

**EMERGENCY MEETING****MARCH 15, 2020**

The special meeting was called to order by Commissioner Montgomery at 2:08 pm in the Emergency Operations Center located in the basement of the 911 Center. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Saunders were in attendance as well. The purpose of the meeting was to meet and receive updates on the covid-19 virus from various departments in the county. The Gallipolis Daily Tribune, Dean Wright was notified and was in attendance.

Tyler Schweickart and Dr. Vallee from the Health Department gave a state and county update on covid-19. There is still currently no cases in the county and there are 36 cases in the state overall. The health department continues to keep all partners updated daily. Morgan Saunders gave an update in reference to what precautions are being taken at the Holzer facilities both in Gallipolis and Jackson. Holzer continues to working closely with the Health Department and Ohio Department of Health. 911/EMA Director Sherry Daines gave an update on the precautions that have been taken at the 911 Center to insure continued operation of the facility. Director Daines also gave an EMA update. The EOC is setup and ready to go in case it needs activated. Director Daines advised that she and Deputy Director Tim Miller have been in daily contact with the Health Department, Ohio EMA and Gallia EMS. EMS Director Keith Wilson advised that the EMS has their precautionary plans in place as well as their response plans. Director Wilson advised he has also been in daily contact with the Health Dept., Ohio Department of Health, 911 center and the EMA. Sheriff Matt Champlain advised all of his employees have been updated on precautions that they need to be taking. Sheriff Champlain advised the jail is also taking precautions for the jail population and the staff. Sheriff Champlain is in daily contact with the Health Department and the EMA on updates.

After hearing from the departments Commissioner Montgomery entertained a motion to declare Gallia County in an emergency state due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Saunders. After brief discussion all were in favor.

**"EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION"**

MOTION: Commissioner Montgomery entertained a motion to declare Gallia County in an emergency state due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Saunders, to adopt the following Resolution

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at 14:43 am hours.

  
President, Gallia County Commissioner

  
Gallia County Commissioner

  
Gallia County Commissioner

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and Seconded by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn the special meeting at 2:53 pm. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.