

OCTOBER 7, 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 September 30, 2021 minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Auditor	Larry Betz	10/8	Hocking Co., Ohio	SE District CCAO Mtg

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton moved 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
10/3	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	32	0	0	0	3

* Note a correction was made on the Canine Shelter Weekly Report, 9/5/2021 Total in Foster from 4 to 3 and to the 9/26/2021 report with an addition of a euthanized dog that was drop off in very poor health & taken to the veterinarian were it was recommended to be euthanized.

* Commissioners M. Eugene Greene and Q. Jay Stapleton and County Administrator Melissa Clark met with Michael K. Burns, Managing Director Ohio Public Finance, Baird to discuss the refunding of the County's outstanding bonds for interest saving on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. No action taken.

FLEX PROGRAM – PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Jason D. Holdren introduce the visiting foreign exchange students from South Gallia High School with the FLEX Program: Karolina Keazia; Khrystyna Svystovych; and Lusine Jhangiryan. Prosecutor Holdren noted they are here visiting the courthouse to learned more about Local government. The commission noted their responsibilities and answered questions about why they decided to become a commissioner. The students will also be visiting the other elected officials and departments in the courthouse today. No action taken.

LEAVE DONATION APPLICATION

The commission was in receipt of a leave donation form from the Sheriff's department for 10 hours of sick time from Chris Gruber to Christian Varian for pay period 10/23/2021. The President entertained a motion to approve the leave donation as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

County Administrator Melissa Clark provided the Commission with the following financial report:

- 3rd Quarter 2021 County General Fund Current Expenditure Report
- The September 2021 Financial Reports for comparison with the September 2021 Financial Reports. The following was noted during the review:
 - 1/1/2020 beginning cash balance was \$1,407,189.99
 - 1/1/2021 beginning cash balance was \$2,676,785.01
 - Difference of \$1,269,595.02
 - 9/30/2020 ending cash balance was \$2,614,945.10
 - 9/30/2021 ending cash balance was \$3,343,635.93
 - Difference of \$728,690.83

2021 3RD QUARTER GALLIA COUNTY CANINE SHELTER REPORT

For the 3rd Quarter of 2021, the Gallia County Canine Shelter served the following number of dogs:

- 98 dogs entered the shelter
- 8 dogs were adopted
- 8 dogs were reclaimed by owners
- 1 dogs were euthanized (per veterinarian recommendation due to extreme poor health condition)
- 58 dogs out to rescue
- 2 dog were MIA (escaped the shelter or the dog truck during transport)
- 2 dogs died of natural or unknown causes
- 0 dogs were destroyed in the field
- 3 dogs out to foster
- 1 dogs returned from foster (1 dog was in foster 1/1/2021)
- 29 dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the 3rd Quarter 2021

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**2021 3RD QUARTER GALLIA COUNTY CANINE SHELTER REPORT
EUTHANIZATION REPORT**

During the 3rd Quarter of 2021, there were 1 dog euthanized, totaling 1 dog euthanized so far for the year.

**2021 3RD QUARTER GALLIA COUNTY CANINE SHELTER
SAFETY & VICIOUS DOG REPORT**

For the 3rd Quarter of 2021, Gallia County Sanitarian John McKean reported 8 dog bites. Of these 8 bite events, 7 dogs had owners.

- From 7/1/2021 through 9/30/2021 there were 1 dog euthanized both by local Veterinarians.
- During the 3rd Quarter of 2021, there were 0 animal heads sent for rabies testing.
- Livestock losses for 3rd Quarter 2021:
 - None
- Dogs destroyed in the field for 3rd Quarter 2021:
 - None

REFUNDING OF BONDS

County Administrator Melissa Clark provided update to meeting from October 5, 2021 regarding refunding of outstanding bonds for interest savings.

ARPA CONSULTING

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented proposals from Bricker & Eckler LLP and Plante & Moran to provide ARPA technical expertise and consulting services for the use and reporting of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The President entertained a motion to retain Bricker & Eckler LLP as legal counsel for ARPA funds. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Grant Administrator Karen Sprague noted she is currently working on several grants and at this time no action is need by the commission. President Montgomery recognized Ms. Sprague for her recent award from the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission "OVRDC Excellence in Public Service Award".

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DJFS - PERSONNEL

At 10:24 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with JFS Director Dana Glassburn and Business Administrator Kathy Campbell to consider the employment of a public employees. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m.; no action taken.

DJFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

DJFS Director Dana Glassburn presented the commissioners the following subgrant agreement amendment:

**GALLIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
PURCHASE OF SERVICES SUBGRANT AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

This amendment will amend the contract between the Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services "the grantor" and Sojourners "subgrantee" and will be effective 10/1/2021-9/30/2022 for the purchase of Visitation activities as per original agreement signed on 9/23/2020.

Duration of Contract:

Original contract was signed and approved by the Gallia County Children Service Board, in which Article 5 stated the contract would transition to Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services once the merger began effective December 1, 2020.

Extension of Agreement:

Extend the current agreement for one (1) additional year as per Article 6 of the agreement. Agreement will be effective 10/1/2021-9/30/2022.

Fund Availability:

Amount of contract budget for the term of this amendment is \$73,645.00, contingent on available funding sources.

/s/ Dana L. Glassburn, Director _____ October 7, 2021

/s/ Marcos Gamos, Co-Executive Director _____ September, 20 2021

Gallia County Commissioners:

/s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President October 7, 2021

/s/ M. Eugene Greene, Vice President October 7, 2021

/s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner October 7, 2021

/s/ Randy Dupree, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney _____ September 13, 2021

The President entertained a motion to approve the subgrant agreement as recommended by Director Glassburn. 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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EMPLOYEES- DJFS – NEW HIRE

JFS Director Dana Glassburn recommended the following new hire with an effective hire date to be determined by the Director upon successful completion of preliminary employment screening processes and in accordance with ORC 5101:2-33-55 (B) (1). Asley Casey Eligibility Referral Case Manager II, Classification number 17223; Position control #21007.0. M. Eugene Greene moved to approve the new hire with recommendation of the DJFS Director and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

SHERIFF – BUDGET

Sheriff Matthew D. Champlin, Chief Deputy Troy Johnson and Sheriff Administer Heather Casto met with the commission to request supplemental appropriations in county general for sheriff contract repair and supplies and in jail contract services, noting the sheriff supplies expense line is use for fueling/gas. President Montgomery noted they would look into the budget, also asking if they could meet with County Administrator Melissa Clark to discuss any transfers they could possibly do. No action taken.

COUNTY ENGINEER - RUMA – AGREEMENT

Assistant Engineer Kyle Mooney presented and recommended the CGT/TC Energy and Gallia County Letter Agreement RUMA Completion Notice and Partial Release with Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC. The President entertained a motion to approve based on the recommendation of Assistant Mooney. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

OHIO BROADBAND GRANT – JB NET

JB Nets Steve Kline, Candi Denney, and David Burdell met with the commission to discuss the Ohio Broadband Grant and the expansion of broadband in Gallia County and Lawrence County. Ms. Denney ask if the Gallia County Commissioners could possibly do a letter of support, and also noted Lawrence county is considering an RFP. The commission agreed to have the letter of support prepared. No action taken.

ADDITIONAL SQUAD COVERAGE – EMS

Commissioners requested Director Keith Wilson to discuss the addition of a 3rd truck coverage from the hours of 8 am. to 8 pm. 7 days a week on a temporary basis until the COVID-19 Crisis subsides in Gallia County. Director Wilson stated the increased run volume with COVID-19 cases is causing increased response times to other emergencies in the county due to decontamination times of the squads and due to area hospitals being at capacity and not having the bed space to place patients which are causing delays in service. Director Wilson is also requesting the purchase of 3 additional cots for their squads in the event that they have to leave one at the hospital with a patient. Commissioner Greene noted he agreed for the need. Commissioner Montgomery noted they would look in to the availability of the ARPA funds. No action taken at this time. Also in attendance Tom White, Deputy Auditor and COVID-19 Coordinator.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SEWER - PERSONNEL

At 12:11 p.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Sewer Billing Director Terri Walters, Sewer Superintendent Tommy Dillon, and County Administrator Melissa Clark to consider the employment of a public employees. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. Returned to regular session at 12:39 p.m.; no action taken.

*** 1:30 pm – The Commissioners Harold G. Montgomery, M. Eugene Greene, and Q. Jay Stapleton and County Administrator Melissa Clark met with Granger and DLZ for the Jail OAC meeting in the Granger field office conference room, 537 2nd Ave. Gallipolis, Ohio.**

LETTER OF SUPPORT – FIELD OF HOPE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Field of Hope Kevin Dennis, John Jones, and Cindy Thacker shared information on what their vision was in the beginning with the commission and where they're at now with the faith-based treatment for individuals suffering from alcohol or drug addition, updating on the food distribution and storage, and their prevention programs. Mr. Dennis noted their next project is the Resiliency Program Project and they are requesting a support letter for the grant application. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion to approve and sign the following Letter of Support. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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*Bureau of Capital Planning and Management
Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
Attn: Deborah Crockett
30 East Broad Street, Room 1160
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3430*

Dear Ms. Crockett:

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners is pleased to submit this letter of support for the capital funding request of the Field of Hope Community Campus (FOH) for the Resiliency Program Project.

As you know, opioid-related addiction is ravaging communities all across Ohio. In 2020, overdose deaths in the U.S. reached a record high of over 93,300. The state of Ohio also recorded a new high for opioid overdose deaths, with Gallia County ranking No. 2 as one of the hardest-hit counties. The need to identify and provide services to at-risk youth in our community has never been greater.

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Among their many services for adult recovery, the Field of Hope Community Campus (FOH) also provides prevention classes, using an evidence-based curriculum, to Gallia County youth in elementary, middle, and high school. The success of this program has led to the development of the Field of Hope Resiliency Program and the expansion of the FOH Prevention Center.

The FOH Resiliency Program intends to further expand youth services by providing an after-school program targeting youth from at-risk homes. The \$1,000,000 Resiliency Program project will renovate over 5,000 square feet of space to provide for a full-service café, dining room, formal meeting room, mental health counseling rooms, restrooms, as well as a 2,000 SF outdoor courtyard for fellowship activities.

The capital funding sought from OMHAS for the FOH Resiliency Program project will be the catalyst to establishing the Resiliency Program area of the Field of Hope Prevention Center and allow for after-school programs and services for at-risk youth in our community.

Field of Hope Community Campus has a compelling record of accomplishments for transforming lives with faith-based treatment for individuals suffering from alcohol or drug addiction. Therefore, we urge OMHAS to provide \$750,000 of capital funding for the Field of Hope Resiliency Program project.

Sincerely,

s/ Harold G. Montgomery
President

s/ M. Eugene Greene
Vice-President

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton
Commissioner

AT&T – CONTRACT

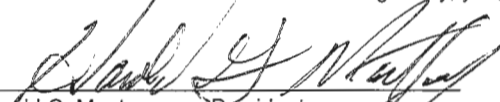
911/EMA/LEPC Director Sherry Daines, who administers all phone contracts, presented a 36-month contract with AT&T that is expiring. The President entertained a motion to approve the contract based on the recommendation of Ms. Daines. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion for President Harold G. Montgomery to sign the contract. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.


EMS RESOLUTION

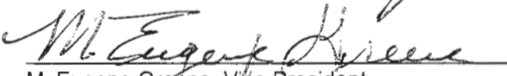
President Harold G. Montgomery entertained a motion to approve a resolution to establish an additional shift for EMS until the COVID-19 Crisis subsides and three (3) additional cots, noting to help decrease EMS response times due to the increase in active COVID-19 cases. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

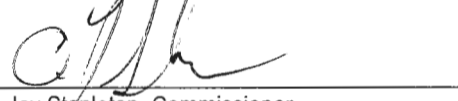
ADJOURN

At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.


Harold G. Montgomery, President


Anette L. Brown, Clerk


M. Eugene Greene, Vice President


Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner