

JUNE 10, 2021

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 M. Eugene Greene, present; Commissioner Q. Jay Stapleton, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the June 3, 2021 minutes. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Auditor	Larry Betz	6/8 – 6/11	West Chester, Ohio	Summer Conf. CAAO Mtg
911	Sherry Daines	6/10	Columbus, Ohio	Ohio 911 Association Mtg

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

2021 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
6/6	11	0	5	0	12	0	0	0	17	13	0	0	0	1

WITNESS TESTIMONY- SB 117

The Gallia County Commissioners submitted the follow letter as witness testimony in opposition to SB 117. The President entertained a motion for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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The Ohio Senate
 Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee
 One Capitol Square
 Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Committee Members:

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners writes in strong opposition to Senate Bill 117 (SB 117) and its provisions relating to the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC). OVEC owns and operates the Kyger Creek Power Plant located in Gallia County. This plant has a rich history in our community and was constructed to provide critically needed power for historical national security projects. Today, the plant continues to generate electricity that benefits Ohioans while providing well-paying jobs and a solid tax base for our region.

Being a small rural county in Southeast Ohio with a population of 30,000, Gallia County has a vested interest in the outcome of Senate Bill 117. OVEC has a significant economic impact in Gallia County and surrounding communities, providing nearly 250 high-paying positions and an additional 50-200 contracting jobs at the Kyger Creek Plant. The aggregate income supported by the plant is nearly \$32 million and provides a total income effect and economic activity of nearly \$40 million region-wide. As one of the largest tax generators for Gallia County, providing \$2.7M in tax revenue, the loss of tax revenue to the Gallia County Local School District would be crippling to the community.

The OVEC plants were built when electricity was needed for uranium enrichment during the Cold War. At that time, the Ohio utilities did not hesitate to support national security at a critical time in our nation's history. In February 2021 the state of Texas suffered a catastrophic power crisis and electricity generation failure. Ohioans deserve to have affordable, clean, and reliable energy readily available, however, legislative actions causing financial hardship to essential power generating facilities, such as OVEC, will cause risk and instability during increasingly volatile times. OVEC's commitment to environmental stewardship and power plant improvements is evident with nearly \$1 billion invested at the Kyger Creek Power Plant in the last 15 years. By opposing SB 117, OVEC will continue to provide clean, reliable, baseload generation to customers in Ohio.

The continued and successful operation of the Kyger Creek Power Plant is essential to the ongoing economic stability of Gallia County and our surrounding communities. For the reasons listed above, the Gallia County Commissioners strongly urge you to oppose SB 117 and provide Ohioans with ongoing economic and energy security.

Sincerely,

s/Harold G. Montgomery
 Harold G. Montgomery
 President

s/M. Eugene Greene
 M. Eugene Greene
 Vice President

s/Q. Jay Stapleton
 Q. Jay Stapleton
 Commissioner

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LEAVE DONATION APPLICATIONS

County Administrator Melissa Clark submitted leave donation form of 72 hours of sick time for pay period May 22, 2021-June 4, 2021 from Thomas Dillon to Donnie Cochran of the Sewer Department. The President entertained a motion to approve the leave donation. M. Eugene Greene made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

VISION SERVICE PLAN RENEWAL

County Administrator Melissa Clark provided the Commission with paperwork from Vision Service Plan, the County's Vision Insurance Provider, for 0% renewal of the plan for the period of 6/1/2021 to 5/31/2023. The VSP renewal rates are as follows:

- Renewal Rates
 - Single \$10.10
 - Family \$22.85
- The following plan terms items will remain the same:
 - Plan Frequency – eye exam every 12 months, new lenses (either glasses or contacts) every 12 months, new frames every 24 months
 - Copay for Exam \$10; Copay for Materials \$25
 - Retail Frame Allowance \$130.00; Elective Contact Lenses Allowance \$130.00
 - Enhanced Contact Lens Benefit allows members to use their full contact lens allowance toward contact lenses and provides both standard and premium fit contact lens wearers a covered-in-full contact lens exam after a copay that will never exceed \$60.

Harold G. Montgomery entertained a motion to approve renewal of the County's Vision Service Plan for the period of 6/1/2021 to 5/31/2023 at the renewal rates & terms noted above.

M. Eugene Greene made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded this motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

LANDFILL UPDATE

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented the Commission with the May 2021 Explosive Gas Monitoring Report from the Ohio EPA regarding the Gallia County Landfill, noting all inspection categories were in compliance.

2021 MATERIAL AND SERVICES CONTRACTS

The County Engineer submitted a 2021 general road work and dust control contract effective retroactive May 15, 2021 for Mason Township of Lawrence County. The President entertained a motion to approve the submitted contract. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

The contract is as follows:

2021 MATERIAL AND SERVICES CONTRACT

This contract and agreement, made and concluded in Gallipolis, OH, this 15th of May, 2021 by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio hereinafter called the first party, and Mason Township Trustees, hereinafter called the second party.

Witnesseth:

Whereas, the second party is desirous of having certain streets and roads within its territory constructed, relocated, repaired, or improved, and any other work required of the first party, as follows: general road work and dust control.

Whereas, the second party does not have the necessary equipment and/or personnel to perform the Work aforesaid and does desire to have said work performed by the first party, through Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe and highway department of said county; and Mason Township Trustees.

Whereas, the engineer's office and the employees of said Gallia county highway department may be available on Saturdays and other days of the week (providing it does not interfere with overall maintenance of county highway system and employees are available) to perform work and labor for, and on behalf of, other political subdivisions within the county.

Whereas, the second party agrees to the Gallia County Engineer's "Payment of Material And Services Policy".

Now therefore, the first party is willing to furnish the necessary equipment and labor, and to perform the work aforesaid, as a charge to the second party for the use of said equipment, materials, and labor. All labor, material used, and fringe benefits rates will be charged at the current county rates. Equipment will be charged at the "Gallia County Engineer's 2021 Equipment Rates".

Whereas, the second party is desirous of material purchases from the engineer's office and highway department for their use.

Whereas, material prices are subject to change without notice by the engineer's office and highway department.

Whereas, the second party agrees to the Gallia County Engineer "Payment of Material And Services Policy".

Therefore, be it resolved, the first party is willing to furnish material with loading at county cost as a charge to the second party.

The second party agrees, does covenant, to save harmless the first party from any and all loss and

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responsibility for any damages and/or for injury to persons, property, or otherwise, arising from the use of this equipment performant of the work and labor under this agreement.

The first party agrees that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Gallia County Engineer or persons designated by him.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have set their hands to duplicates hereof the 15th day of May, 2021.

Signed in the presence of:
(witness for Gallia County Commissioners)

s/Melissa Clark

The Board Of County Commissioners
Of Gallia County, Ohio

s/Harold G. Montgomery

s/M. Eugene Greene

s/Q. Jay Stapleton

Signed in the presence of:
(witness for public entity: ie. Twp fiscal officer)

s/Richa Sheperd

Second Party
(public entity: ie. Twp trustee, vill. Mayor, bd member, etc.)

s/Jeffrey Estep

s/Stephen Colegrove

s/Paul Hayes

AIRPORT DISCUSSION

After discussion regarding status of the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport, Q. Jay Stapleton made motion grant Airport Manager David Snyder access to view video camera security footage of the airport. Motion denied; lack of a second.

DJFS & SHERIFF IV- E AGREEMENT

DJFS Business Administrator Kathy Campbell presented MOU Agreement between Gallia County Board of Commissioners through its agent Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services and the Sheriff of Gallia County. President entertained a motion to approve the Agreement. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion to approve. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

DJFS – GMCAA TANF SUMMER YOUTH SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

DJFS Business Administrator Kathy Campbell presented subgrant agreement between Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services and Gallia Meigs Community Action Agency (GMCAA) for TANF Summer Youth Program. President entertained a motion to approve the MOU Agreement. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion to approve. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

PARTIAL RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE GALLIA COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM (B-C-09-025-1)

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that the following deferred mortgage from a previous round of Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant has met the term of the mortgage being 10 years and a partial release is now warranted. A partial release is required since the county can only release 85% of the mortgage, which amount equals \$18,938.85. The balance of 15%, which amount equals \$3,342.15, must remain in effect until paid in full. The Prosecuting Attorney prepared the Partial Release of Real Estate Mortgage forms. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion that the Partial Release of Real Estate Mortgage for the following persons be approved and signed as presented:

- Nicholi S. Webb and Erica A. Webb

M. Eugene Greene made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; M. Eugene Greene, yea; Q. Jay Stapleton, yea. Release of real estate mortgage forms will be signed by Harold G. Montgomery, as President of the Commission, and is on file in the County's CHIP files.

PARTIAL 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 portion of a real estate mortgage executed by NICHOLI S. WEBB AND ERICA A. WEBB to the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, dated June 2, 2011 and recorded in Volume 508, Page 532-534, of the Mortgage Records of Gallia County, Ohio. (This document releases 85% of said mortgage, which equals \$18,938.85. The balance of said mortgage will remain in effect until paid in full, balance remaining equals \$3,342.15.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, has hereunto subscribed its name and seal this 10th day of June, 2021.

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WITNESSES:

s/ Karen Sprague _____

COUNTY OF GALLIA, OFFICE

GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/ Harold G. Montgomery _____

Harold G. Montgomery, President

s/ *Melissa Clark*

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/ Kim Elliott

NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument Prepared by:

Jason Holdren, Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney
18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

I.T. SECURITY UPDATE

I.T. Director John Grubb met with the commissioners to present update of IT security system and processes. No action taken.

GREEN 1 O&M REMOVAL AGREEMENT

Angel Kimble, administrator of Tony Beck- owner of parcel number 008.005.010.00, requested waiver of monthly O&M charge due to the uninhabitable condition of said property. The President entertained a motion to approve as presented. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

JAIL PROJECT

President Harold G. Montgomery noted new excavation activity and drilling for foundation pillars commenced today on the jail project site. No action taken.

PROCLAMATION – HOBART WILSON, JR. DAY

The President Montgomery entertained a motion for approval and signing, M. Eugene Greene made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

PROCLAMATION

Hobart Wilson, Jr. Day

WHEREAS, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners hereby honors the accomplishments of Hobart Wilson, Jr. for **65 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GALLIPOLIS LIONS CLUB; and**

WHEREAS, Hobart Wilson, Jr. was born on November 10, 1933, in Gallipolis, Ohio, son of William H. Sr. and Pribble Wilson and is a lifelong resident of Gallia County; and

WHEREAS, Hobart Wilson Jr. and his wife of 65 years, Beverly, are the parents of Brenda, Stephen, and Keith, grandparents of Nick & Jeremy Wilson and great-grandparents of Wesley Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Hobart Wilson Jr. graduated from Gallia Academy High School, where he lettered in baseball, basketball, and football, later serving more than 30 years as a GAHS Athletic Booster and Hall of Fame recipient. He furthered his education at Rio Grande College and Ohio University; and

WHEREAS, Hobart Wilson Jr. worked on the base newspapers during active duty service in the Army in Korea from 1956 to early 1958 and again in Baton Rouge from late 1958 to 1961, with a short stint in 1958 in the Army Reserves between active duty; and

WHEREAS, Hobart Wilson Jr. began his newspaper career as a boy delivering the Gallipolis Daily Tribune, through high school working in production, and continuing after graduation, rising through the ranks from reporter to sports editor and culminating his career as Executive Editor over the Gallipolis Daily Tribune, Pt. Pleasant Register, and Pomeroy Sentinel; and

WHEREAS, Hobart Wilson Jr. served on the Republican Central Committee from 1976 – 1978 and was appointed a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Hobart Wilson Jr. has served 65 years as a Charter and Lifetime Member of the Gallipolis Lion's Club, serving as president from 1965 to 1966, and so dedicated to the Lions' motto, "We Serve," that he received the Lions Club's highest award, The Melvin Jones Fellowship in Lions Club International on June 10, 2004,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners does hereby issue this proclamation to proclaim Tuesday, June 15, 2021 as

Hobart Wilson, Jr. Day

and we along with the citizens of Gallia County will observe this day as such and participate in the ceremonies and activities planned to bestow this distinction.

This proclamation shall take effect upon its signing this 10th day of June, 2021.

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s/Harold G. Montgomery

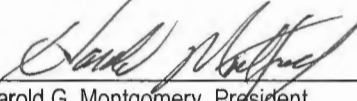
s/M. Eugene Greene

s/Q. Jay Stapleton

*2:30 pm – The Commissioners traveled to Wellston to attend the Solid Waste District Board of Directors Meeting.

ADJOURN

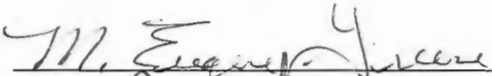
At 5:30 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.



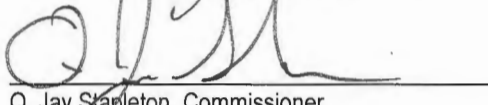
Harold G. Montgomery, President



Minutes recorded by Co. Admin. Melissa Clark



M. Eugene Greene, Vice President



Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner