

**EMERGENCY MEETING****FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

President David Smith called the special emergency commissioners meeting to order at 08:00 am at the 911 Center. Roll Call: President David K. Smith, present; Vice President Brent Saunders, present; Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery, present. President Smith noted that the media had been properly notified and was in attendance. President Smith opened the floor for a motion for the purpose of declaring an emergency in the county due to recent heavy rains and flooding. Commissioner Montgomery made the following motion:

**WHEREAS**, the area known as **Gallia County**, Ohio and all Townships and Municipalities contained therein, and those residents within those communities are, because of technical or natural causes, facing eminent threat to their general safety;

**WHEREAS**, all citizens are called upon and directed to comply with appropriate necessary emergency measures and to cooperate with public officials and disaster relief forces in their execution of emergency operation plans and to comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officers; and to curtail any unnecessary travel, into the affected areas; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we the Board of **Gallia County** Commissioners, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in Gallia County and hereby invoke and declare in full force in effect in **Gallia County**, statutes and ordinances applicable to this emergency by the government of United States, the State of Ohio and the County of **Gallia** for the exercising of all necessary authority for the protection of lives and property of the people of **Gallia County** and restoration of local government with minimum of interruption.

All operating forces will direct their communication and requests for assistance and operations directly the Emergency Operation Center.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set out hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 at 08:00 hours.

Commissioner Saunders second the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

President Smith noted that at the present time the public was not in any danger. The declaration is so that the county will be able to access any state or federal funding that may become available due to the incident. President Smith advised that the county engineer will be evaluating any damages to the county infrastructure. Emergency Management Agency Director, Sherry Daines advised her office will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to the County Commissioners, State EMA and media of any calls for assistance from public. Director Daines stated her office would also notify all political subdivisions of the declaration.

**ADJOURN**

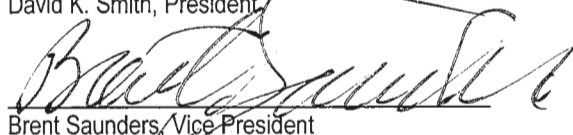
Being no further business in the special meeting Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to adjourn. Commissioners Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 08:10 am.



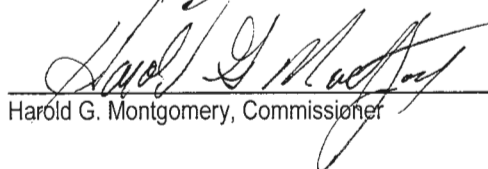
David K. Smith, President



Tim Miller, EMA Deputy Director



Brent Saunders, Vice President



Harold G. Montgomery, Commissioner