

**NOVEMBER 14, 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, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the November 7, 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	Melissa Clark	11/20	Jackson, Ohio	Econ Dev Mtg
I.T.	John Grubb	11/22	Columbus, Ohio	OCATS Mtg

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. David K. Smith made and Harold G. Montgomery 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
11/10	16	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	7	19	0	0	0	0

**FAA GRANT 2019 DRAW #3 APPROVAL  
GALLIA-MEIGS REGIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT**

Commission received from Delta Airport Consultants the FAA grant 2019 draw #3 forms requesting \$6,300.00 from the County's FAA grant for the 90% share of the following invoices:

- Delta Airport Consultants Inv # 9 - \$14,000.00
- Total = \$14,000.00
- 90% FAA grant = \$12,600.00
- 5% ODOT Aviation grant = \$700.00
- 5% local match = \$700.00

Brent Saunders entertained a motion to approve and sign the grant draw #3 forms for payment of engineering invoices as presented. David K. Smith moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea.

**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 Kevin L. & Clorissa M. Coppick and the Gallia County Commissioners for a HOME funded project that is part of the 2018 CHIP grant program. Brent Saunders entertained a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Harold G. Montgomery moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – GALLIPOLIS RAILROAD FREIGHT STATION MUSEUM**

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the following letter of support for Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum. The President entertained a motion to approve the letter as presented. David K. Smith made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

11/14/2019

Mr. Jerry Davis, Vice-President  
The Gallipolis Railroad Freight Museum, Inc.  
P O Box 1217  
Gallipolis, OH 45631

Dear Mr. Davis,

We are writing today to express our support for the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Museum Project that is underway in Gallipolis.

The station undergoing this renovation was originally built in 1901 and served as a busy freight depot. We are proud to endorse the concept of a railroad museum to house railroad memorabilia (assisted by the Ohio Historical Connection), as well as a working telegraph office, period furnishings, possible store, model train displays, a rail yard with a working hand car, and rolling stock.

It is our understanding that the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Museum will not only be a museum in the traditional sense, but will also be a hub for education to celebrate our area's rich history and teach future generations about the contributions and significance of railroads in Southeastern Ohio and the rest of the nation. We can think of no greater place for such project than southeastern Ohio and downtown Gallipolis.

We are also excited about the potential economic development benefits such a project will bring to Gallipolis and the surrounding area. With increased tourism revenue from the museum itself, new jobs and an increased focus on education and history, we think the museum could serve as the driving force behind resurgence of Gallipolis.

Finally, we are thrilled to support a project that will tell the railroad story.

We look forward to hearing how the museum project is progressing in the months and years to come. Thank you for embarking on such an ambitious project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gallia County Commissioners Office  
*of Brent Saunders, President*  
*of Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President*  
*of David K. Smith, Commissioner*  
*of Karen Sprague, County Administrator*

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**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

Prosecutor Jason D. Holdren and Amber Fellure met with the commissioners to explain their request for transfer into the county general payroll. Prosecutor Holdren assured the commission it is strictly for salaries and is not for bonuses or raises and the need is due to at the beginning of the year the inability of predicting the IV-D funding.

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES OR FACILITIES, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION**

Shirley Doss presented the Board with the following resolution prepared by the Gallia County Assistant Prosecutor Randy Dupree. The President entertained a motion to approve the resolution as recommendation. David K. Smith made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion: Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN- MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES OR FACILITIES, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate revenue and thereby, it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities in Gallia County, Ohio.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners, Gallia County, Ohio, before it may seek approval of a levy by the electors of the City, is required to seek certification from the Gallia County Auditor pursuant to 5705.03,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners, Gallia County, State of Ohio, with at least two thirds of its members in concurrence, as follows:

1. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities, said purposes being authorized by **R.C. 5705.19(Y)**.
2. The levy is a renewal levy of a one half (0.5) mill existing levy at a rate not to exceed 0.5 mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to 5 cents (\$0.05) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years commencing with and first levied the 2020 tax year; first due and collected in calendar year 2021; and to be levied upon the entirety of the territory of the County of Gallia, Ohio.
3. Pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B)(1), the Clerk of the Commission is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Gallia County Auditor. The Board requests that the Auditor certify to the Board within ten (10) days of receipt of this request, the total current tax valuation of the County, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy of one half (0.5) mill, if said tax were approved by the electors.
4. This Board intends that this ballot measure shall be submitted to the entirety of the territory of Gallia County at the March 17, 2020 general election.
5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board or committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with R.C. 121.22.
6. This Resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election pursuant to ORC 5705.19.

Harold G. Montgomery made motion to adopt.

David K. Smith seconded the motion to adopt.

Voted on and signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 in Gallia County, Ohio with voting as follows:

Commissioner Saunders voted (Y/N) yes

Commissioner Montgomery voted (Y/N) yes

Commissioner Smith voted (Y/N) yes

Having at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected or appointed thereto concurring, the Resolution was adopted.

*s/ Anette L. Brown, Clerk*  
Gallia County, Ohio

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO

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

I, the undersigned Clerk of Gallia County, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution duly passed by the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019. Further, I certify that the adoption of such resolution occurred in an open meeting held in compliance with R.C. 121.22.

*s/ Anette L. Brown, Clerk*  
Gallia County, Ohio

**EMS – PERSONNEL**

EMS Director Keith Wilson recommend John Adam Blazer for the position of part time EMT for Gallia County EMS. Director Wilson noted Mr. Blazer is currently a full time Dispatcher for Gallia County 911. The president entertained a motion to approve based on the recommendation of the director. Harold G. Montgomery made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea

**EMS – BUDGET REVIEW**

EMS Director Keith Wilson met with the commission to discuss the 2020 budget request. No action taken.

DEFENSE OF THE INDIGENT

At 11:00 a.m. President Brent Saunders opened the following sealed Proposal:

Attorney	Proposal for services in 2020
Gallia County Defense Attorneys Corp.	\$600,000.00

The proposals were turned over to the County Administrator Karen Sprague.

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT

County engineer Brett Boothe met with the commissioners to request they declare an emergency to purchase new equipment that would exceed \$50,000.00 without advertising for bid. Harold G. Montgomery noted they would like to seek the advice of the Gallia County prosecutor on this matter before making a decision. No action taken.

ENGINEER – 2020 BUDGET REVIEW

County engineer Brett Boothe met with the commission to discuss the 2020 budget request. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL

At 2:07 p.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Assistant Prosecutor Randy Dupree to discuss Legal. David K. Smith moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Returned to regular session at 2:18 p.m., no action taken.

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT

After discussion with Assistant Prosecutor Randy Dupree, it was the consensus that purchase of new equipment in this instance does not meet the definition of an emergency. Therefore, since the overall purchase price exceeds \$50,000, the county engineer will be notified he will need to advertise the purchase for bid and if he is wanting the chosen company to provide a lease to own option then that should also be spelled out in the advertisement requesting the companies lease to own terms (year & interest rate options available for purchase). Thus assuring all companies are providing equivalent bids. County Administrator Karen Sprague was instructed to notify the county engineer in this regard.

COUNTY CORRECTION DETENTION CENTER WORKSHOP

DLZ Architecture Eric Ratts and Greg Galeti met with the Commissioners and Sheriff Department for the County Correction Detention Center Workshop meeting. DLZ's agenda included Geotechnical update, Images of Rush County Jail, Material samples, Site plan concept, Floor plan concepts, Dorm Housing Unit images, Modular steel cells and the next steps. Also in attendance: County Administrator Karen Sprague; Sheriff Matthew D. Champlin, Chief Duty Troy Johnson, Lieutenant Chris Gruber jail administrator; Clerk, Anette Brown; Assistant Clerk, Kim Elliott; Gallipolis City Commissioner Tony Gallagher; and Dean Wright, Gallipolis Tribune. Next meeting scheduled for December 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. No action taken

**\*2:45 pm – Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery traveled to Wellston, OH for the GJM Solid Waste District budget committee meeting.**

RECESS

At 5:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion to recess at this time and reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Monday November 18, 2019 when the GDC purchase agreement has been delivered to Gallia County from the State. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, absent; Mr. Smith, yea.

RECONVENE - NOVEMBER 18, 2019

At 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 2019 the President entertained a motion to reconvene the Commission meeting. David K. Smith moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY – AGREEMENT

President entertained a motion to approve Real Estate Purchase Agreement made and entered into this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, by and between the State of Ohio, acting by and through its Department of Administrative Services, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228-1395, acting on behalf of the Department of Developmental Disabilities, and the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, an Ohio political subdivision, having an address of 18 Locust Street, Room 1292, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

The Real estate located at 2500 Ohio Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631, Gallia County, being a portion of Gallia County Parcel No. 00755501200, which real estate is under the jurisdiction of Agency, containing approximately 7.806 acres of land, which land has been improved with four (4) residential treatment buildings and one (1) outbuilding (which land, chattels, improvements and all appurtenances thereunto belonging, including all buildings, parking areas, structures and fixtures erected upon the land. The purchase price for the Property shall be One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and shall be paid at Closing, payable to the "Treasurer, State of Ohio." At Closing, State shall deliver to Purchaser an executed, transferrable and recordable Governor's Deed conveying title to the Property to Purchaser.

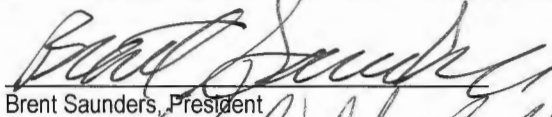
Harold G. Montgomery moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

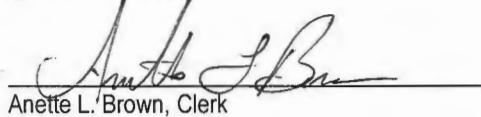
The full agreement is on file in the Gallia County Commissioners office.

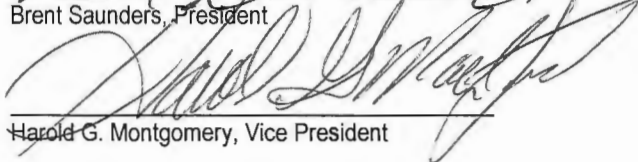
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ADJOURN

At 9:14 a.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Harold G. Montgomery moved and David K. Smith 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