

**DECEMBER 2, 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 November 23, 2021 minutes. 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
11/28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	4

November 29, 2021 Ohio Governor Mike Dewine visited the Gallia County Courthouse to announce the Local Jail Grant at 10:30 a.m. Gallia County jail was one of only a handful of local jails receiving the state funding of \$50 million available. Gallia County jail was awarded \$5.5 million to support the work that's already underway for the new jail. Governor DeWine also announced as a part of the new Ohio Builds water infrastructure grant program, Gallia County is receiving nearly \$1.4 million to replace the entire sewer collection system in the Tara Estates subdivision.

**FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW**

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

- The November 2021 Financial Reports for comparison with the November 2020 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
  - 11/30/2020 ending cash balance was \$3,811,398.92
  - 11/30/2021 ending cash balance was \$3,085,781.86
  - Difference of \$(725,617.06)

**2022 NURSE PRACTITIONER AGREEMENTS**

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented the Commission with the following nurse practitioner agreements for approval with an office visit rate of \$35.00 that is paid by the county from the 105 Plan Fund, further noting these services are free to the county employees, spouses and dependents who are enrolled in healthcare coverage with the County. Contract amount and approved services remains unchanged from the current 2021 agreement and as with the current agreement, labs and ancillary services beyond approved procedures and costs listed within the agreement were the responsibility of the patient and billed to health insurance or patient accordingly. Ms. Clark noted that not all current nurse practitioners elected to participate in 2022.

- Gallia County Health Department  
499 Jackson Pike, Suite, D, Gallipolis, OH
- Smith Family Healthcare, LLP  
254 Pinecrest Drive, Gallipolis, OH
- Rio Family Health Care  
100 SR 325 S. Rio Grande, OH
- Holzer Health Systems – Retail Clinics
  - Fruth's Pharmacy Gallipolis- 204 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Gallipolis, OH
  - Fruth's Pharmacy Wellston - 120 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Wellston, OH
  - Walmart Athens – 929 E. State St. Athens, OH

The President entertained a motion to approve the above stated nurse practitioner agreements for 2022 with an office visit at current rate of \$35.00. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**APIARY INSPECTOR**

In accordance with Section 909.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President entertained a motion to appoint Christopher Blank to serve as the county apiary inspector for the 2022 season (approximate season from March 15 to October 31, weather permitting,) Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. The annual appropriation for this service is set at \$1,500 and 40 cents a mile. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**SECURITY AND FIRE MONITORING – GALLIA COUNTY SERVICE CENTER**

County Maintenance Superintendent Tom Halfhill presented quote from Snouffer Fire & Safety for the monitoring of Security and Fire Alarm system at the Gallia County Service Center. Mr. Halfhill recommends Option 2 for the replacement and upgrade of existing security panel totaling \$2,800.00. Monthly monitoring for the system will be \$35.00. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion; Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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JAIL PROJECT – PAYMENT RESOLUTION #7

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented the Commission with Payment Resolution #7 for the Gallia County Jail Project to Granger Construction Company in the amount of \$537,045.23. DLZ Director of Architecture, Greg Galieti recommends approval of the above invoice and pay application. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve and pay invoices from pay resolution #7. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded a motion to approve payment resolution #7 as submitted. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

As per ORC 305.05, the Board of County Commissioners shall organize no later than the second Monday of January of each year. The President entertained a motion to have the reorganizational meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00 am Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

TOWNSHIP ALLOCATION FOR 2022

The President entertained a motion for approval of the FY 2022 allocation of \$4,000 to each of the fifteen (15) Townships in Gallia County, totaling \$60,000 and approve vouchering the FY 2022 allocation of \$4,000 directly to each of the 15 Townships in Gallia County. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The President entertained a motion to accept the following legal holidays for the year 2022, under the authority of ORC Section 325.19 (D) all County Offices may observe holidays as follows:

HOLIDAY	Date
New Year's Day	Friday, December 31
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 17
President's Day	Monday, February 21
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Juneteenth (June 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Monday, June 20
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26

This resolution does not supersede or alter applicable provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

EMPLOYEE – COMMISSIONERS ASSISTANT CLERK - RESIGNATION

Anette L. Brown, Clerk presented the resignation of assistant clerk Connie Johnson effective 12/30/2021. The President entertained a motion to accept reluctantly the resignation. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

COMMON PLEAS COURT ADULT PROBATION REPORT

The Commissioners were in receipt of the Common Pleas Court Adult Probation Department Report from the Gallia County Common Pleas Court in compliance with section 2951.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. This report is on file in the Commissioner's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

At 10:04 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Melissa Clark to consider the employment of a public employee. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:17 a.m.; no action taken.

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Grant Administrator Karen Sprague informed the commission four (4) houses on St. Rt. 588 not on the original plans of service for Green Sewer 2 project that are wanting to contact to the new sewer line. Mr. Montgomery ask Ms. Sprague to contact Gary Silcott for options they may have. No action taken.

Ms. Sprague noted due to family illnesses at the Gallia Meigs Community Action Agency (GMCAA) office, they were unable to submit the application before the deadline. The President entertained a motion to approve an extension for GMCAA to apply for the hiring of Karen Sprague to administer grants. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion to approve an extension. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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DJFS

Director Dana Glassburn gave basic update to the Board of Commissioners. No action taken.

OSU EXTENSION – BUDGET REVIEW

Director Tracy Winters, ANR Educator Jeff Moore, Michelle Stumbo, and 4-H Advisor representative Carl Fowler met with the commission to discuss the 2022 budget request. No action taken.

AIRPORT - MANAGER

Airport manager David Snyder met with the commission to inform them of his now limited abilities due to health issues. Mr. Montgomery noted they would take his information under consideration. No action taken.

EMS – BUDGET REVIEW

EMS Director Keith A. Wilson met with the commission to discuss the 2022 budget request. No action taken.

CLERK OF COURTS – BUDGET REVIEW

Clerk of Courts Noreen Saunders met with the commission to discuss the Clerk of Courts, Clerk Computer, Registrar, Certificate of Title and Title IV-D 2022 budget request. No action taken.

911/EMA/LEPC – BUDGET REVIEW

911/EMA/LEPC Director Sherry Daines met with the commission to discuss the 2022 budget request. No action taken.

2022 DEFENSE OF INDIGENT

Attorneys Andrew Noe and W. Graham Woodyard with the Gallia County Defense Attorney Corp met with the commission to discuss the 2022 Defense of Indigent. Mr. Montgomery noted the County Administrator will present their proposal to the Gallia County Public Defender Commission when they meet, the Gallia County Commissioners are waiting on their recommendation. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Gallipolis, Ohio.

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

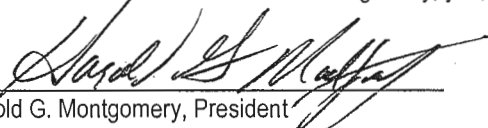
The President entertained a motion to give M. Eugene Greene authority to negotiate on the behalf of the Gallia County Commissioners, the purchase of the city property being used as a public parking lot across from the Conley building on second avenue. Q. Jay Stapleton so moved and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, abstain; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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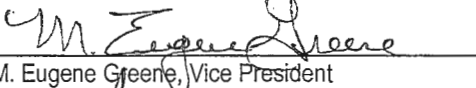
At 2:12 p.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Melissa Clark to consider the employment of a public employee. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. At 3:06 p.m. Ms. Clark exited the session. Returned to regular session at 3:31 p.m.; no action taken.


ADJOURN

The President entertained a motion for adjournment at 4:00 p.m. 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