items as the weather clears this spring.

PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH

County Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that April is National Fair Housing Month and presented the Commission with a proclamation. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve the following proclamation as presented. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, April 2017 marks the 49th Anniversary of the Passage of the federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, April has traditionally been designated as FAIR HOUSING MONTH by the President of the United States and by the Governor of the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the mission of fair housing in Ohio is to improve the quality of life for all residents and celebrate Ohio's fair housing law which is substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, this is a time to remember where we started, to celebrate 49 years of successes, and to march toward the future in ensuring justice and housing opportunities for all Americans

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio wish to acknowledge the County's endorsement and commitment to celebrate 49th Anniversary of the Passage of the federal Fair Housing Act and the policy of Fair and Equal Access to Housing and do hereby proclaim the month of April as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

and encourage citizens to acquaint themselves with their rights that are protected under the law, and join in reaffirming a commitment to Fair Housing for all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, familial or disability status.

Dated this 6th day of April 2017.

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Pres.
s/ David K. Smith, Vice-President
s/ Brent Saunders, Commissioner

HOME PROGRAM – HOMEOWNER WRITTEN AGREEMENT

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a Homeowner Written Agreement as required by the Home Program. Ms. Sprague noted this agreement is between Dawn D. Eblin and the Gallia County Commissioners

CASSTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 14260-15

for Private Owner Rehab project that is part of the 2015 CHIP grant program. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

PARTIAL RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
GALLIA COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM (B-C-05-025-1)

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, advised the Commission that the following deferred mortgage from a previous round of Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant has met the term of the mortgage being 10 years and a partial release is now warranted. A partial release is required since the county can only release 85% of the mortgage, which amount equals \$14,229.85. The balance of 15%, which amount equals \$2,511.15, must remain in effect until paid in full. The Prosecuting Attorney prepared the Partial Release of Real Estate Mortgage forms. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion that the Partial Release of Real Estate Mortgage for the following persons be approved and signed as presented:

- Scott & Jessica Rediger

David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea. Release of real estate mortgage forms will be signed by Harold Montgomery, as President of the Commission, and is on file in the County's CHIP files.

PARTIAL RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, for a good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, does hereby remise, release and discharge a portion of a real estate mortgage executed by SCOTT & JESSICA REDIGER to the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, dated March 30, 2007 and recorded in Volume 455, Page 747, of the Mortgage Records of Gallia County, Ohio. (This document releases 85% of said mortgage, which equals \$14,229.85. The balance of said mortgage will remain in effect until paid in full, balance remaining equals \$2,511.15.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, has hereunto subscribed its name and seal this 6th day of April, 2017.

WITNESSES:

s/ Karen Sprague
s/ Anette Brown

COUNTY OF GALLIA, OFFICE
GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ Harold G. Montgomery
HAROLD G. MONTGOMERY, PRESIDENT

STATE OF OHIO, GALLIA COUNTY, SS:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Harold G. Montgomery, President of County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, to me personally known, who acknowledged that he did execute the foregoing instrument as such officer and that the same is his free act and deed as such officer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at Gallipolis, Ohio, the day and year last above written

s/ Connie Johnson
NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument Prepared by:

Jason Holdren, Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney
18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

COUNTY ENGINEER - AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the authorizing legislation required for the County Engineer to submit a CDBG application for repair/replacement of bridges in Greenfield Township noting the applications are due to County Commissioners on 4/7/2017. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve and sign the authorizing legislation as presented. Brent Saunders moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe (NAME AND/OR TITLE OF SUBDIVISION REPRESENTATIVE) TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FORMULA PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Formula Program provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Engineer (Political subdivision name) is planning to make capital improvements to Bridges in Greenfield Township – Project Name is Gallia County Infrastructure Improvements Project (Project name), and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the CDBG Formula program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gallia County Board of Commissioners (Political Subdivision Name):

Section 1: Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe (name and/or title of subdivision representative) is hereby authorized to apply to for the CDBG Formula funds as described above.

Section 2: Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe (name and/or title of subdivision representative) is further authorized to sign the grant application as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Passed: 4/6/2017 (date)

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President
s/ David K. Smith, Vice-President
s/ Brent Saunders, Commissioner

USDA - GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 PAYMENT RESOLUTION # 18

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Resolution # 18 for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project for the following items:

- CJ Hughes Construction Co., Inc. Pay Application # 15 - \$96,457.41
- Stantec Invoice # 1176867 - \$14,873.59
- AT&T Acct # 740 446-7882 790 0 & 740 446-9109 790 3 - \$116.08
- BREC Acct # 40033590 & 40033591 - \$62.16
- Total = \$111,509.24
- Payment Breakdown:
 - ARC - \$178.24
 - OWDA - \$60,457.41
 - ODOT District #10 match - \$36,000.00
 - OPWC - \$14,873.59

Stantec Project Engineer Gary Silcott recommends approval of the above invoices & pay applications. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve and pay invoices from pay resolution # 18. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded a motion to approve payment resolution # 18 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, absent for vote; Brent Saunders, yea.

Brent Saunders moved and David K. Smith seconded a motion to approve the USDA Engineering invoice form as submitted for the billing period of 2/18/17 – 3/17/2017. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, absent for vote; Brent Saunders, yea.

OPWC - GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 DISBURSEMENT REQUEST # 16

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with OPWC Disbursement Request # 16 for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project for the following items:

- Stantec invoice 1176867 - \$14,873.59 (will be paid directly to Stantec from OPWC)
- Total = \$14,873.59

David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded a motion to approve OPWC disbursement request # 16 and the following memo entry as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, absent for vote; Brent Saunders, yea.

MEMO ENTRY – REVENUE/EXPENSE OPWC GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 GRANT/LOAN

County Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that OPWC will make direct payments to vendors for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project grant & loan funding. In order to reflect the receipt and expenditure of these grant/loan funds within the county fund established as OPWC Green Sewer Phase 1 Grant/Loan Fund the County Auditor must make the following memo entries:

- Memo payin in the amount of \$14,873.59 into 322.3000.400100 from OPWC Grant # CO01R
- Memo expense in the amount of \$14,873.59 from 322.0322.531100 to Stantec Consulting Inc. vendor # 6899 for invoice # 1164139
- Credit Back \$14,873.59 from PO # BL170088

OWDA - GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION GRANT/LOAN DISBURSEMENT REQUEST # 3

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with OWDA Disbursement Request # 3 for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project for the following items:

- CJ Hughes Construction pay application #15 - \$60,457.41 (will be paid directly to CJ Hughes from OWDA)
- Brent Saunders moved and David K. Smith seconded a motion to approve OWDA disbursement request # 3 and the following memo entry as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea.

MEMO ENTRY – REVENUE/EXPENSE OWDA GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION GRANT/LOAN

County Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that OWDA will make direct payments to vendors for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project grant & loan funding. In order to reflect the receipt and expenditure of these grant/loan funds within the county fund established as OWDA Green Sewer Phase 1 Grant/Loan Fund the County Auditor must make the following memo entries:

- Memo payin in the amount of \$60,457.41 into 342.3000.400100 from OWDA Loan # 7150
- Memo expense in the amount of \$60,457.41 from 342.0342.531100 to CJ Hughes Construction vendor # 6031 for pay application # 15
- Credit Back \$60,457.41 from PO # BL170101

GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 – DRAW # 21

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Draw # 21 for the Green Phase 2 Sewer Project for the following items:

- Stantec Inv. # 1176873 - \$5,462.30
- Total = \$5,462.30

Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve draw resolution # 21 as submitted. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea.

EMPLOYEE CHANGE TO FULL TIME – DONNIE COCHRAN

County Administrator Karen Sprague recommended the Commission make the following changes with regard to County Sewer Dept. employee Donnie Cochran:

- Full time 40 hours per week
- Rate of pay will remain at \$11.30 per hour; \$23,504 annually
- Effective date of full time status is 5/1/2017
- Probationary period will not be implemented as Mr. Cochran is an 8 year part-time employee with the county sewer dept.
- Mr. Cochran will remain a classified employee

Harold Montgomery entertained a motion that the Commission accept the recommendation of Ms. Sprague with the stipulations as stated above. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL

At 9:50 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Karen Sprague and Prosecutor Jason D. Holdren to discuss legal. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:01 a.m.; no action taken.

2017 MATERIAL AND SERVICES CONTRACT - 911

The county engineer submitted the 2017 general road work and dust control contract for Gallia County 911. The President entertained a motion to approve the submitted contract. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

The contract is as follows:

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, MADE AND CONCLUDED IN GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2017 BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE FIRST PARTY, AND GALLIA COUNTY 911, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE SECOND PARTYS.

WITNESSTH:

WHEREAS, THE SECOND PARTY IS DESIROUS OF HAVING CERTAIN STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN ITS TERRITORY CONSTRUCTED, RELOCATED, REPAIRED, OR IMPROVED, AND ANY OTHER WORK REQUIRED OF THE FIRST PARTY, AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL ROAD WORK AND DUST CONTROL.

WHEREAS, THE SECOND PARTY DOES NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND/OR PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THE WORK AFORESAID AND DOES DESIRE TO HAVE SAID WORK PERFORMED BY THE FIRST PARTY, THROUGH THE ENGINEER BRETT BOOTHE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF SAID COUNTY; AND GALLIA COUNTY 911.

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND THE EMPLOYEES OF SAID GALLIA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MAY BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAYS AND OTHER DAYS OF EACH WEEK (PROVIDING IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH OVERALL MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM) TO PERFORM WORK AND LABOR FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF, OTHER POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, THE SECOND PARTY AGREES TO THE GALLIA COUNTY ENGINEER'S "PAYMENT OF MATERIAL AND SERVICES POLICY".

NOW THEREFORE, THE FIRST PARTY IS WILLING TO FURNISH THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND LABOR, AND TO PERFORM THE WORK AFORESAID, AS A CHARGE TO THE SECOND PARTY FOR THE USE OF SAID EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND LABOR. ALL LABOR, MATERIALS USED, AND FRINGE BENEFIT RATES WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CURRENT COUNTY RATES. EQUIPMENT WILL BE CHARGED AT THE GALLIA COUNTY ENGINEER'S 2017 EQUIPMENT RATES ON FILE.

WHEREAS, THE SECOND PARTY IS DESIROUS OF MATERIAL PURCHASES FROM THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR USE.

WHEREAS, MATERIAL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE BY THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

WHERE, THE SECOND PARTY AGREES TO THE GALLIA COUNTY ENGINEER "PAYMENT OF MATERIAL AND SERVICES POLICY".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE FIRST PARTY IF WILLING TO FURNISH MATERIAL WITH LOADING AT COUNTY COST AS A CHARGE TO THE SECOND PARTY.

THE SECOND PARTY AGREES, DOES COVENANT, TO SAVE HARMLESS THE FIRST PARTY FROM ANY AND ALL LOSS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES AND/OR FOR INJURY TO PERSONS, PROPERTY, OR OTHERWISE, ARISING FROM THE USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT PERFORMANT OF THE WORK AND LABOR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

THE FIRST PARTY AGREES THAT THE WORK SHALL BE DONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE GALLIA COUNTY ENGINEER OR PERSONS DESIGNATED BY HIM.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE SET THEIR HANDS TO DUPLICATES HEREOF THE 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2017 (original contract on file in the engineer's office and Sheriff's Office)

*SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:
(AS TO FIRST PARTY) (SEE CONTRACT)
s/ Anette L. Brown, Clerk*

*THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO 2/11/16
s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President
s/ David K. Smith, Vice President
s/ Brent Saunders, Commissioner*

*SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:
(AS TO SECOND PARTY)
s/ Sherry Daines, 911 Director.*

*SECOND PARTY
s/ Keith Wilson*

GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION MEETING

Commissioners: Harold G. Montgomery, David K. Smith and Brent Saunders along with County Administrator Karen Sprague attended the meeting at 10:00am and returned at 11:00am.

COUNTY AUCTION

Local auctioneer Lee Johnson met with the commissioners to discuss the upcoming county equipment auction. Harold G. Montgomery requested Mr. Johnson to submit his proposal to the Board and noted the Board will review the submitted proposals by auctioneers on April 13, 2017 at 11:00 am. no action taken.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Executive Director Russ Moore was present with his staff for the following proclamation:

**Child Abuse Prevention Month
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, child abuse and neglect are recognized as one of our most pressing social problems, affecting many of Ohio's children each year; and

Whereas, each child has the right to live and grow in a safe, secure and supportive environment; and

Whereas, high quality child protection, foster care, and adoption represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

Whereas, since it takes a community to protect a child, county action is needed to break the cycle of abuse and improve family life; and

Whereas, the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services support and promote the partnership between state, county and local public and private agencies to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, April has been designated "Child Abuse Prevention Month" nationwide by the National Center of Child Abuse and Neglect;

Now therefore, we the Gallia County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Gallia, State of Ohio, on this 6th day of April, 2017.

*Harold G. Montgomery, President
David K. Smith, Vice President
Brent Saunders, Commissioner*

Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion to adopt the proclamation; Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. The following were in attendance: County Administrator Karen Sprague, Sheriff Matthew D. Champlin and Prosecutor Jason D. Holdren

**PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD PETITION
2 UNNAMED ALLEYS IN VILLAGE OF PORTER**

At 11:45 AM, the President opened the road hearing for the following road petition for 2 Unnamed Alleys in Village of Porter as described:

The undersigned petitioners, freeholders of said county residing in the vicinity of the proposed improvement hereinafter described, respectfully represent that the public convenience and welfare require the VACATION of 2 Unnamed Alleys in Village of Porter - Public Roads on the line hereinafter described, and make application to you to institute and order proper proceedings in the premises for vacating such roads, the same not being a road on the State Highway System.

The following is a general route and termini of said roads:

Alley 1:

Being all of the alley laying north of Lot 60 in the Village of Porter, Plat Book 2, Page 26, in Springfield Township, Section 24. Being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 60 thence North 25D West 25 feet, thence South 65D West 196.6 feet, thence South 25D East 25 feet, thence North 65D East 196.6 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.11 acres more or less.

Alley 2:

Being all of the alley laying west of Lot 60 in the Village of Porter, Plat Book 2, Page 26, in Springfield Township, Section 24. Being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 60 thence North 25D West 85.8 feet, thence South 65D West 25 feet, thence South 25D East 85.8 feet, thence North 65D East 85.8 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.05 acres more or less.

As a result of this vacation, the following adjacent landowner shall be taxed as follows:

James E. Hall – 0.11 acres in Alley 1

James E. Hall – 0.05 acres in Alley 2

Note: All of the vacated above becomes the taxable property of the adjacent property owners at the time of the granted vacation.

The Commissioners advertised the public hearing March 17th and March 24th, 2017 and held a road viewing at 1:30 p.m. March 30, 2017 and then held a public hearing on April 6, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. to give testimony upon the necessity of vacating said road (s) and whether the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

A complete explanation of the petition was given and the following report was read from the County Engineer:

April 5, 2017

Re: Petitioned two unnamed alleys in the Village of Porter

Commissioners,

I have reviewed the request of said two unnamed alleys to be vacated in Springfield Township, Village of Porter. This Change will not impact safety, health, or general welfare of the county. Therefore, I recommend the road be vacated as petitioned:

The following is a general route and termini of said roads:

Alley 1:

CASSTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 14260-15

Being all of the alley laying north of Lot 60 in the Village of Porter, Plat Book 2, Page 26, in Springfield Township, Section 24.

Being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 60 thence North 25D West 25 feet, thence South 65D West 196.6 feet, thence South 25D East 25 feet, thence North 65D East 196.6 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.11 acres more or less.

Alley 2:

Being all of the alley laying west of Lot 60 in the Village of Porter, Plat Book 2, Page 26, in Springfield Township, Section 24.

Being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 60 thence North 25D West 85.8 feet, thence South 65D West 25 feet, thence South 25D East 85.8 feet, thence North 65D East 85.8 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.05 acres more or less.

As a result of this vacation, the following adjacent landowner shall be taxed as follows:

James E. Hall – 0.11 acres in Alley 1

James E. Hall – 0.05 acres in Alley 2


Note: All of the vacated above becomes the taxable property of the adjacent property owners at the time of the granted vacation.

Hearing no objections to the vacation, the President entertained a motion that the vacation be granted. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.


***12:30 pm – Commissioners traveled to Rio Grande, Ohio to attend the Gallia County Job Fair, organized by Economic Development Direct Melissa Clark and Department of Job and Family Services.**

ADJOURN

At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.


Harold G. Montgomery, President


Anette L. Brown, Clerk


David K. Smith, Vice President


Brent Saunders, Commissioner