

**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

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 February 17, 2022 minutes. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**2022 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
2/20	5	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	8	22	0	0	0	4

**FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW**

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented the Commission with:

- February Sales Tax Report
- 4th Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD****2021 CDBG CD GRANT, 2021 CDBG CI GRANT & 2021 ARPA WWIP GRANT  
CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the paperwork for approval of the Environmental Review Record for the following project for which a certification of determination of a categorical exclusion project could be made:

- Tara Estates Sewer Replacement Project – Public Facilities Project (replace existing sewer lines & manholes)

Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve the forms as presented contingent upon no complaints being received thru end of the local comment period ending 4 pm 2/25/2022, further noting the RROF would not be signed and mailed to ODOT until 2/28/2022. M. Eugene Greene made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. All forms were signed after the comment period by Harold Montgomery, as President of the Commission, and they are on file in the County's CDBG files.

**GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 PAYMENT RESOLUTION # 8**

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Resolution # 8 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- Engineering Fees - \$27,171.94
- Construction - \$193,448.71
- Total = \$220,620.65

Invoices to be paid as follows:

- DLZ invoice 62275 = \$27,171.94 to be paid directly to DLZ by Gallia County from USDA draw #5
- J&H Reinforcing & Structural Erectors Inc. Pay Application # 6 = \$193,448.71 to be paid to J&H Reinforcing & Structural Erectors Inc. by Gallia County from USDA draw #5

Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded a motion to approve payment resolution # 8 as submitted and sign the contractors pay application #6. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**USDA - GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 DISBURSEMENT #5**

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with USDA Disbursement #5 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- DLZ invoice 62275 = \$27,171.94
- J&H Reinforcing & Structural Erectors Inc. Pay Application # 6 = \$193,448.71
- Total USDA Disb Request = \$220,620.65

M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded a motion to approve and sign the USDA Disbursement #5 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**COUNTY ENGINEER – COUNTY ROADS**

Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe met with the Commissioners to follow up from previous request: TID, Trade-in/Purchase, and questioned if the Commissioners had decided on ARPA funds for county roads and if not did they have a time line on when they would make their decision. The Commissioners noted they still have request coming in to consider for ARPA funding. Also noting on February 17, 2022 Journal 54, Page 493 the Transportation Improvement District (TID) appointments, February 17, 2022 Journal 54, Page 498 the Commission approved the Engineer proposal to Trade-in and Purchase after receiving the Legal opinion from the Prosecutor office. Mr. Boothe also gave the commission a copy of the deed concerning the property line discussed on November 23, 2021 Journal 54 page 389 and February 3, 2022 page 478. No action taken

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**SHERIFF – OHIO VALLEY BANK - AGREEMENT**

Sheriff Administrator Heather Casto presented the commission with Ohio Valley Bank Business Master Funds Transfer Agreement for the Commissioners approval and the President's signature. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion to approve and to authorize Harold G. Montgomery to sign. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**NURSE PRACTITIONERS - CONTRACT**

Effective 3/7/22, Jeanne Ingles Family Practice will transition to Pleasant Valley Family Healthcare Gallipolis - Jeanne Ingles FNP-BC. Employees will notice no change in coverage or service provided as Gallia County Nurse Practitioners Contract. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion to approve the contact. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION****Resolution Approving Participation in Region 10 Governance Structure Under The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding**

It was moved by Q. Jay Stapleton and seconded by M. Eugene Greene that the following Resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, Gallia County, is a Local Government that has adopted and approves The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding ("The Memorandum"), which establishes a mechanism to disburse settlement proceeds from opioid litigation into Ohio's communities to help abate the opioid crisis, including allocations to Local Governments and Regions through a statewide Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, this jurisdiction is a participant in **Region 10** as established by The Memorandum; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to The Memorandum each Region shall create their own governance structure so it ensures all Local Governments have input and equitable representation regarding regional decisions including representation on the statewide Foundation Board and selection of projects to be funded from the region's regional Share; and

**WHEREAS**, Regions have the responsibility to make submissions regarding the allocation of funds to projects that will equitably serve the needs of the entire Region; and

**WHEREAS**, it is found that the regional governance structure attached hereto has **Exhibit A** ensures all Local Governments in this Region have input and equitable representation regarding regional decisions under The Memorandum;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this legislative body that:

Section 1. Subject to and effective upon the concurrence of all Local Governments (counties, cities, villages, townships) in **Region 10**, this legislative body hereby approves and enters into the regional governance agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**;

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this legislative body relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements;

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

**Roll call:**

Mr. Montgomery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay
Mr. Greene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay
Mr. Stapleton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay

ADOPTED: this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President

s/ Anette Brown, Clerk of the Board

s/ M. Eugene Greene, Vice President

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING INITIAL REGION REPRESENTATIVE****Resolution Appointing Initial Region 10 Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board**

It was moved by Q. Jay Stapleton and seconded by M. Eugene Greene that the following Resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the **Gallia County Board of Commissioners**, is a Local Government that has adopted and approves The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding ("The Memorandum"), which establishes a mechanism to disburse settlement proceeds from opioid litigation into Ohio's communities to help abate the opioid crisis, including allocations to Local Governments and Regions through a statewide Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, this jurisdiction is a participant in **Region 10** as established by The Memorandum; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to The Memorandum each Region shall create their own governance structure so it ensures all Local Governments have input and equitable representation regarding regional decisions including representation on the statewide Foundation Board and selection of projects to be funded from the Region's regional Share; and

**WHEREAS**, the imminent distribution of Opioid Funds through the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. requires immediate appointment of a regional representative from this Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Regions have the responsibility to make submissions regarding the allocation of funds to projects that will equitably serve the needs of the entire Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold G. Montgomery has expressed a willingness and ability to serve as the initial Region 10 representative on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board for an initial term that will begin by and upon concurrence of all Local Governments participating in **Region 10**, and end upon a successor appointment, resignation or removal by the regional board.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this legislative body that:

Section 1. Subject to and effective upon the concurrence of all Local Governments (counties, cities, villages, townships) in **Region 10**, the following individual shall be appointed as the initial **Region 10** representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board;

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Section 2. This representative may exercise all authority of a OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board member under Section D.3 through and including D.11 of The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding during this appointment; and shall report any such actions to the regional board in this Region;

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this legislative body relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements;

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

**Roll call:**

Mr. Montgomery     Yea     Nay  
 Mr. Greene         Yea     Nay  
 Mr. Stapleton      Yea     Nay

ADOPTED: this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022

*s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President*

*s/ Anette Brown, Clerk of the Board*

*s/ M. Eugene Greene, Vice President*

*s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner*

### NATION NUTRITION MONTH 2022 – PROCLAMATION

The President entertained a motion to approve the following proclamation. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion: Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. Also in attendance: Gallia County WIC, Lorie Siders and City Commissioners Tony Gallagher

National Nutrition Month 2022  
Proclamation

WHEREAS food is the substance by which life is sustained; and

WHEREAS the type, quality, and amount of food that individuals consume each day plays a vital role in their overall health and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS there is a need for continuing nutrition education and wide-scale effort to enhance healthy eating practices;

NOW, THEREFORE we, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners, of Gallia County, Ohio in the city of Gallipolis, in the State of Ohio

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of March **NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH** in Gallia County, Ohio, and we encourage all citizens to join the campaign and become concerned about their nutrition and the nutrition of others in hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the Board of Gallia County Commissioners to be affixed.

Done at the Gallia County Courthouse on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February Two thousand and twenty-two.

*s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President*

*s/ M. Eugene Greene, Vice President*

*s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner*

### OSU – AGENCY UPDATE

Director Tracy Winters and ANR Educator Jeff Moore presented the Commission with an agency update for December, January and February of various activities and presented a copy of their newsletter and upcoming events.

### EMS – AMBULANCE - BID OPENING

At 11:00 as advertised, President Montgomery opened the following bid (noting received only one bid):

Company	Total Bid
Myers Equipment Corp	\$204,989.00

The bid was turned over to EMS Director Keith Wilson for review and a recommendation. The following were in attendance: EMS Director Keith Wilson, County Administrator Melissa Clark and City Commissioners Tony Gallagher.

### TASC/HORIZON – CONTRACT

Anette L. Brown, Clerk to Board of Commissioners presented on behalf of TASC of Southeast Ohio, a contract with Horizon a **Method to Procedure** for approval and request for signing the contract as property owner. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion to approve the contract and signature of Harold G. Montgomery. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

### DJFS – JACKSON PIKE/OMJ PROJECT – ARCHITECTS NEGOTIATIONS

The Commissioners, County Administrator Melissa Clark, DJFS Director Dana Glassburn, Business Administrator Kathy Campbell, RVC Architect, Jon Stevison discussed the proposals and negotiations. The Commissioners Schedule March 3, 2022 at 10 am. to review the proposal. No action taken.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION – DJFS - PERSONNEL

At 11:28 the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with DJFS Director Dana Glassburn and Business Administrator Kathy Campbell 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. Returned to regular session at 11:48 a.m.; no action taken.

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**EMPLOYEE – DJFS – RESIGNATION**

DJFS Director Dana Glassburn presented and recommended the acceptance of Amanda Dressel resignation from the position of Employment Services Case Manager effective two weeks from today February 24, 2022. The President entertained a motion to accept the resignation as presented. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**RESOLUTION – FAIR BOOTH APPROVAL**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the Gallia County Junior Fair Commercial Exhibitor contract for rental of a 2022 fair booth for the counties fair housing program. Cost is \$200. This amount is paid for from the county's FY 2021 CDBG Community Development grant. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to approve the contract as presented. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

**OWDA AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN – REFINANCING USDA LOANS**

County Administrator Melissa Clark informed the Commission the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) had priced the loans and set the interest rates for the refinancing of the USDA Sewer Loans Series 200A, 2000B, and 2013, and was awaiting receipt of the official term sheets. Ms. Clark noted the term sheets needed signed and returned to OWDA by Friday, February 25, 2022 in order to meet the closing date. President Montgomery entertained a motion to approve the term sheets and grant permission to President Montgomery to sign the term sheets upon receipt. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

\* At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners, County Administrator Melissa Clark and Grant Administrator Karen Sprague attended the Green Sewer 2 Construction monthly meeting in the second-floor meeting room of the Gallia County Courthouse.

\* At 2:15 p.m. Commissioners Q. Jay Stapleton left the meeting due to illness.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GALLIA COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSPORTION PLAN****A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GALLIA COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

It was moved by M. Eugene Greene and seconded by Harold G. Montgomery that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, people with specialized transportation needs have rights to mobility. Older adults, individuals with limited incomes and people with disabilities rely heavily, sometimes exclusively, on public and specialized transportation services to live independent and fulfilling lives. These services which are provided by public and private transportation systems and human service agency programs are essential for travel to work and medical appointments, to run essential errands, or simply to take advantage of social or cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS, under the FAST Act, projects funded by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities programs must be include in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and

WHERE, the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program provides operating and capital assistance funding to provide transit and purchase of services to private nonprofit agencies, and to qualifying local public bodies that provide specialized transportation services to elderly persons and to people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a local committee with participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation and human services providers and participation by other members of the public met on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

WHEREAS, the local committee reviewed and recommended through consensus a Gallia County Coordinated Transportation Plan to be submitted to the State of Ohio Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSION: That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE GALLIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE THIS February 24, 2022 AS EVIDENCED BY THE AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES BELOW.

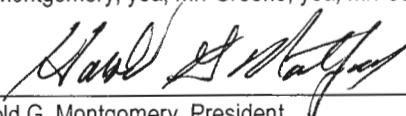
*/s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President*  
*/s/ M. Eugene Greene, Vice President*

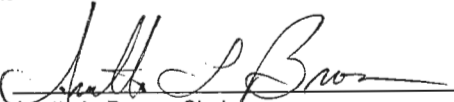
*/s/ Anette L. Brown, Clerk of the Board*

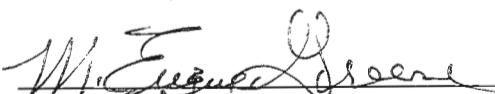
\* At 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery, Commissioner M. Eugene Greene and County Administrator Melissa Clark joined the Land Bank meeting with the Gallia County Land Reutilization Corporation in the Commissioner's office, room 1292 of the Gallia County Courthouse.

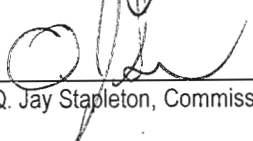
**ADJOURN**

M. Eugene Greene made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, absent for vote.

  
Harold G. Montgomery, President

  
Anette L. Brown, Clerk

  
M. Eugene Greene, Vice President

  
Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner