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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, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the May 16, 2019 minutes. Harold G. Montgomery made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Econ Dev	Amy Sisson	5/29	Athens, Ohio	Counseling Ethics Seminar

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

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
5/19	29	3	2	0	29	0	1	0	35	17	0	1	0	0

DJFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

Children Services Director Russ Moore presented the commissioners the following:

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
SUBGRANT AGREEMENT
G-2021-11-5928**

RECITALS

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This Subgrant Agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, unless this Subgrant Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to ARTICLE VII prior to the above termination date.

The President entertained a motion to approve the agreement upon the recommendation of Director Moore. David K. Smith made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

County Administrator Karen Sprague shared a request from the Gallia County Health Department for permission to make improvements to the Health Department portion of the Gallia County Service Center as follows noting the Health Dept. will pay for the improvements as follows:

- Panic bar on conference exterior door
- 2 new doors with bullet proof glass for offices that open to the hallways
- Environmental health office entrance from hallway replace with bullet proof glass door

Brent Saunders entertained a motion to grant approve for the Health Department request. Harold G. Montgomery moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

AIRPORT – 2019 ANNUAL FEE ASSESSMENT – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 2019 annual fee assessment for the 1 underground storage tanks located at the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport for approval and signage. Brent Saunders entertained a motion to approve the form with \$11,000 deductible per tank at a fee of \$550 per tank for a total of \$550. Harold G. Montgomery moved and David K. Smith seconded a motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

SHERIFF – NON-EVIDENCE TOW FEES – RESOLUTION

The President entertained a motion to adopt the following resolution as presented:

RESOLUTION

The Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 23rd day of May, 2019 and the following members were present:

Brent Saunders

Harold G. Montgomery

David K. Smith

The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mr. Montgomery moves the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Gallia County, Ohio maintains and operates a vehicle storage/ impound lot for vehicles that come into its possession when law enforcement executes its official duties, or by other lawful means

RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, proposed for the purpose of providing revenue for the continuing operation of the lot and for other allowable law enforcement and public purposes, adopts the following fee schedule related to vehicles stored in the impound lot and repealing and replacing any prior fee schedule:

The fee for the removal of a vehicle is \$125; or for a vehicle that has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds that is a truck, bus, or a combination of commercial tractor and trailer or semitrailer, the maximum fee is \$150 and is meant to cover the costs incurred by the County to a private towing contractor;

The storage fee is \$12 per 24-hour period, except the first 24-hour period during which no fee may be assessed; or for a vehicle that has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds that is a truck, bus, or a combination of commercial tractor and trailer or semitrailer, the maximum storage fee is \$20 per 24-hour period, except the first 24-hour period during which no fee may be assessed;

There shall be an additional administrative fee of \$75 assessed for services performed in the intake, storage, required notifications and release of any stored vehicle.

FURTHER, this Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this board and that all deliberations of this board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including R.C. 121.22.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion and roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted in as follows:

Mr. Saunders yea

Mr. Montgomery yea

Mr. Smith yea

Adopted this 23rd day of May, 2019.

s/ Anetta L. Brown, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO

s/ Brent Saunders, President

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President

s/ David K. Smith, Commissioner

EXECUTIVE SESSION - DJFS - PERSONNEL

At 9:54 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with JFS Director Dana Glassburn to discuss personnel. Harold G. Montgomery made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:24 a.m.; no action taken.

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DJFS IV-D - CSEA AND PROSECUTOR - CONTRACT

Director Dana Glassburn presented the following contract for approval:

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
IV-D CONTRACT

Pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Parts 302, 303, and 304 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); sections 3125.13 to 3125.17 of the Ohio Revised Code; and rules 5101:12-1-80 to 5101:12-1-80.4 of the Ohio Administrative Code (hereafter "IV-D Contract rules"), the Gallia County Child Support Enforcement Agency (hereafter "CSEA") enters into this IV-D Contract with Gallia County Prosecutor's Office (hereafter "Contractor") to purchase services for the effective administration of the support enforcement program.

The CSEA and the Contractor certify that all IV-D Contract activities shall be performed in compliance with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, 45 CFR Parts 302, 303, and 304, and the rules in Division 5101:12 of the Administrative Code.

Unless otherwise specified, the terms of this IV-D Contract apply to both governmental contractors and private contractors.

The IV-D Contract consists of this document and all attached forms or documents that are incorporated and deemed to be a part of the IV-D Contract as if fully written herein. Nothing in this IV-D Contract shall be construed contrary to state or federal laws and regulations.

IV-D Contract Terms:

1. **IV-D Contract Period:** The IV-D Contract is effective from 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms listed in paragraph 23 of this IV-D Contract. The IV-D Contract period shall not exceed twelve (12) months. The CSEA and contractor may agree upon a IV-D Contract period that is less than twelve (12) months.
2. **Unit of Service:** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this IV-D Contract, the CSEA agrees to purchase and the Contractor agrees to provide the following Unit of Service for a IV-D case: One hour of legal service for the prosecution of CSEA initiated IV-D cases for criminal and civil support services performed during that hour including, but not limited to case preparation, research, meetings regarding IV-D issues, IV-D related support enforcement training, and preparation of timesheets for billing purposes.

The CSEA and the Contractor certify that all units of service are eligible for federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursement in accordance with rules 5101:12-1-60 and 5101:12-1-60.1 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the IV-D Contract rules, and 2 CFR, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 225 (Circular A-87 of the Federal Office of Management and Budget).

3. **Optional Purchase of Non-CSEA Initiated Activities:** In a IV-D Contract with a court for magistrate services, the CSEA may elect to purchase non-CSEA initiated activities in addition to CSEA initiated activities. If the CSEA elects to purchase non-CSEA initiated activities in addition to CSEA initiated activities, the CSEA and the court shall signify the decision by placing their initials on the lines below.

Initials of Authorized CSEA Representative	Initials of Authorized Court Representative
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4. **IV-D Contract Costs:**
 - 4A. **Unit Rate:** The Unit Rate for this IV-D Contract is \$92.10 per Unit of Service as determined by:
 - The calculation listed in the JFS 07020 (Governmental Contractor IV-D Contract Budget) for a IV-D Contract with a governmental entity; or
 - The procurement process for a IV-D Contract with a private entity.
 - 4B. **Total IV-D Contract Cost:** The Total IV-D Contract Cost is \$368,397.63
5. **Availability of Funds:** The CSEA certifies that it has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this IV-D Contract, that it intends to maintain this IV-D Contract for the full period set forth herein, that it believes that it will have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period, and that it will use its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this IV-D Contract.
- 5A. Payments for all services provided in accordance with the provisions of this IV-D Contract are contingent upon the availability of the non-federal share and FFP reimbursement, as follows:

	Amount	Source
Non-Federal Share	\$125,255.19	Local Sources
FFP Reimbursement	\$243,142.44	
Total IV-D Contract Cost	\$368,397.63	

- 5B. The CSEA certifies that the non-federal share is not provided from any source that is prohibited by state or federal law.
6. **Performance Standards:** *The performance standards shall be based upon the requirements in 45 CFR Part 303. The performance standards are attached to this IV-D Contract in a separate document with a label at the top of the first page that reads, "Performance Standards."*
7. **Access to the Public:** The CSEA and the Contractor agree to make all reasonable efforts to allow public access by providing services between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM on the following days Monday thru Friday with the exception of the following days: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Day; President's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving Day; the day after Thanksgiving; Christmas Eve; and Christmas Day (Holidays that fall on a Sunday will be observed the following Monday, Holidays that fall on Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday).
8. **Amendments to and Modifications of the IV-D Contract:** The Office of Child Support (OCS) will review all IV-D Contract amendments or modifications and determine whether the amendments or modifications are acceptable for purposes of FFP reimbursement. Language in this IV-D Contract shall not be modified, deleted, struck out, or added, except for the following:
 - **Amendments:** The CSEA or Contractor may amend any information in the insertable fields in the first paragraph of the IV-D Contract or IV-D Contract Terms 1 through 7, provided that both the CSEA and Contractor agree to the amendments, the CSEA submits the amendments to OCS on the JFS 07037 (IV-D Contract Amendment), and OCS accepts the JFS 07037; or

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- **Modifications:** The CSEA or Contractor may modify the language in this IV-D Contract, provided that both the CSEA and the Contractor agree to the modifications, the CSEA submits the proposed modifications to OCS, and OCS accepts the modifications. If the CSEA or Contractor modifies the language in this IV-D Contract without the agreement of both parties to the IV-D Contract and acceptance from OCS, the modified IV-D Contract will have no force or effect of law.
9. **Billing Requirements:** When the Contractor is a private entity, the Contractor shall ensure that the JFS 07035 (IV-D Contract Invoice) is submitted to the CSEA no later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the month in which services were provided.

When the Contractor is a governmental entity, the Contractor shall ensure that the JFS 07034 (Governmental Contactor Monthly Expense Report) and the JFS 07035 are submitted to the CSEA no later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the month in which services were provided. If the Contractor neglects or refuses to submit the JFS 07034 or JFS 07035 to the CSEA for payment within the appropriate time frame, the CSEA reserves the right to refuse payment.

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 10. **Expensed Equipment:** Equipment that has been included in the unit rate on the JFS 07020 and expensed rather than depreciated during the IV-D Contract period shall be transferred to the CSEA or the appropriate residual value shall be paid to the CSEA when the equipment is no longer needed to carry out the work under this IV-D Contract or a succeeding IV-D contract.
 11. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** The CSEA and the Contractor shall monitor and evaluate the extent to which services described in the IV-D Contract are being performed. The CSEA shall evaluate the performance of the Contractor on the JFS 02151 (IV-D Contract Evaluation) and provide a copy of the completed JFS 02151 to the Contractor.
 12. **Recordkeeping:** The Contractor shall maintain accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this IV-D Contract. All books, records, payroll, and documents related to this IV-D Contract that are in the possession of the Contractor or of a third party performing work related to this IV-D Contract shall be maintained and preserved by the Contractor for a period of three years after final payment, unless otherwise directed by the CSEA. Such records shall be subject at all reasonable times for inspection, review, or audit by duly authorized federal, state, and CSEA personnel or their designees. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is started before the end of the three-year period, the records must be retained until all issues arising from the action are resolved or until the end of the three-year period, whichever is later.
 13. **Responsibility for Review or Audit Findings and Recommendations:** The Contractor agrees to accept responsibility for replying to and complying with any review or audit findings and recommendations by an authorized state or federal review or audit that are directly related to the provisions of this IV-D Contract.
 14. **Indemnity:** When the Contractor is a private entity, the Contractor shall certify that it will at all times during the existence of this IV-D Contract indemnify and hold harmless the CSEA, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and the Board of County Commissioners or county administrator in the same county as the CSEA against any and all liability, loss, damage, and/or related expenses incurred through the provision of services under this IV-D Contract.
 15. **Insurance:** When the Contractor is a private entity, the Contractor shall contract for such insurance as is reasonably necessary to adequately secure the persons and estates of eligible individuals against reasonable, foreseeable torts that could cause injury or death.
 16. **Finding for Recovery:** The Contractor certifies that the Contractor is not subject to a finding for recovery or it has taken the appropriate remedial steps required under section 9.24 of the Ohio Revised Code or it otherwise qualifies to contract with the State of Ohio under section 9.24 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 17. **Licenses:** The Contractor certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business or, if applicable, practice law in Ohio have been obtained and are operative. If at any time during the IV-D Contract period the Contractor becomes disqualified or suspended from conducting business or, if applicable, practicing law in Ohio, the Contractor must immediately notify the CSEA of the disqualification or suspension and the Contractor will immediately cease performance of any obligations under this IV-D Contract.
 18. **Independent Capacity for the Contractor:** The Contractor and its agents, employees, and subcontractors will act in performance of this IV-D Contract in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of Ohio or the CSEA.
 19. **Confidentiality:** The Contractor agrees that information regarding an individual shall only be used for purposes related to the IV-D program, in accordance with rules 5101:12-1-20 to 5101:12-1-20.2 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Disclosure of information for any other purpose is prohibited.
 20. **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance:** The Contractor certifies that it is in full compliance with all statutes and regulations pertaining to the ADA of 1990 and with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
 21. **Civil Rights:** The Contractor certifies compliance with rule 5101:9-2-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
 22. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** In carrying out this IV-D Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. The Contractor shall ensure that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship.
 23. **Termination:** This IV-D Contract may be terminated:
 - 23A. By mutual agreement at any time after the date on which the two parties reach their decision.
 - 23B. If FFP reimbursement or the non-federal share designated for the purchase of services under this IV-D Contract is not available to the CSEA in an amount adequate to support the IV-D Contract as determined by the CSEA. When termination of the IV-D Contract occurs under this paragraph, the termination date is the date upon which the FFP reimbursement or non-federal share is no longer available; however, the CSEA may determine a later termination date. The CSEA shall provide the Contractor written notice of the termination but is not required to provide written notice in advance of the termination. Reimbursement to the Contractor will cease on the date of termination of the IV-D Contract.

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- 23C.** If the CSEA has discovered any illegal conduct on the part of the Contractor, immediately upon delivery of written notice to the Contractor by the CSEA.
- 23D.** If the Contractor does not faithfully and promptly perform its responsibilities and obligations under this IV-D Contract as determined by the CSEA. If the CSEA elects to terminate the IV-D Contract, the CSEA shall provide the Contractor with written notice thirty days in advance of the termination date.
- 23E.** If the CSEA does not faithfully and promptly perform its responsibilities and obligations under this IV-D Contract, as determined by the Contractor. If the Contractor elects to terminate the IV-D Contract, the Contractor shall provide the CSEA with written notice thirty days in advance of the termination date.
- 23F.** If the IV-D Contract is for legal services and the Contractor becomes disqualified or suspended from conducting business or practicing law in Ohio, all obligations under this IV-D Contract shall immediately terminate and the Contractor shall immediately notify the CSEA and cease the performance of any obligations under this IV-D Contract.

When the IV-D Contract terminates, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation upon submission of the appropriate form(s), as described in paragraph 9, for the work performed prior to:

- The date on which the parties reached their decision, in accordance with paragraph 23A;
- The receipt of the written notice of termination, in accordance with paragraphs 23B through 23E; or
- The Contractor being disqualified or suspended from conducting business or practicing law, in accordance with paragraph 23F.

The CSEA shall calculate the compensation based on the Total IV-D Contract Cost less any funds previously paid by or on behalf of the CSEA. The Contractor shall not exceed the Total IV-D Contract Cost. The CSEA shall not be liable for any further claims.

IV-D Contract Signatures:

<i>s/ Dana Glassburn</i> , JFS Director	May 23, 2019
<i>s/ Amber Fellare</i> , Assistant Prosecutor	April 29, 2019
<i>s/ Brent Saunders</i> , President	May 23, 2019
<i>s/ Harold G. Montgomery</i> , Vice President	May 23, 2019
<i>s/ David K. Smith</i> , Commissioner	May 23, 2019
<i>s/ Jason D. Holdren</i> , Prosecuting Attorney	April 29, 2019

The President entertained a motion to approve and sign the contract as presented. Harold G. Montgomery moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

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The President entertained the motion to sign the agreement as recommended by Director Glassburn. David K. Smith made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

COUNTY ENGINEER - OPWC GRANT/LOAN DISBURSEMENT REQUEST # 1

Commission received Disbursement Request # 1 for the Gallia County Engineer's OPWC Grant/Loan for the Swan Creek Slip Repair Project. The disbursement request noted the County Engineer has expended \$173,846.00 and will be reimbursed \$154,500.00. The \$154,500 is broken down as \$120,000 grant and \$34,500 loan at 0% interest to be paid over a period of 20 years. Brent Saunders entertained a motion to approve disbursement request # 1 as submitted. David K. Smith moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT - HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS SFSC GRANT

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a letter of support for Hopewell Health Centers grant application to the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Strong Families-Safe Communities Program. Brent Saunders entertained a motion to approve and sign the letter of support as presented. Harold G. Montgomery made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea.

5/23/2019

David Schenkelberg, LPCC-S
Chief Clinical Officer
Hopewell Health Centers, Inc.
90 Hospital Drive
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Mr. Schenkelberg,

As the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, we are pleased to submit this letter endorsing Hopewell Health Centers proposal for funding from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services through the Strong Families-Safe Communities program.

As you know, resources in Southeast Ohio are often limited with families who have children and young people experiencing mental health crises having few available options. As a community, we have a strong history of working together toward creative solutions. The activities that you propose to accomplish through this funding will play an important role in that pursuit.

Children and families in our community are experiencing crisis that can lead to hospitalization and out of home placement. The need for crisis stabilization services offered in our community for children and young adults without having to go to Columbus is vital.

The Commissioners fully support Hopewell in obtaining capital funding for their facility and support the provision of healthcare provided by Hopewell Health Centers, Inc.

In support of this project, various county agencies will make referrals into the services, will work together for coordination of care, participate in team meetings as well as the Gallia County Board of Commissioners will commit to meeting with Hopewell to develop a lease for county owned facilities that each believes will lead to a child crisis stabilization unit in Gallia County.

Hopewell Health Centers has a compelling record of accomplishments for supporting our community in creating, implementing, and sustaining creative services for children, youth, and families. I urge you to fully fund their proposal.

Respectfully submitted,
Gallia County Board of Commissioners

/ Brent Saunders, President

/ Harold G. Montgomery, Vice-President

/ David K. Smith, Commissioner

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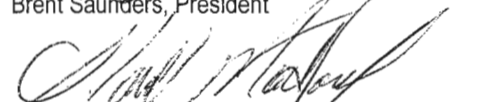
At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. David K. Smith made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.



Brent Saunders, President



Anette L. Brown, Clerk



Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President



David K. Smith, Commissioner