

MAY 16, 2019

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

The President entertained a motion for approval of the May 7 2019 minutes. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

| TRAVEL REQUESTS | | | | |
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| DEPARTMENT | NAME | DATE | TO | RE: |
| 911/EMA | Sherry Daines & Tim Miller | 5/14 - 5/15 | Columbus, Ohio | Debris Management |
| EMA | Tim Miller | 5/20 | Lawrence Co., Ohio | Haz-Mat exercise |
| 911/EMA | Sherry Daines & Tim Miller | 5/21 | Nelsonville, Ohio | EMA SECTOR Mtg |
| 911/EMA | Sherry Daines | 5/21 – 5/22 | Columbus, Ohio | APCO/NENA Mtg & training |
| 911/EMA | Sherry Daines & Tim Miller | 5/23 | Jackson, Ohio | Emergency Operations Plan training |

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

| 2019 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 |
| 5/12 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

*Canine Committee held a meeting in the second floor meeting room at 8:00a.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

Clerk Anette Brown provided the Commission with the following on behalf of County Administrator Karen Sprague:

- Sales tax report for month of May 2019

ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS

County Administrator Karen Sprague discussed with the Commission establishing a date for interviews of the Architect Firms submitting SOQ's for a County Detention Facility. The afternoon of 6/20/2019 was chosen and firms will be contacted to set up the interview times.

COUNTY ENGINEER HIGHWAY GARAGE DOORS

A-1 Glass provided a proposal for replacement of 3 metal doors at the Gallia County Engineer Highway Garage in the amount of \$4,200. Brent Saunders entertained a motion to approve the proposal. Harold Montgomery moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 – INCOME SURVEY AGREEMENT

County Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission of correspondence from the state Office of Community Development notifying the income survey completed for Green Sewer Phase 2 RPIG application can no longer be utilized for the project since new census data came out April 2019. The income survey was completed 7/26/2015 by RCAP at a cost of \$10,000. Income surveys are supposed to be good for 5 years, however the state OCD office says since new census data came out April 2019 only surveys started after January 1, 2016 will be accepted further noting with the new ACS data they had to get rid of their usual five-year acceptable window in order to comply with HUD's new requirement. Ms. Sprague noted she has contacted RCAP to perform a new income survey and requested the Commission grant her the authority to approve and sign the agreement with RCAP so they can get started as soon as possible. Harold Montgomery made a motion to grant Ms. Sprague the authority to approve and sign the agreement with RCAP. Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

RESOLUTION - INDIGENT DEFENSE FUNDING

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THANKING THE GOVERNOR AND THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF STATE INDIGENT DEFENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND CALLING ON THE OHIO SENATE TO CONTINUE THIS SUPPORT IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL.

On this 16th day of May 2019, the Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, met in regular session with the following members present: Brent Saunders and Harold G. Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio counties have experienced a collective \$351 million annual revenue loss due to reductions in the Local Government Fund, Medicaid Managed Care sales tax elimination, and tangible personal property tax; and

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WHEREAS, Ohio counties are anticipating a \$50 million collective sales tax revenue loss by State Fiscal Year 2021 due to the implementation of the prescription eyewear sales tax exemption and the expiration of Ohio's grandfather clause to the federal Internet Tax Freedom Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, county budgets have been strained for decades by the state passing down to counties its constitutionally-mandated requirement under the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963) that the state provide legal counsel to indigent defendants; and

WHEREAS, the state reimbursement rate to counties for indigent defense costs has only averaged 35 percent from SFY 07 to SFY 16, leaving counties to collectively spend tens of millions in county general revenue funds to fulfill this state mandate; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine provided counties an additional \$60 million each fiscal year of his introduced state budget to provide counties with much needed budgetary relief of this state mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives provided an additional \$35 million in SFY 21 to the state budget bill to reimburse counties for indigent defense costs and alleviate counties of this growing state mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO;

THAT, this Board applauds and sincerely thanks Governor DeWine for listening to county budgetary concerns and addressing indigent defense costs with his historic and impactful investment included in his introduced budget; and

THAT, this Board deeply appreciates and sincerely thanks the Ohio House of Representatives for further increasing the indigent defense appropriation by \$35 million in SFY21 which should fully reimburse counties for their indigent defense costs, assuming current conditions; and

THAT, this Board calls upon the Ohio Senate to maintain the House of Representatives' appropriation for indigent defense reimbursement in the state budget bill to ensure that this state mandate remains funded; and

THAT, this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Mr. Saunders seconded the motion for adoption of said resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the voted resulted as follows:

Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

Adopted: May 16, 2019

s/ Anette L. Brown, Clerk of the Board of Gallia County Commissioners

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Prosecutor Jason D. Holdren met with the commission for their weekly update, review and advice on any legal issues. No action taken.

SEWER - BILL PROCESSING AND MAILING

Sewer Director Connie Johnson and I.T. Director John Grubb met to discuss cost estimate of processing and mailing sewer bills proposed by SmartBill Corporation. Mr. Grubb noted the Gallia County Treasurer is currently using SmartBill for their Tax Billing. Mrs. Johnson recommended SmartBill proposal with the monthly cost saving and suggested the sewer department use the current supplies (6-8 months) before switching to SmartBill. The President entertained a motion based on the recommendation of Sewer Director Mrs. Johnson to accept the service proposal from SmartBill. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

911 – ARC GRANT RESOLUTION

Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Gallia County Board of County Commissioners OF Gallia County

THAT Sherry Daines, Gallia County 911 Communications Director is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of Gallia County, a public entity establishes under the laws of the state of Ohio this grant application to the **Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Program**.

Passed and approved this 16th day of May 16, 2019

s/ Brent Saunders, President

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen Sprague, duly appointed and County Administrator for the Gallia County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Gallia County Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County on the 16th day of May, 2019.

s/ Karen Sprague, County Administrator

The President entertained the motion to approve the authorization of Ms. Daines. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Director Melissa Clark requested executive session to discuss economic development. At 10:31 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Economic Development Director Melissa Clark and Kevan Mock, David Schenkelberg and Mark Bridenbaugh of Hopewell Health to discuss economic development. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote. Returned to regular session at 11:02 a.m.; no action taken.

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SCOTT HOWELL

Scott Howell requested to be on the commissioner's May 16, 2019 agenda to discuss his concerns with the Gallia County Sheriff's humane officer and the Friends of Gallia County Animals but did not attend.

AUDITOR- PAYROLL

Payroll Administrator Susan Hill met with the commission to discuss the 2015 overpayment pay back. No action taken

NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK - PROCLAMATION

The President entertained the motion to approve the following proclamation. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

**NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK
May 12 – 18, 2019**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we honor and respect our elders and citizens of any age with physical or intellectual disabilities who reside in skilled nursing care centers in Gallia County, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, skilled nursing care centers throughout our area are holding events in observance of National Nursing Home Week, May 12 – 18, 2019, using this year's theme of, "Live Soulfully", and,

WHEREAS, I urge all citizens to visit a loved one, family member or friend residing in any care setting and offer a kind word, a personal touch, and spend time participating in various activities to unite those from all walks of life in need of our continuing love and support; and,

WHEREAS, my administration is committed to quality health care, we take this moment to embrace the essence of the theme,

"Live Soulfully", Let's join all residents, patients, caregivers, nurses, other staff, volunteers and visitors in celebrating happy minds and healthy souls; and,

THEREFORE, we, the Gallia County Commissioners, declare the week of May 12th through the 18th, 2019, as National Nursing Home Week, a week to honor both our vulnerable citizens who receive care and the dedicated ones giving care.

This proclamation shall take effect upon its signing this 16th day of May, 2019.

s/ Brent Saunders, President

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President

NATIONAL POPPY DAY - PROCLAMATION

The President entertained the motion to approve the following proclamation. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote. Also in attendance were: Little Miss Jr. Poppy Mariah Armstrong, Judy Payne, City commissioner Tony Gallagher and Gallipolis Tribune Dean Wright.

National Poppy Day

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world to honor the fallen and support the living; and

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by those who have worn our nation's uniform; and

WHEREAS, the red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, the distribution of poppies became a nation program of The American Legion, reminding America annually of the debt owed to those who have died in war; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Auxiliary Lafayette Unit No. 27 of Gallipolis, Ohio annually fulfills this pledge.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED May 24, 2019, Friday before Memorial Day as

POPPY DAY

in Gallia County, and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

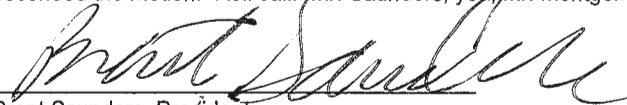
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the County of Gallia, State of Ohio this 16th day of May 2019.

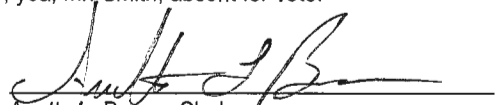
s/ Brent Saunders, President

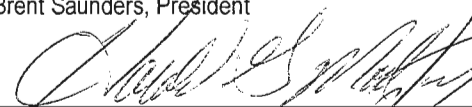
s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President


ADJOURN

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


Brent Saunders, President


Anette L. Brown, Clerk


Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President


David K. Smith, Commissioner