

MARCH 10, 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 March 3, 2022 minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton made 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:
DJFS	Dana Glassburn	3/10	Columbus, Ohio	OJFSDA Executive Mtg
DJFS	Dana Glassburn	3/10	Columbus, Ohio	OJFSDA General Mtg
DJFS	Dana Glassburn	3/30	Meigs Co., Ohio	OJFSDA District 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.

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
3/6	6	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	7	24	0	0	0	4

VETERANS – MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE

Commissioners received the following request for funds to defray the Memorial Day expenses for 2022: Cadot-Blessing Camp #126. The President entertained a motion to approve as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

LOCAL JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT FUND CREATION APPROVAL

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented request for County Auditor's Office to create a new fund for the Local Jail Capital Project Grant and be titled "**Capital Grant – Local Jail Project**", give that grant fund number 391, and to create the line items for the \$5,500,000 grant as follows:

Create 391.0391.531100 titled Project Expenses

Also, request the County Auditor's Office to create the following revenue line items:

Create 391.3000.400100 Capital Grant- Local Jail Project Revenue (\$5,500,000)

Harold Montgomery entertained a motion to request the County Auditor's Office to create the fund titled "**Capital Grant – Local Jail Project**" and the necessary expense and revenue lines. M. Eugene Greene moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – FIELD OF HOPE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented the Commission with the following Letter of Support for approval:

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Kevin Dennis  
Field of Hope  
11821 State Route 160  
Vinton, OH 45686

Dear Mr. Dennis,

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners is pleased to submit this letter of support for your application to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) INSPIRE Initiative for the 'Real Jobs for Real Recovery' project.

The Field of Hope Community Campus experienced unprecedented success in treating clients with alcohol and other drug addictions. The continued growth of Field of Hope is a testament to the transformative work provided by your agency. The supportive services offered by your agency provide clients the opportunity to experience life-changing outcomes.

The \$500,000 ARC INSPIRE grant for the 'Real Jobs for Real Recovery' program will support and further enhance the Field of Hope Community Campus' recovery support services by establishing a full-service salon facility. The grant will provide funds necessary for salon space renovation, equipment, and training for Field of Hope program graduates to receive a Cosmetology Certification. This certification will provide clients with the job skills to earn a liveable income for themselves and their families.

The Field of Hope Community Campus has a compelling record of accomplishments for changing lives with faith-based treatment for individuals suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. Therefore, we strongly urge ARC to provide a \$500,000 INSPIRE grant for the 'Real Jobs for Real Recovery' project.

Sincerely,

Harold G. Montgomery  
President

M. Eugene Greene  
Vice-President

Q. Jay Stapleton  
Commissioner

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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.

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION USE OF ARPA FOR AMBULANCE**

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented the following resolution to Commissioners for consideration.

M. Eugene Greene introduced the following resolution and moved for its passage:

**A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the American Recovery Plan Fund, #384, for the purpose of purchase of ambulance**

**WHEREAS**, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2 [H.R. 1319], signed into law March 11, 2021 ("**ARPA**"), appropriated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the "**Fund**") payments from the U.S. Treasury Secretary to metropolitan cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the ARPA's Fund methodology, Gallia County was allocated approximately \$5,800,000 (the "**Fund Payment**") to "mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)"; and,

**WHEREAS**, in response to this economic crisis, the Department of the Treasury ("**Treasury Department**") is providing such relief to state and local governments to enable them to continue to support the public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA and its supporting guidance issued by the Treasury Department provide that the Fund Payment may only be used by the County to finance costs that (a) respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (b) respond to workers performing essential work; (c) provide government services to the extent of reduction in revenue; and (d) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively, "**Criteria**"); and,

**WHEREAS**, so long as the County duly directs its Fund Payment to finance those costs in compliance with the Criteria, the County may use the Fund Payment to offset the County's various fiscal effects from COVID-19 during the period beginning March 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024 (the "**Covered Period**"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County received some or all of the Fund Payment directly from the Treasury Department and such Fund Payments has been or will be deposited into special revenue fund, #384 titled American Recovery Plan Fund, created and maintained by the County to cover only expenditures consistent with ARPA, including the criteria and applicable regulations; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2022 Gallia County Board of Commissioners deemed the entirety of the County's Fund Payment under the "standard allowance" with respect to loss due to COVID-19. All as set forth under the ARPA, the Criteria, and its supporting Guidance, and as specifically authorized under 31 CFR 35.6(d)(1), to wit: "the reduction in the recipient's general revenue due to the public health emergency over the period of performance will be deemed to be ten million dollars".

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure (purchase of an ambulance) is aligned with the project code 6.1, Provision of Government Services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Board of County Commissioners approve the use of ARPA fiscal recovery funds as a response to the Coronavirus public health emergency and the related negative impact on the economy for the purchase of an ambulance consistent with the allowable use noted in the recitals above and in the U.S. Treasury guidance as of the date of this resolution.

The approval for use is as follows: Subgrant agreement with Myers Equipment Corp. in the amount of \$204,989.00 for the purchase of Ambulance.

Seconded by Q. Jay Stapleton, and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken

Roll call:

Mr. Montgomery    x Yea    \_\_\_\_\_ Nay

Mr. Greene        x Yea    \_\_\_\_\_ Nay

Mr. Stapleton     x Yea    \_\_\_\_\_ Nay

ADOPTED: this 10th day of March, 2022

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Harold Montgomery, President

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Anette Brown, Clerk of the Board

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M. Eugene Greene, Vice President

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Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION SUBGRANT AGREEMENT & CONTRACT DOCUMENTS- MYERS EQUIPMENT CORPORATION**

County Administrator Melissa Clark presented the Commission with Resolution for approval and signing of the following agreements with Myers Equipment Corporation.

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 21486-20

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- Notice of Award
- Subgrant Agreement
- Contract Agreement

On March 3, 2022 Gallia County awarded the bid for new ambulance to Myers Equipment Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$204,989.00. Gallia County, the grantor, intends to direct a portion of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the purchase of the one (1) new 2023 Ambulance. As per the Subgrant Agreement, the subgrantee, Myers Equipment Corporation, agrees to comply with all requirements of the U.S. Department of Treasury and the U.S. Treasury Office of Inspector General.

Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded a motion to approve the Resolution and sign the above mentioned documents, with Myers Equipment Corporation as presented. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

#### CHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague met with the Commission to give an update regarding Gallia County's partnership with Vinton County on the 2020 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) grant. Ms. Sprague advised the 2020 CHIP grant has a work completion deadline of 2/28/2023.

Since the 2020 CHIP grant will be finishing up around the end of 2022, Vinton County has asked if Gallia County will once again be a partner with them for a second CHIP noting the 2022 CHIP application is due in June 2022. Ms. Sprague advised the 2020 CHIP partnership with Vinton County has worked very well and recommended the Commission vote to partner with Vinton County for a 2022 CHIP grant. Mr. Montgomery entertained a motion to partner with Vinton County for a 2022 CHIP grant application. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

Ms. Sprague advised the CHIP grant is a competitive program, meaning the Vinton/Gallia application would be competing for funding with all other counties in the state. If funded the 2022 CHIP grant would have a grant award date of 9/1/2022 and after environmental review is completed it would allow the 2022 CHIP to begin around the same time as the 2020 CHIP ends.

Ms. Sprague informed the Commission that Vinton County is having a conference call with USDA tomorrow about adding Gallia County to Vinton County's USDA Housing Preservation Grant. That would be a great help to be able to do more homes in Gallia County with these additional grant funds.

Ms. Sprague also advised the Commission that Vinton County is willing to assist Gallia County with applications and income verification for the Green Sewer 2 on-lot connections for owner occupied applicants that meet the CDBG RPIG grant low-to-moderate (LMI) income limits. Gallia County has \$100,000 in the 2019 CDBG RPIG grant to assist LMI home owners with connection to the new sewer system.

#### LANES RECORDS STORAGE

Document Service Company (formerly Lanes Records Storage) President/CEO Keith Kramer gave an update of storage and shredding services being currently provided and noted that totals came in under initial budget estimates. To date, 130,000 lbs of documents have been removed (stored or shredded) from the courthouse. President Montgomery commented the county is very pleased with the services provided. No action taken.

#### SEWER AGREEMENT

Sewer Billing Director Terri Walters submitted an O&M Removal Agreement to the commission for approval, noting Sewer Superintendent Tommy Dillon had confirmed vacancy of the property located at 166 Hubbard Avenue. Ms. Walters will submit the agreement for Commission approval and signature at later date. No action taken.

#### RESOLUTION – ENGINEER TRUCK PURCHASE

Assistant County Engineer Kyle Mooney presented request from County Engineer Brett Boothe for permission to purchase a ¾ ton crew cab truck from Mark Porter using M&R Funds. Due to inventory availability, the following three quotes were received:

Mark Porter: \$46,500.00  
 John Sang: \$46,710.60  
 Smith Chevrolet: \$49,585.00

County Engineer Brett Boothe provided written recommendation to purchase truck from Mark Porter in the amount of \$46,500.00. Q. Jay Stapleton made and M. Eugene Greene seconded a motion to authorize purchase. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

#### COUNTY ENGINEER – ASH SALES AGREEMENT

Assistant County Engineer Kyle Mooney presented Ash Sales Agreement with Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. Mr. Mooney resubmit the agreement after signature by Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. No action taken.

#### STORM DRAINAGE

Mr. Robert Fellure met with the Commission to discuss an ongoing issue concerning storm drainage and an enlarging sink hole on his property at Le Grande Blvd caused by a storm drainage pipe. Mr. Fellure provided a timeline of issues caused by the failing storm drainage pipe beginning early 2018. Mr. Fellure provided legal opinion by Prosecuting Attorney Holdren's office dated September 20, 2018, which cited Attorney General Opinion OAC 81-039 with Asst.

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Prosecuting Attorney Dupree stating "...The party responsible for and in charge of those repairs would be the County Engineer". However, Mr. Fellure stated from prior communications with County Engineer Brett Boothe, Mr. Boothe does not believe it is the responsibility of the County Engineer for the repairs. Asst. County Engineer Kyle Mooney stated he could not comment without more information, but will research if there are alternate legal opinions. Mr. Fellure states he has been more than patient and wants his property repaired soon due to ground settling now occurring near his garage.

President Montgomery noted it was of his opinion the County is responsible to make repairs to Mr. Fellure's property and agreed to further investigate the situation. No action taken. Guests in attendance: Assistant County Engineer Kyle Mooney, Assistant Prosecutor Amber Fellure.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steven McDaniel came before commission with questions of various county matters. Mr. Montgomery explained the procurement and bidding process for public projects. Mr. Montgomery addressed questions of Mr. McDaniel related to the Veterans Services and general fund budget. No action taken.

#### LEASE – DISTRICT 2 DIVE TEAM

President Montgomery entertained a motion to lease two county surplus vehicles (pick up truck and suburban) to the District 2 Dive Team to aid the team in the transport of boat and dive team crew. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

#### SEWER AGREEMENT

Sewer Billing Director Terri Walters submitted an O&M Removal Agreement to the commission approval and signature by the Commission. Ms. Walters noted earlier that Sewer Superintendent Tommy Dillon had confirmed vacancy of the property located at 166 Hubbard Avenue. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Eugene Greene second a motion to approve and sign the agreement. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Greene, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

#### GAHS MEMORIAL FIELD FLOOD WALL

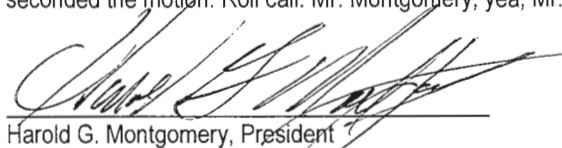
Kenny Davis, Treasurer Steve McGhee, and Gallipolis City Schools Superintendent Craig Wright was present to discuss the flooding of Memorial Field. Mr. Davis addressed the Commission regarding the idea of constructing a flood wall at Memorial Field to prevent flooding at the football field. Mr. Wright commented he would like the opportunity to preserve memorial field if grant funds are available, but unsure of the scope of work that would be entailed with such a project. Mr. Wright detailed projects and financial obligations Gallipolis City Schools is currently pursuing geared to enhancing educational offerings and athletics which includes the planned STEAM project and facility at Gallia Academy High School. There was discussion regarding the involvement of U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, floodplain, and floodway area. No action taken.

#### APPALACHIAN OHIO

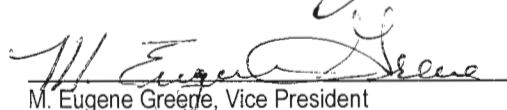
Appalachian Regional Representative for Senator Sherrod Brown, Beth Clodfelter. The Commission discussed current projects within the County. Ms. Clodfelter shared information of Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) and upcoming funding opportunities for infrastructure and roads. No action taken.

#### 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  
Recorded by: County Administrator Melissa Clark

  
M. Eugene Greene, Vice President

  
Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner