

MARCH 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 March 2, 2023 minutes. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the 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
3/5/23	17	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	31	0	0	0	8

D&K – COMP TIME PAY OUT

County Administrator Kevin Nicholas discussed the 180.50 hours of comp time the Dog Warden Alonna Grimm has accumulated in 2022 and that she would not be able to take the time off due to the hardship the K-9 Shelter would endure if Ms. Grimm attempted to use all these comp hours. Mr. Nicholas requested Ms. Grimm’s comp hours be paid out by the Commissioners. The President entertained a motion to pay out Ms. Grimm’s 180.50 comp hours. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE – LITTLES PLUMBING (MR. ROOTER)

County Administrator Kevin Nicholas presented from Little's Plumbing DBA Mr. Rooter, a quote proposal for cutting wall in basement of jail, cutting copper line and installing a clean-out, cleaning and camera line from newly installed clean out in the amount of \$1295.00, including labor and materials with a 2-year warranty on labor and materials. President David K. Smith entertained approving and signing the proposal Mr. Nicholas presented. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION – KEVIN NICHOLAS

County Administrator Kevin Nicholas presented the Commissioners with his letter of resignation effective March 23, 2023, that included a two-week notice. The President entertained a motion to accept Mr. Nicholas’s resignation letter. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

9:22 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss hiring additional personnel with County Administrator Kevin Nicholas, Tom White, Clerk to the board Amanda Phillips, and Assistant Clerk Bailey Jacobs-Johnson. Ms. Henry moved and Mr. Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 9:53 a.m. No action taken.

**RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
GALLIA COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM (B-C-11-1AY-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 its full term and should be released in full. The Prosecuting Attorney prepared the Release of Real Estate Mortgage form. President Smith entertained a motion that Release of Real Estate Mortgage document for the following person be approved and signed as presented:

- Carolyn V. Partain, Records Mortgage Records Volume 533, Page 431-433
- 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 form was signed by David K. Smith, as President of the Commission, and is on file in the County’s CHIP files.

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 real estate mortgage executed by CAROLYN V. PARTAIN to the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, dated March 26, 2013 and recorded in Volume 533, Page 431-433 of the Mortgage Records of Gallia County, Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, has hereunto subscribed its name and seal this 10th day of March, 2023.

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WITNESSES:

COUNTY OF GALLIA, OFFICE
GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/Karen Sprague

s/David K. Smith

DAVID K. SMITH, PRESIDENT

s/Amada Phillips

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

Bailey Jacobs-Johnson

NOTARY PUBLIC

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

ERR LETTERS FOR LOCAL PROJECT

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a fourth & final 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.

Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton 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.

RESOLUTION – FAIR BOOTH APPROVAL

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the Gallia County Junior Fair Commercial Exhibitor contract for rental of a 2023 fair booth for the Gallia County's fair housing program. The cost is \$200.00. This amount is paid for from the county's FY 2021 CDBG Community Development grant. President David Smith entertained a motion to approve the contract as presented. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

AIRPORT MANAGEMENT

Kaleb Arms, Airport Manager presented recommendations to the Commissioners to generate additional revenue for the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport. Mr. Arms stated that the initiatives required to increase revenue would also require additional work hours to implement and manage these initiatives. President David Smith discussed the potential revenue in relation to the additional employee payroll factor. President Smith stated that Mr. Arms's proposal did not appear to generate a positive revenue for the Airport. No action taken.

ENGINEERS – BID OPENING

2022 GALLIA COUNTY ROAD SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

At 10:30 a.m. President Smith opened the following bids for the 2022 Gallia County Road Surface Improvements Project for the following roads: Pleasant Valley Rd, Tick Ridge Rd, Little Kyger Rd, Hannan Trace Rd, and Patriot Rd.

Company	Total Bid
Shelly Company	\$1,646,371.20
McKee Paving Co.	\$1,999,764.00

The bids were turned over to the county engineer office for review and recommendation. The following were in attendance: representatives from both the Shelly Co. and McKee Paving, and Adam Edwards, Gallia County Engineer office.

CREATE NEW FUND – LATCF FUNDS

Tom White, Manager – Special Projects, met with the Commission to request the County Auditor's Office to create a new fund for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund; Funds titled "LATCF Funds", give that fund number 402, and to appropriate the \$73,838.21 LATCF funds into line items as follows:

Appropriate: \$73,838.21, into: 402.0402.531100, title: Other Expenses

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

Create: 402.9000.400101, title: LATCF ARPA Fund Revenue \$73,838.21

President David Smith entertained a motion to approve the new fund and appropriation as presented. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

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PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

The Gallia County Farm Bureau were in attendance for National Agriculture Week on March 19–25, 2023. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the farmers in Gallia County and the Bureau for the hard work. The President entertained a motion to approve the proclamation. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion to proclaim the following; Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

Agriculture: Food for Life
Proclamation
National Agriculture Week
March 19-25, 2023

American agriculture is the foundation of our country. It's the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation, made possible by the hard work of America's farms and farm families. However, the average American is now at least three generations removed from the farm. In fact, farm and ranch families make up less than 2 percent of the U.S. population, resulting in disconnect between food and fiber and the people whose hard work, dedication, and passion bring us all to the table.

Not only does American agriculture produce food, fiber, and renewable resource products, but agriculture is essential to maintaining a strong economy, and is dedicated to ensuring Americans have access to safe, abundant, and affordable products. When you factor in all the jobs involved in processing, distributing and marketing food and fiber products, you see that American agriculture is truly everywhere and touches everyone in almost every way. Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

Now, therefore, we, the Gallia County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim **March 19-25, 2023** as National Agriculture Week. We call upon citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce an abundance of agricultural products that strengthen and enrich our community and our nation.

s/David K. Smith, President

s/Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

s/Leslie Henry, Commissioner

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLE MASSIE & PATRICK SAUNDERS - UTILITIES

11:19 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Cole Massie, Economic Development Director for URG and Patrick Saunders to discuss extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:30 a.m. No action taken.

CORONER – 2022 STATISTICS REVIEW

Gallia County Coroner Doctor Daniel Whiteley provided the commissioners with a very thorough review of his 2022 statistics. No action taken.

SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER – FINANCIAL SITUATION

President Nancy Johnson and Board member Steve Salisbury, Gallia County Council on Aging conveyed their concerns to the Commissioners about their financial situation with the Senior Resource Center. President Smith entertained a motion to advance the \$20,000.00 annual support that the Commissioners normally provide in December, to the Senior Resource Center to help them during this time. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

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RECESS

At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion to recess today's meeting and reconvene on March 14, 2023 at 12 p.m. to continue unfinished business. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

MARCH 14, 2023

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners reconvened on this date for the purpose of completing unfinished business from the March 9, 2023 Commissioner meeting. At 12:00 p.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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

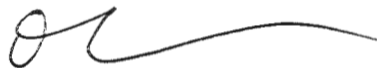
12:11 p.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss hiring a new County Administrator. Ms. Henry moved and Mr. Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 12:46 p.m. No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS – LETTER OF SUPPORT

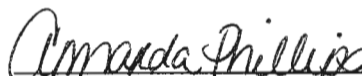
Clerk to the Board, Amanda Phillips presented the commissioners with a letter of support to be signed for the Field of Hope Community Campus in regard to its application for programming and capital funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). President David K. Smith entertained signing the letter as presented by the Clerk. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

ADJOURN

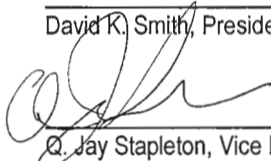
At 12:56 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.



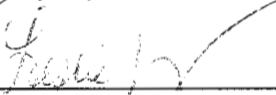
David K. Smith, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



Leslie Henry, Commissioner