

APRIL 9, 2020

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

The President entertained a motion for approval of the April 2, 2020 minutes. Brent Saunders moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

2020 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
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FY ' 2020 FAA VISION-100 GRANT PROGRAMMING APPLICATION INFORMATION

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission, on behalf of the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport consultants Delta Airport Consultants Inc., with FY 2020 FAA VISION-100 Programming Grant information. The application will reflect \$287,000 total project cost broken down as follows:

- \$285,000 Replace General Aviation Terminal Building - Design = \$256,500 Federal + \$14,250 State + \$14,250 local match
- \$2,000 Administration = \$1,800 Federal + \$100 State + \$100 local match
- \$287,000 TOTAL = \$258,300 Federal + \$14,350 State + \$14,350 local match

The application reflects a 90% federal grant, 5% state grant with a 5% local match. The matching funds are from the County's General Fund and will be transferred to the Airport Fund #036 at the beginning of 2020 and will be appropriated into the FAA grant local match line item under the 2020 Appropriation Resolution.

Ms. Sprague noted this is a programming application using estimates of what the costs will be for this project and the final application with exact costs will be submitted later. The programming applications are due to the FAA now with the final application due June 18th.

Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded a motion to approve the programming application. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Montgomery, yea; David K. Smith, abstain; Brent Saunders, yea. Harold Montgomery, Pres, will sign all signature blocks for the grant.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Commissioners were in receipt of the B.O.E. Special Election Cost Estimate Form. Pursuant to R.C. 3501.17, each board of elections must prepare an estimate and submit the estimate to the Secretary of State's office and county commissioners not less than 15 business days before the election. Received and on file in the Commissioner's office April 2, 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

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

- 5th Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources
- Memo from Ohio Public Defender Commission advising, "At this time, the Commission is not taking any further action regarding raising assigned counsel rates and maximum fees."
- Discussed the Ohio Office of Budget and Management 4/6/2020 release noting it states "March sales and use tax revenues missed estimates by 8.3 percent" and "March income tax revenues missed estimates by 5.1 percent." The release further noted "A more detailed explanation will be included in the Monthly Financial Report, which will be posted on the OBM website on Friday, April 10."
- An in depth discussion was held regarding the various sources of county general funding as well as other funds that will be impacted as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic on the economy. The 2020 year to date revenue and expenditure reports were reviewed and discussed in detail. The Commission noted the need to immediately alert all Elected Officials & Department Heads of the effect the pandemic will have on 2020 revenues and give them as much time as possible to find ways within their 2020 budgets to reduce spending. A draft letter was reviewed, discussed and will be finalized later during today's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

At 9:44 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Karen Sprague to discuss personnel. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:19 a.m.; no action taken.

VETERANS – MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE

Commissioners received the following requests for funds to defray the Memorial Day expenses for 2020: DAV Post 141 The President entertained a motion to approve as submitted. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. and AMVETS Post 23. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

LEAVE DONATION APPLICATIONS

911 Director Sherry Daines submitted leave donation forms of 20 hours of sick time from Max Ours to Greg Frazier of the 911 department, 40 hours of sick time from Francis Waugh to Greg Frazier of the 911 department and 20 hours of sick time from Keith Wilson to Greg Frazier of the 911 department. The President entertained a motion to approve the leave donations as submitted. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

NOTICE TO COUNTY OFFICES & DEPARTMENTS – EFFECT OF COVID-19 BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY REVENUES

Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve the following letter be immediately distributed to all Gallia County Elected Officials & Department Heads regarding the effect the Covid-19 pandemic will have on 2020 revenues. Brent Saunders moved and David Smith seconded the motion to approve and sign the following letter for immediate distribution. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

4/9/2020

TO: ALL GALLIA COUNTY OFFICES & DEPARTMENTS
 FROM: GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 RE: EFFECT OF COVID-19 BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY REVENUES

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners has been vigilantly watching the revenue streams for the county general fund as we know the business restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic will inevitably have an impact.

Gallia County's general fund has several revenue sources such as sales tax revenue, casino tax revenue and investment income that will be directly affected. These 3 revenue sources were 47.3% (\$5,011,856.14) of our total 2019 general fund revenue. There are many other revenue sources that could be affected indirectly such as property tax and various fees collected by the county for services should the business restrictions continue for very long.

Gallia County has been discussing this with other counties, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and the State of Ohio. By using these resources, we have found that most counties are anticipating a loss of revenue for county general fund's ranging from 10% to 25%. With sales tax, casino tax and investment income revenues being almost 50% of our total general fund revenue for 2019, we anticipate we could lose between 15% (\$752,000) to 25% (\$1,253,000) from these sources alone in 2020.

Our biggest concern is our county employees and the services they provide to our community! In order to do our best to protect the job security for all current county employees, we are implementing a hiring freeze (except for mission critical or required positions) and a wage/salary freeze (unless contractual) for all offices and departments under our hiring authority and we ask for the cooperation of other elected officials and departments to do the same. Further, we are suspending all capital improvements and large purchases within our 2020 general fund budget (except for emergency or mission/time critical expenditures) until further notice and we ask for the cooperation of other elected officials and departments to do the same.

We are not reducing general fund appropriations at this time, but we seek the help of each elected official and department head to minimize spending any way you can. Our sales tax revenues come to us 2 months after collected, meaning the sales tax revenue we received in March 2020 is for the month of January 2020. We have asked the State of Ohio to provide us with sales tax collection information much earlier than the current 2 month lag time, so that we can know sooner how to plan for our short and long-term financial future.

Our best guidance to each office/department at this time is "If you don't have to buy it, please don't buy it" and you should be reviewing your 2020 general fund budgets for reduction strategies ranging from 5, 10 and 15%.

We will keep you informed as we gather further information regarding the financial impacts to county revenues from the Covid-19 pandemic. We thank each of you for your assistance in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,
 s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President
 s/ David K. Smith, Vice-President
 s/ Brent Saunders, Commissioner

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEMBERS APPOINTED

The President entertained a motion to approve the following resolution:

Resolution
 Appointing Members of Transportation Improvement District
 In Gallia County, Ohio

Whereas, The Gallia County Board of Commissioners wishes to appoint members to the Transportation Improvement District, and
 Whereas, a Transportation Improvement District will allow for the cooperative County-wide coalition of political subdivisions to participate in the benefits made available only through a Transportation Improvement District.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following members to the Gallia County Transportation Improvement District for 2-year terms in accordance with ORC 5540:

Gallia County Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery
 Gallia County Engineer Brett A. Boothe
 Gallia County Economic Development Director Melissa Clark
 Gallia County Township Trustee Association Vice-President Mike Harrison
 Gallipolis City Manager Ted Lozier

David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion; Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2020.

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

I certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted on the 9th day of April, 2020.

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

ENGINEER TRUCK FINANCING

The President entertained a motion to award the Engineer Truck Financing. Hearing no motions, the issue was not acted on at this time.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK PROCLAMATION

The President entertained the motion to approve the following proclamation. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded a motion to approve. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

Proclamation

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 12-18, 2020

Whereas emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, fire or emergency medical services; and,

Whereas when an emergency occurs the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

Whereas the safety of our law enforcement officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Gallia County 911 Communications Center; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement, officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Gallia County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

Whereas each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Gallia County Commissioners declares the week of April 12 through 18, 20120 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Gallia County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Signed this 9th day of April, 2020

Gallia County Commissioners

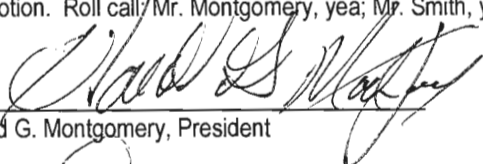
s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President

s/ David K. Smith, Vice President

s/ Brent Saunders, Commissioner

ADJOURN

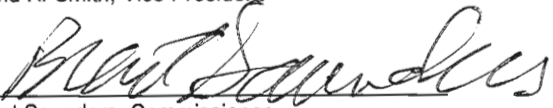
At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call/ Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.



Harold G. Montgomery, President



Anette L. Brown, Clerk

David K. Smith, Vice President


Brent Saunders, Commissioner

CASSTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 19928-18