

FEBRUARY 1, 2018

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 David K. Smith. Roll Call: President David K. Smith, present; Vice President Brent Saunders, present; Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the January 25, 2018 minutes. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
DJFS	Dana Glass	2/8 – 2/9	Columbus, Ohio	OJFSDA Directors Mtg
Auditor	Larry M. Betz	2/9	Hocking Co, Ohio	CAAO Dist. Mtg
DJFS	Dana Glassburn & Kathy Campbell	2/14	Columbus, Ohio	OJFSDA Fiscal Committee
Commissioners	David K. Smith, Brent Saunders & Harold G. Montgomery	2/8	Wellston, Ohio	GJMV Solid Waste Dist. Mtg

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

2018 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
1/28	23	1	3	0	19	0	0	0	23	15	0	0	0	0

FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with:

- January 2018 Sales Tax Report
- Medicaid Sales Tax Transition info

USDA - GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 PAYMENT RESOLUTION # 25

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Resolution # 25 for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project for the following items:

- Stantec Invoice # 1268879 - \$5,970.65
- Stantec Invoice # 1280674 - \$8,826.38
- Stantec Invoice # 1295919 - \$9,987.39
- CJ Hughes Pay Application #21 - \$342,749.72
- Total = \$367,534.14
- Payment Breakdown:
 - OPWC - \$5,657.72
 - OWDA - \$361,876.42

Stantec Project Engineer Gary Silcott recommends approval of the above invoices & pay applications. David Smith entertained a motion to approve and pay invoices from pay resolution # 25. Brent Saunders moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded a motion to approve payment resolution # 25 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea.

Brent Saunders moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded a motion to approve the USDA Engineering invoice form as submitted for the billing period of 9/16/17 – 12/8/2017. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea.

OPWC - GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 DISBURSEMENT REQUEST # 22 - FINAL

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with OPWC Disbursement Request # 22 (Final Draw) for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project for the following items:

- Stantec Invoice #'s 126,8879, 1280674 & 1295919 - \$5,657.72 (will be paid directly to Stantec from OPWC)
- Total = \$5,657.72

Harold G. Montgomery moved and Brent Saunders seconded a motion to approve OPWC disbursement request # 22 and the following memo entry as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, 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 \$5,657.72 into 322.3000.400100 from OPWC Grant # CO01R

- Memo expense in the amount of \$5,657.72 from 322.0322.531100 to Stantec Consulting Inc. vendor # 6899 for Invoice #'s 126,8879, 1280674 & 1295919
- Credit Back \$5,657.72 from PO # BL180168

OWDA - GREEN SEWER PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION GRANT/LOAN DISBURSEMENT REQUEST # 11

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with OWDA Disbursement Request # 11 for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Project for the following items:

- Stantec Invoice #'s 126,8879, 1280674 & 1295919 - \$19,126.70
- CJ Hughes Construction Pay Application #21 - \$342,749.72

Harold G. Montgomery moved and Brent Saunders seconded a motion to approve OWDA disbursement request # 11 and the following memo entry as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONTRACT

At 9:25 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Karen Sprague to discuss a contract. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. Returned to regular session at 9:52 a.m.; no action taken.

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 \$342,749.72 into 342.3000.400100 from OWDA Loan # 7150
- Memo expense in the amount of \$342,749.72 from 342.0342.531100 to CJ Hughes Construction vendor # 6031 for invoice # 21
- Credit Back \$342,749.72 from PO # BL170101

CHANGE ORDER #3 – GREEN SEWER 1 CONTRACTS A&B

Sewer Engineer Gary Silcott presented the Commission with Change Order No. 3 paperwork for the Green Sewer Phase 1 Contracts A&B with CJ Hughes Construction Co. Inc. Gary Silcott, Project Engineer with Stantec Consulting, has recommended the change order to adjust quantities from what was originally proposed to actual based on as built conditions to date. Quantity adjustments as follows:

CONTRACT A:

- Increase 1 each Flow Metering Manhole @ \$23,000 / each = \$23,000.00
- Increase 13.50 CY 6" crushed limestone, road/drive at \$44.00 CY = \$594.00
- Decrease 19.95 CY 6" aggregate base, asphalt drive at \$660.00 CY = (\$13,167.00)
- Decrease 4.66 CY 2" asphalt, driveways at \$649.00 CY = (\$3,024.34)
- Increase 6.67 SY 6" non-reinforced concrete at \$82.00 SY = \$546.94
- Increase 1,133.51 SF sidewalk replacement at \$10.00 SF = \$11,335.10
- Decrease 51.00 SY seeding and mulching at \$1.40 SY = (\$71.40)
- Increase 219.00 CY of compacted granular backfill at \$25.00 / each = \$5,475.00

CONTRACT B:

- Decrease 49.00 CY of 6" bituminous aggregate base, road at \$540.00 / CY = (\$26,460.00)
- Decrease 21.56 CY of 6" aggregate base, asphalt drive at \$685.00 CY = (\$14,768.60)
- Decrease 14.58 CY of 2" asphalt, roads at \$600.00 CY = (\$8,748.00)
- Decrease 6.49 CY of 2" asphalt, driveways at \$590.00 CY = (\$3,829.10)
- Decrease 81.44 SY of 6" non-reinforced concrete at \$82.00 SY = (\$6,678.08)
- Increase 2.50 SF of sidewalk replacement at \$23.00 SF = \$57.50
- Increase 0.74 LS of service modification for GP3 at \$5,701.00 LS = \$4,204.00
- Total Cost of Change Order #3 (\$31,533.98); Decreases contract from \$6,752,212.66 to \$6,720,678.68

CJ Hughes Construction Co. Inc. has signed and is in agreement with this change order.

David Smith entertained a motion to approve change order form #3 as requested. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

Form was signed by David K. Smith, as President of the Commission and will be forwarded to USDA for final approval and signing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONTRACT

At 9:56 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Karen Sprague to discuss a contract. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. At 10:05 County Administrator Karen Sprague excused the session. Returned to regular session at 10:26 a.m.; no action taken.

CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD LETTER

The Commissioners received the following letter from Children Services Executive Director Russ V. Moore:

CASO & HARRIS, INC. --- RE-ORDER NO. 14260-15

**GALLIA COUNTY CHILDRENS SERVICES BOARD
83 SHAWNEE LANE
GALLIPOLIS, OH 45631**

BOARD MEMBERS

*PHILIP SKIDMORE, Chairman
ROBERT JACKS, Vice-Chairman
CAROLYN CASEY, Secretary
KENT SHAWVER
JAN KORONICH*

**RUSS V. MOORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PHONE (740) 446-4963
FAX (740) 446-2063**

January 31, 2018

Gallia County Commissioners
David Smith, Harold Montgomery, and Brent Saunders
Gallia County Courthouse
18 Locust Street
Gallipolis, OH 45631

Dear Gallia County Commissioners,

Per the Guidelines For Boards With Members Appointed By The Gallia County Board Of Commissioners I am submitting our current roster of Board Members and the elected officers of said Board. They are as follows:

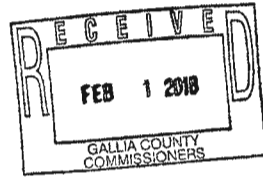
Philip Skidmore, Chairman
Robert Jacks, Vice-Chairman
Carolyn Casey, Secretary
Kent Shawver, Member
Jan Koronich, Member

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. As always, we value your partnership in protecting children in our community and we greatly appreciate all the assistance you render on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

RVM

Russ V. Moore
Executive Director



2018 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

Commissioners received the following 2018 County Highway System Mileage Certification from the Gallia County Engineer's office:

The total length of county maintained public roads in Gallia County was 454.664 miles as of December 31, 2016, as certified by the Board of County Commissioners and/or reported by the Director of Transportation in accordance with the provisions specified in Section 4501.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

We the undersigned, hereby certify that as of December 31, 2017, the county was responsible for maintaining 453.567 miles of public roads.

s/ David K. Smith, President

s/ Brent Saunders, Vice President

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Commissioner

The President entertained a motion to approve certification as presented from the County Engineer. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

2018 MATERIAL AND SERVICES CONTRACTS

The County Engineer submitted the 2018 general road work and dust control contracts for Gallia County Townships Addison, Cheshire, Clay, Gallipolis, Greenfield, Guyan, Huntington, Morgan, Ohio, Perry, Raccoon, Springfield, Walnut and the Villages of Centerville, Rio Grande, Vinton and the City of Gallipolis and O.O. McIntyre Park District and Madison Township of Jackson County and Mason Township of Lawrence County. The President entertained a motion to approve the submitted contracts Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

The contract is as follows:

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, MADE AND CONCLUDED IN GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, THIS (SEE CONTRACTS FOR DATE) BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINTO AFTER CALLED THE FIRST PARTY, AND (SEE CONTRACTS) HEREINTO AFTER 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 GALLIA COUNTY ENGINEER BRETT BOOTHE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF SAID COUNTY; AND (SEE CONTRACTS).

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 2018 EQUIPMENT RATES".

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 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018 (original contract on file in the engineer's office and a copy at the Gallia County Commissioners office)

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

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO 2/1/18
s/ David K. Smith, President
s/ Brent Saunders, Vice President
s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Commissioner

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Assistant Prosecutor Randy Dupree met with the commissioners to give office update, also noted he would be available throughout the day if they would need legal assistance.

SOIL & WATER

Cody Hacker with ODA-DSWC, Nick Mills and Joe Dailey with Gallia Soil & Water met with the commissioner to discuss supplemental appropriations to be matched by the State of Ohio. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion to increase their appropriations \$5,230.00 to utilize the state match. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

HEART MONTH PROCLAMATION

The President entertained a motion to approve the Heart Month Proclamation as submitted by Holzer Health System. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to adopt the proclamation. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. Also in attendance: Karrie Davison, Christi Cremeans, Jennifer Spradlin, Lori Cremeans, Amy Anderson and Lisa Johnson with Holzer.

2018 Heart Month Proclamation

Whereas, we the Gallia County Commissioners, recognize the month of February as American Heart Month and February and do hereby encourage all citizens to wear red to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease; and
Whereas, we recognize the extraordinary progress in heart health and recognize that more needs to be done in Gallia County to safeguard heart health for generations to come; and
Whereas, As stated by the American Heart Association, Heart Disease (including Coronary Heart Disease, Hypertension, and Stroke) continues to be the number one cause of death in the US. Coronary heart disease accounts for 1 in 7 deaths in the US, killing over 360,000 people a year.
Whereas, The American Heart Association projects the cost of treating heart disease in the United States will triple by 2030; and
Whereas, keeping our communities healthy and promoting awareness of health issues including heart disease, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organization and groups in our community; and
Whereas, heart health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping our citizens, especially our women, healthy is stronger than ever;
Therefore, be it resolved that in recognition of the ongoing fight against heart disease we do herby proclaim February as American Heart Month in Gallia County and urge everyone to show their support for the fight against heart disease.

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

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

FAA RESPONSE LETTER

David Smith entertained a motion to approve and sign the following letter of response to the FAA. Harold Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

2/1/2018

Mary W. Jagiello, Program Manager
Detroit Airports District Office
11677 South Wayne Road, Suite 107
Romulus, MI 48174

RE: Response to FAA letter dated 1/16/2018

Dear Ms. Jagiello:

In response to the January 16, 2018 letter sent to the Gallia County Commissioners regarding five informal complaints your office received regarding the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport, we offer the following responses.

1. *Allegation of retaliatory action of raising fuel prices the Monday following the auction: As you know the Gallia County Commissioners serve as the Airport Sponsor for the Airport. The County owns, operates and maintains the Airport's Fuel Farm and, purchases the fuel contained in the fuel farm tanks. The Airport has an above ground, 10,000-gallon 100LL aviation fuel storage tank and a below ground, 10,000-gallon Jet-A aviation fuel storage tank. When we purchase the fuel, we pay whatever the bulk rate price is for the fuel at the time of purchase. The profit we make on the bulk fuel load we receive is dependent on the retail price per gallon of fuel sold.*

I'm sure you know the sale of aviation fuel is no different than the sale of automobile fuel: it is very competitive. A gas station on one street corner may set their price per gallon one penny less than the gas station a half mile up the street and 'he customers will most likely travel the extra half mile up the street just to save a few cents and then complain about the gas station down on the street corner because they raised their price by a penny per gallon. Airports are no different. Everyone is in competition with each other to get the most business and sell fuel.

Every week the Commissioners meet with the Airport Manager to discuss the weekly happenings at the airport, discuss airport operations, discuss past, present and future airport maintenance issues and needs and, discuss the current fuel prices relative to the other airports in the surrounding area. The Commissioners review the nearby airports fuel prices and consult the Airport Manager for a recommendation on what to set our Airport fuel prices at. The particular week after the auction, the Airport Manager recommended both the 100LL and Jet-A fuel prices be raised and the Airport Manager justified his recommendation pointing out the prices are consistent with the prices at area airports. The Commissioners then authorized the Airport Manager to raise the per gallon fuel prices. This procedure for changing aviation fuel prices is common practice at most every County/Sponsor-owned airport fuel farm. The allegations that the fuel prices were increased due to retaliatory action is completely preposterous and purely a coincidence.

Retail fuel sales, hangar rent, aircraft tie-down rent and transient aircraft overnight parking fees are the only source of income for the Airport. Last year the Airport sold 4,487.28 gallons of 100LL fuel and 4,533.03 gallons of Jet-A fuel. The average markup/profit on 100LL was about \$0.40. The average markup/profit on Jet-A fuel was about \$1.00. Doing the simple math, multiplying the markup/profit by the total gallons sold for each type of fuel will give you the total profit received for the fuel for the year.

Last year it cost the County \$31,950.00 to maintain/repair the fuel farm alone! The proceeds from the sale of aviation fuel hardly helped offset the dollars the County had to come up with to pay for the maintenance/repair for the fuel farm. Raising the fuel prices is the only way to offset those costs to the County. Lowering the fuel prices to below the bulk rate purchase price per gallon just to remain competitive with other area airports, is one of the unfortunate drawbacks for a County-owned fuel farm and County purchased fuel. The County cannot sell the fuel for less than the purchase price.

2. *Allegation of misuse of hangar space, discrepancies in rents charged, and onerous hangar leases being imposed by the County Administration: The Gallia County Commissioners are the Airport Sponsor. In the past the County-appointed Airport Advisory Board was tasked with overseeing the day-to-day operations of the airport which included the rental and use of the County owned buildings and hangars on the Airport. Due these very same allegations alleged of the Airport Advisory Board, the Airport Advisory Board was abolished by the County on December 20, 2012 at the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Board. Since then, the County has endeavored to mitigate onerous hangar leases to be more consistent and meet the standards and regulations of the FAA and per the Airport Sponsor Assurances to the FAA. However, there still are some onerous practices occurring by a select few tenants at the Airport that other tenants appear to be observing and not happy about. The County is aware, understands and are again, endeavoring to mitigate the onerous actions of those select few tenants. Our endeavor is to create a set of minimum standards for all airport tenants to abide by that are consistent with the requirements and regulations as prescribed in our Airport Sponsor Assurances to the FAA. Our consultant, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. is helping us with this endeavor.*

Onerous practices include:

- *Local pilots taking the courtesy car for extended periods of time (numerous instances)*
- *Local pilots bringing trash from home to the airport trash bin causing the county to be charged extra by the trash hauler (numerous instances)*
- *Local pilots bringing children and dogs to the airport, letting them run unsupervised and leaving fast food wrapper waste and plastic bowls for dog food/water around in the office building (numerous instances)*
- *Airport Manager noted evidence of:*
 - *The fuel farm was broken into and fuel was removed from the top of the above ground tank*
 - *Something being shoved into the gas card reader and damaging it so fuel could not be sold*
- *Airport Manager removed a sign that was placed on the fueling station directing pilots to go elsewhere to buy fuel*

These final two actions left the County Commissioners in a position where we felt security cameras were needed due to the safety aspect of the county fuel farm being tampered with; the security camera installation cost a total of \$3,400. The County also filed a report with the County Sheriff's Dept. in this regard.

3. *Allegation the County constructed a storage facility on airport property to house Gallia County Sheriff's Department equipment: A Gallia County owned building was constructed by the County to store not only County Sheriff emergency response equipment, but the building is also accommodating storage of the Airport's snow removal and maintenance*

equipment. Prior to the construction of the building, the Airport's snow removal and maintenance equipment sat outside or was temporarily stored in an unoccupied aircraft storage hangar. The building is constructed within the southern half of the footprint of the future hangar building "E" as shown on the Approved ALP on file with the FAA. The building is of the same shape, construction and height as the existing adjacent aircraft hangar located on the northern half of the future hangar building "E".

It is our estimation for the reason why the Aeronautical Study (FAA Form 7460-1) was not prepared prior to the construction of the building was because the new building is of the same shape and construction of the existing hangar; it was assumed the existing hangar acted as a shadow structure to the FAR Part 77 surfaces and; the new building is no closer to the AWOS than the existing hangar (actually it is further away from the AWOS). Also, it was assumed the hangar/building area footprint and height was already reviewed from an airspace Aeronautical Study standpoint as part of the ALP review and approval process for future hangar building "E" as shown on the approved ALP.

The building is a County-owned storage building intended for the storage of County-owned equipment including County-owned Airport snow removal and maintenance equipment. The building is not available to the general-public for rent for the storage of aircraft.

We are currently working with our consultant, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. in preparing an as-built, pen-and-ink revision to the ALP which will reassign hangar building "E" as existing and will split the Building "E" footprint in half showing the northern half as a single unit aircraft storage hangar and the southern half as the Airport's snow removal equipment and maintenance equipment storage building. We hope to have this pen-and-ink revision to the ALP submitted to the FAA for their review and files within the next few months.

- 4. Allegation the County refuses to plow runways, taxiways, aprons and other aircraft movement areas within a reasonable time and the airport was NOTAMed closed from 1/2/18 through 1/9/18: As stated previously, Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport is a County owned, operated and maintained airport facility. The County endeavors to abide by the Airport Sponsor Assurances, requirements and regulations prescribed by the FAA and State of Ohio. We hold the safety and efficiency of the flying public paramount and make every effort to maintain the airport pavements clear of snow during the few seasonal snow events we have.

The County's labor resources are limited when a snow event occurs and the protocol is to clear the mainline streets and highways first, then clear the arterial streets, then clear the side streets and then the airport. Since the Gallia-Meigs Airport is a general aviation airport with non-scheduled air traffic, sometimes it may be necessary to close certain airport pavements and/or the entire airport facility until the pavements can be adequately cleared and deemed safe for travel on by aircraft. We rely on our Airport Manager to determine whether-or-not the airport pavements are safe for travel on by aircraft and/or certain airport pavements need to be closed until they can be cleared of snow by County forces. In no way does the County refuse to plow runways, taxiway, aprons and other aircraft movement areas! Our County forces plow the airport pavements when able and within a most reasonable time as possible.

As for the Airport being NOTAMed closed from 1/2/18 through 1/9/18, our Airport Manager determined the airport (for whatever reason) was deemed unsafe for safe and efficient aircraft operations during that timeframe. As a note, during that timeframe the Airport and entire region had abnormally sub-zero temperatures with abnormal precipitation events in between the sub-zero temperature events. Black-ice conditions prevailed on the pavement surfaces necessitating the closure of many area airports during the same timeframe and for an extended period similar to the closure period encountered at Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport.

- 5. Allegation that Hangar tenants are leaving the airport resulting in 70% of the hangars being vacant at KGAS: While approximately 50% of the hangars are currently vacant (the county still has well more than 10 based aircraft), it is out of the County's control to stop hangar tenants from going elsewhere to store their aircraft.


It is the County's opinion the reason there is a recent drop in hangar occupancy is because certain hangar tenants that have been participating in non-compliant practices at the Airport for too many years in the past are now realizing the County is not going to tolerate and allow non-compliant activities to continue. Soon a set of minimum airport standards will be in place that will extinguish these non-compliant activities.

Hopefully we have adequately answered to these, in our opinion, false allegations. Please feel free to contact us anytime should you have any questions, comments and/or need any additional information. We look forward to your response to our responses. Should we not hear from you in a couple of weeks we will contact you to follow up and see if you need anything further from us so to put this informal complaint to conclusion.

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

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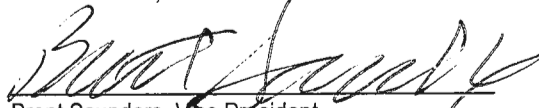
At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.



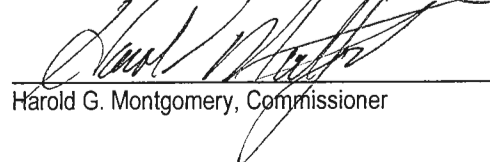
David K. Smith, President



Anette L. Brown, Clerk



Brent Saunders, Vice-President



Harold G. Montgomery, Commissioner

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