

FEBRUARY 9, 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 February 2, 2023 minutes. Ms. Henry made and Mr. Stapleton seconded motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

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
2/5/23	8	2	0	0	12	0	0	0	14	27	0	0	0	8

JAIL PROJECT – PAYMENT RESOLUTION #21

County Administrator Kevin Nicholas presented the Commission with Payment Resolution #21 for the Gallia County Jail Project to Granger Construction Company in the amount of \$815,443.53. DLZ Principle Architect, Greg Galieti recommends approval of the above invoice and pay application. The President entertained a motion to approve and pay invoices from pay resolution #21. Mr. Stapleton moved and Ms. Henry seconded the motion to approve payment resolution #21 as submitted. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

9:21 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Commissioners and County Administrator Kevin Nicholas 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 9:35 a.m. No action taken.

CDBG GRANTS – 2023 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS-USER ROLE FORMS RESOLUTION

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the Organizational Contacts Form and Ocean User & Role Assignment Form to update persons allowed to sign for CDBG grants draws for 2023, persons allowed to perform actions in Ocean the states online grant management system and a new feature allowing persons authorized to send and receive files to OCD. This updated form must be emailed to ODO. Ms. Sprague noted the organizational contacts & user role forms are being updated the following persons: County CEO David K. Smith, County Administrator Kevin Nicholas, County Grants Administrator Karen Sprague and removal of former county staff: Elisha Orsbon, Melissa Clark, Michele Throckmorton, Harold Montgomery & former GMCAA Rehab Specialist Phil Taylor. Ms. Sprague noted Data Confidentiality Agreements have been signed by Sprague who will continue to have OCD File Upload & Download access. President David Smith entertained a motion that the forms be approved and signed as presented. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

ERR LETTERS FOR LOCAL PROJECT

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a third tribal letter to Osage Nation for Environmental Review process being completed by OVRDC for projects located in Gallia County for Buckeye Hills Career Center, seeking clarification on archaeological reporting being required by Osage Nation. The project is as follows:

- Buckeye Hills Career Center – construction of two new education and training centers for CDL and Heavy Machine Mechanics. Both are being constructed on the current campus.

OVRDC needs a local government entity to send the ERR letter to the tribe effected by the project. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded a motion to approve sending the letter and for the President to sign. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

DJFS

Business Administrator for DJFS, Kathy Campbell informed the Commissioners of an upcoming event. Sharing Gods Hands at Work will hold a Baby Love Information Fair on February 15th from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. This event is open to all parents especially new and expectant mothers. Snacks, door prizes, samples, crafts for kids, Valentine photos and other resources will be available. She also shared that this would be shared on DJFS's Facebook page. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

10:03 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Commissioners 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 10:24 a.m. No action taken.

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 21488-20

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS – STORAGE

Chris Burnett and Eric Whitt from the Board of Elections stated the need they have to store seven large carts that transport BOE equipment. The storage needs to be climate controlled and have access with a ramp into the building. The commissioners agreed that the Conley building would be the best place for this. Commissioner Stapleton took Mr. Burnett and Mr. Whitt to view the building. No action taken.

SOUTHEAST OHIO BUILDING DEPARTMENT – REVIEW AND INSPECTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Randy Breech along with Rick Dostal, the Building Official for Southeast Ohio Building Department, who also serves as Washington County's commercial inspection department, presented the commission with an opportunity to pass a resolution for the county to use Southeast Ohio Building Department as Gallia County's commercial building inspection resource instead of the State of Ohio. Mr. Breech stated that the State Inspection office had reduced staffing of commercial building inspectors and it has caused very lengthy delays in getting new building plans and permits approved. President Smith asked how the other municipalities that do not fall within the jurisdiction of the county could be included in this process. Mr. Dostal stated that he could contact each village council and inform them of the process required if they would also choose to use his building department for permitting and inspections within their respective villages, if not, the villages could continue the current process working directly with the State of Ohio. The City of Gallipolis had Brett Bostic, Code Enforcement in attendance to gain more information on this opportunity. The commissioners requested for the Prosecutor's office to conduct a legal review and get back with Mr. Breech and Mr. Dostal once they have reached a decision. No action taken.

RECORDS COMMISSION MEETING

President David K. Smith chaired the Record's Commission Meeting held in the Commissioner's office. The following were present: Commissioner David K. Smith, Prosecutor Jason Holdren, Auditor Robert J. Jacks, and Recorder Roger Walker. Also present: Commissioners Q. Jay Stapleton and Leslie Henry. Recorder Roger Walker reviewed the submitted applications to the records commission; all were approved. Minutes are on file in the Commissioner's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROSECUTOR – PERSONNEL

11:30 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Prosecutor Jason Holdren 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 11:57 a.m. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

11:59 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Commissioners, County Administrator Kevin Nicholas, and Tom White 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 12:14 p.m. No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS – NEW HIRE

The President entertained a motion to hire Mr. Tom White to work on ARPA compliance reporting and other duties as assigned by the Commissioners, effective February 13th, 2023. This is a temporary, unclassified, part-time position, 20 hours per week at \$30.00 per hour and a 90-day probationary period. Mr. Stapleton made and Ms. Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – GRANGER – CONTRACTS

1:32 p.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Matt Bauer with Granger to discuss contracts. 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 1:34 p.m. No action taken.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK PROCLAMATION

The following were in attendance to request approval of a Proclamation for National FFA Week in Gallia County: Gallia Academy FFA Advisor Katherine Dickson, FFA members Courtney Corvin and Beau Johnson; River Valley FFA Advisor Mathew Huck, FFA members Andrew Huck and Emma Truance. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion to approve the following proclamation. Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

National FFA Week

February 18 – 25, 2023

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of the food, fiber and natural resources systems; and

Whereas, FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth and career success among its members; and

Whereas, agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs in the science, business and technology of agriculture; and

Whereas, the FFA motto—"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve"—gives direction and purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

Whereas, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation.

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Therefore, we, the Gallia County Commissioners do hereby designate the week of Feb. 18–25, 2023, as National FFA Week.

s/ David K. Smith, President

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

s/ Leslie Henry, Commissioner


BILL MANGUS – MEMORIAL GRAVE MARKERS

Bill Mangus, Commander of VFW Post 4464 met with the commissioners to discuss options for assisting his organization with getting temporary military grave markers to place on numerous veteran's graves throughout Gallia County. Mr. Mangus discussed his attempts to get the temporary markers from the Gallia County Veteran's Service Office and was unable to get them due to the regulations that the VSO must follow when providing markers for graves. President Smith stated how important our veterans are to him and our community and shared the budgetary process that the commissioners must use to evaluate each request. Mr. Stapleton stated that he would do more research on this request to see if an option could be found to secure the markers. No action taken.


*2:30 p.m. the commissioners left to attend the Solid Waste Management meeting in Wellston, Ohio.

ADJOURN


At 5:00 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



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



Leslie Henry, Commissioner