

JULY 30, 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 July 23, 2020 minutes. Brent Saunders moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

County Administrator Karen Sprague provided the Commission with the following financial report:

- 11th Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
GALLIA COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM (B-C-13-1AY-1)

County Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that the following deferred mortgage from a previous round of Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant has met its full term and should be released in full. The Prosecuting Attorney prepared the Release of Real Estate Mortgage form. Mr. Montgomery entertained a motion that Release of Real Estate Mortgage document for the following person be approved and signed as presented:

- Shaun M. and Samantha R. Parlegreco, Records Mortgage Records Volume 573, Page 529-531
- Brent Saunders made and David Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea. Release of real estate mortgage form was signed by Harold G. Montgomery, as President of the Commission, and is on file in the County's CHIP files.

RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, for a good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, does hereby remise, release and discharge a real estate mortgage executed by SHAUN M. AND SAMANTHA R. PARLEGRECO to the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, dated July 29, 2015 and recorded in Volume 573, Page 529-531 of the Mortgage Records of Gallia County, Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, has hereunto subscribed its name and seal this 30th day of July, 2020.

WITNESSES:

COUNTY OF GALLIA, OFFICE

GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Karen Sprague

/s/ Harold G. Montgomery

HAROLD G. MONTGOMERY, PRESIDENT

/s/ Anette Brown

STATE OF OHIO, GALLIA COUNTY, SS:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Harold G. Montgomery, President of County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, to me personally known, who acknowledged that he did execute the foregoing instrument as such officer and that the same is his free act and deed as such officer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at Gallipolis, Ohio, the day and year last above written

/s/ Patty L. Myers

NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument Prepared by: Jason Holdren, Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney
18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

ENVIRONMENTAL LETTERS FOR BREC BROADBAND PROJECT

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with environmental letters prepared by OVRDC to send to Native American tribes for the BREC Broadband project. OVRDC Director John Hemmings advised by email the letter have to come from a local government agency and since BREC's office is located in Gallia County our commissioners were asked to prepare and sign the letters. Mr. Montgomery entertained a motion to approve and sign the letters as presented. David Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

July 29, 2020

Nekole Alligood
Director of Cultural Resources & Section 106
Delaware Nation, Oklahoma
PO Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005

Re: **Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone**
ARC Grant #: PW-19681-1M

Dear Ms. Alligood:

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Sincerely,
s/ Harold Montgomery
Harold Montgomery, President
Gallia County Board of Commissioners

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Susan Bachor
Preservation Representative (East Coast)
Delaware Tribe of Indians
P.O. Box 64
Pocono Lake, PA 18347

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Harold Montgomery, President
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Benjamin Barnes
Chief
Shawnee Tribe
29 South Highway 69A
Miami, OK 74355

**Re: Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone
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Brett Barnes
THPO
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
12705 S. 705 Road
Wyandotte, OK 74370

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Chester "Chet" Brooks
Chief
Delaware Tribe of Indians
5100 Tuxedo Boulevard
Bartlesville, OK 74006

**Re: Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone
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Dear Mr. Brooks:

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Deborah Dotson
President
Delaware Nation, Oklahoma
PO Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005

**Re: Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone
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Dear Ms. Dotson:

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William Fisher
Chief
Seneca-Cayuga Nation
PO Box 453220
Grove, OK 74344

**Re: Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone
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Dear Mr. Fisher:

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Andrea A. Hunter
Director and THPO
Osage Nation
627 Grandview Avenue
Pawhuska, OK 74056

**Re: Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone
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Dr. Brice Obermeyer
Historic Preservation
Delaware Tribe of Indians
1 Kellogg Circle
Emporia, KS 66801

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s/ Harold G. Montgomery
Harold Montgomery, President
Gallia County Board of Commissioners

July 29, 2020

Geoffrey Standing Bear
Principal Chief
Osage Nation
PO Box 779
Pawhuska, OK 74056

**Re: Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone
ARC Grant #: PW-19681-1M**

Dear Mr. Standing Bear:

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July 29, 2020

William Tarrant
THPO
Seneca-Cayuga Nation
PO Box 453220
Grove, OK 74345

**Re: Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone
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Dear Mr. Tarrant:

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JULY 30, 2020

July 29, 2020

Glenna Wallace
Chief
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
PO Box 350
Seneca, MO 64865

Re: **Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone**
ARC Grant #: PW-19681-1M

Dear Ms. Wallace:

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Gallia County Board of Commissioners

JAIL – SCHEMATIC DESIGN DOCUMENT APPROVAL

President Montgomery entertained a motion after consideration of the design and budget information presented by DLZ Architects and Granger on 7/23/2020, the Gallia County Commissioners hereby approve the Schematic Design Phase documents and authorize the Architect and CMR to proceed with Design Development.

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

Approved 30 day of July, 2020.

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

OVRDC - RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION

Date: July 30, 2020

WHEREAS, The Gallia County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC). OVRDC is a public regional planning commission within the State of Ohio, whose purpose is to influence favorably the future economic, physical, and social development of the twelve-county region through its regional development planning programs and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission promotes a cooperative planning process involving local governments, public and private agencies, and individual citizens, toward improving their region within a democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the 2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), prepared by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,681.00 as participating local funds for the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission to be used as part of the agency budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021. The appropriated funds to be paid on or after January 1, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners continues to support the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's Economic Development District planning partnership investment grant program with the USDOC Economic Development Administration for the annual performance period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Mr. David K. Smith moved the adoption of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Mr. Brent Saunders.

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this resolution on the 30th day of July, 2020.

By: Harold G. Montgomery, President, Gallia County Board of Commissioners
Signed: s/ Harold G. Montgomery Dated: July 30, 2020

Certified By: Anette L. Brown, Gallia County Board of Commissioners, Clerk
Signed: s/ Anette L. Brown Dated: July 30, 2020

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

At 9:21 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. At 9:47 a.m. Prosecutor Jason D. Holdren entered the session. At 10:03 a.m. Prosecutor Holdren and Administrator Sprague exited the session. Returned to regular session at 10:06 a.m.; no action taken.

ABANDONED BUILDING - SEWER

Sewer Billing Department Director Terri Walters to discuss a small abandoned building which used to function as part of the old system at the Tara Apartment complex in Addison. Director Walters noted Richard Bowman recently purchased the property on which this building sits. Mr. Bowman originally asked that the county demolish the building but he is now requesting that the county give him ownership. Mr. Montgomery requested Director Walters contact the prosecutor's office for legal advice and to check for existing easements associated with the current sewer system. No Action taken.

CARES ACT – AUDITOR

COVID 19 CARES Coordinator Tom White met with the commissioners to give a CARES ACT update. Mr. Montgomery asked if he had sought any direction from the State Auditor with any questions or issues. Mr. White noted he had received request from Developmental Disabilities and was not sure if they should fall under the county's CARE Act. The commissioners noted D.D. has their own board and advised to seek advice from the State Auditor. No Action taken.

DOG WARDEN

Upon the recommendation of HR attorney Brain Butcher, President Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to terminate effective immediately 7/30/2020 the unclassified employment of Dog Warden Laurie Cardillo. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

David K. Smith made a motion to rescind his prior motion to terminate employment of Dog Warden Laurie Cardillo and for her to continue to be on paid administrative leave. Brent Saunders seconded. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

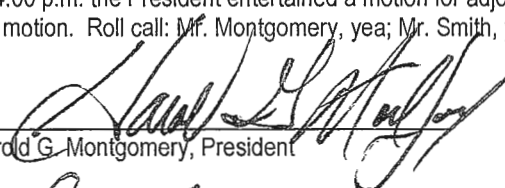
2020 OVRDC 2nd ROUND CAUCUS MEETING

At 11:30 am. Commissioners Harold G. Montgomery and Brent Saunders, County Administrator Karen Sprague and Economic Development Director Melissa Clark attended the 2nd Round Caucus zoom meeting with OVRDC for FY 2020. Returned to meeting at 12:00 pm.

At 1 pm the Harold G. Montgomery and Economic Development Director Melissa Clark joined a zoom meeting with JobsOhio & OhioSE.

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.



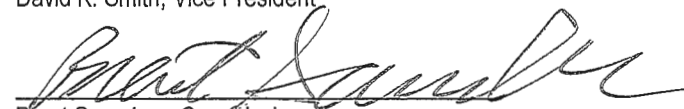
Harold G. Montgomery, President



Anette L. Brown, Clerk



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Brent Saunders, Commissioner