

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

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 David K. Smith. Roll Call: President David K. Smith, present; Vice President Q. Jay Stapleton, present; Commissioner Leslie Henry, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the January 26, 2023 minutes. Mr. Stapleton moved and Ms. Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Mr. Stapleton moved and Ms. Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
DJFS	Dana Glassburn	2/2/2023	Jackson	CSS Group 5 Meeting

2023 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
1/29	16	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	15	33	0	0	0	8

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Kevin Nicholas updated the commission on a Bureau of Workers' Compensation audit that was conducted by BWC Auditor Phyllis Jenkins on February 1, 2023. Mr. Nicholas and select county Auditor staff provided payroll data and Form 1099 data for FY2021. Mr. Nicholas stated that Gallia County had not received an audit from the BWC since 2013. All documents and information requested by Ms. Jenkins was provided and some additional information was requested after the audit through email. The findings of the audit will be provided to the county in a final summary report within the next month.

COUNTY TREASURER – NEW ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION

Treasurer Steve McGhee recommended that three new financial accounts be established to diversify the county's investment strategy and gain better returns on select investments. The following resolutions were passed to open the new accounts.

The President entertained a motion to give Treasurer Steve McGhee authorization to open a new account at Ohio Valley Bank. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

The President entertained a motion to give Treasurer Steve McGhee authorization to open a new account at Farmers Bank. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

The President entertained a motion to give Treasurer Steve McGhee authorization to open a new account at STAR Ohio. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

SENATOR J.D. VANCE – LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE – BRAD KENNEDY

Brad Kennedy, representing Senator J.D. Vance's office met with the commissioners to introduce himself and provide a way for Gallia County to connect with the Senator's office. Mr. Kennedy asked the commission if they had any concerns or issues they would want Senator Vance's office to know about. Mr. Kennedy also stated that Senator Vance's office could be assistance with potential Federal Grants the county may need. Mr. Kennedy also discussed the topic of additional cell tower coverage and this was an important area that many Appalachian counties are working toward.

**PARTIAL RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
GALLIA COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM (B-C-11-025-1)**

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 \$28,249.75. The balance of 15%, which amount equals \$4,985.25, must remain in effect until paid in full. The Prosecuting Attorney prepared the Partial Release of Real Estate Mortgage forms. David K. Smith entertained a motion that the Partial Release of Real Estate Mortgage for the following persons be approved and signed as presented:

- Nicolas A. & Misty D. Schneider

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Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

Release of real estate mortgage forms will be signed by David K. Smith, 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 NICOLAS A. SCHNEIDER & MISTY D. SCHNEIDER, husband and wife, to the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, dated January 21, 2013 and recorded in Volume 535, Page 953-955, of the Mortgage Records of Gallia County, Ohio. (This document releases 85% of said mortgage, which equals \$28,249.75. The balance of said mortgage will remain in effect until paid in full, balance remaining equals \$4,985.25)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, has hereunto subscribed its name and seal this 2nd day of February, 2023.

WITNESSES: COUNTY OF GALLIA, OFFICE GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Karen Sprague

/s/ David K. Smith

/s/ Kevin Nicholas

DAVID K. SMITH, PRESIDENT

STATE OF OHIO, GALLIA COUNTY, SS:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared David K. Smith, 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

Connie Johnson
NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument Prepared by: Jason Holdren, Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney
18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

* 11:00 am – The Commissioners David K. Smith, Q. Jay Stapleton, Leslie Henry, County Administrator Kevin Nicholas, and Grants Administrator Karen Sprague attended the OVRDC's 2023 1st Round Gallia County Caucus meeting in the 2nd floor meeting room of the courthouse.

HEART MONTH PROCLAMATION – HOLZER CARDIOLOGY DEPT

The President entertained a motion to approve the following proclamation for the month of February 2023, as American Heart Month. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.



Whereas, we the Gallia County Commissioners, recognize the month of February as American Heart Month and do hereby encourage all citizens to wear red to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, we recognize the extraordinary progress in heart health and recognize that more needs to be done in Gallia County to safeguard heart health for generations to come; and

Whereas, cardiovascular disease accounts for 17.3 million deaths per year, a number that is expected to grow to more than 23.6 million by 2030.

Whereas, The American Heart Association projects the cost of treating heart disease in the United States will triple by 2030; and

Whereas, keeping our communities healthy and promoting awareness of health issues including heart disease, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organizations and groups in our community; and

Whereas, heart health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping our citizens, especially our women, healthy is stronger than ever;

Therefore, be it Resolved that in recognition of the ongoing fight against heart disease we do hereby proclaim February as American Heart Month in Gallia County and urge everyone to show their support for the fight against heart disease.

/s/ David K. Smith, President

/s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

/s/ Leslie Henry, Commissioner

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT

Cole Massie, Director of Economic Development with the University of Rio Grande presented to the commission an Economic Development Contracted Services Agreement for two years with the County Commissioners. The proposed agreement had been presented to the commission on January 19, 2023 for discussion and a legal review by the County Prosecutor. The President entertained a motion to approve the Contracted Services Agreement for Economic Development with the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College as presented by Cole Massie. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLE MASSIE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11:47 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Cole Massie, URG Economic Development Director to discuss economic development matters. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DJFS – PERSONNEL

1:26 p.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Director Dana Glassburn to discuss personnel matters. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 1:29 p.m. No action taken.

DJFS – EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION

Dana Glassburn, DJFS Director stated that Ms. Jennifer Koebel began employment on November 8, 2022 with the agency, in the position of an Employment Services Case Manager, and is currently within her probationary period. At this time, the Agency has concluded and recommends that Ms. Koebel's employment be terminated effective immediately. The President entertained a motion to accept Director Glassburn's recommendation to terminate Ms. Koebel's employment immediately. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

* 1:30 pm – The Commissioners David K. Smith, Q. Jay Stapleton, Leslie Henry and County Administrator Kevin Nicholas met with Granger and DLZ for the Jail OAC meeting in the Granger field office conference room, 537 2nd Ave. Gallipolis, Ohio and then toured the new jail at 2:00 pm with Granger & DLZ staff.

GCBDD – STATE FUNDING

Melinda Kingery, Superintendent and Crystal Double, Director of Finance, Gallia County Board of Developmental Disabilities presented information they had received from the Ohio Department of DD meetings concerning the waiver match funding for their agency. The Ohio Department of DD was indicating they may change the percentage of the matching funds which would reduce the operating funds for GCBDD. Mrs. Kingery stated that another recent meeting by the Ohio Department of DD provided information that they were not planning to change the waiver match percentage this fiscal year. President Smith recommended that our DD Board discuss their budget concerns with other local DD Boards and then inform our State legislators of the impact it would have if the waiver match funding was reduced. No action taken.

911 – EMPLOYMENT – LANDEN FAUGHT

Sherry Daines, 911 Director recommended to the commission to hire Landen Faught as a full-time employee effective on February 11, 2023, with a one-year probationary period. Mr. Faught has been a part-time 911 employee since April 24, 2022, and has successfully completed all of the mandatory training required to work as a 911 Operator. Sherry Daines stated that her 911 department has experienced recent staffing issues and needed to make additions to the full-time staff. She has also reviewed applications and conducted interviews for part-time positions. The President entertained a motion to hire Landen Faught as a full-time 911 Operator as recommended by Sherry Daines. Mr. Stapleton moved and Ms. Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

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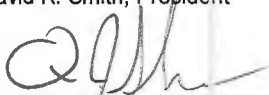
At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Mr. Stapleton moved and Ms. Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.



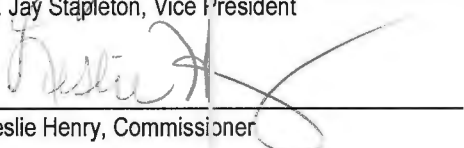
 David K. Smith, President



 Kevin Nicholas, County Administrator



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 Leslie Henry, Commissioner