

**NOVEMBER 16, 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 November 9, 2023 minutes. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
EMA	Tim Miler	11/21/2023	Meigs County	EMA Sector Meeting
911	Chris Stout	11/21/2023	Meigs County	EMA Sector Meeting
IT	John Grubb	11/17/2023	Columbus, Ohio	OCATS for DJFS

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Stapleton, 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
11/12	7	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	12	17	0	0	0	9

**MEETING RESCHEDULED**

Due to the Winter CCAO Conference being held December 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, the President entertained a motion to reschedule the December 7, 2023 meeting to Tuesday **December 5, 2023** at 9:00 a.m. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION – WWTP GRANT FOR CLEARVIEW ESTATES WWTP UPGRADE PROJECT**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission a Resolution Authorizing the County’s Sewer Engineer to prepare and submit a Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant application to ODOD for the Clearview Estates Subdivision Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades project. The cost estimate for this project is \$750,000 and includes the following:

- WWTP - \$
- Engineering - \$
- Total = \$750,000

David Smith entertained a motion to approve and sign the following grant resolution for this project. Leslie Henry moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

RESOLUTION No. N/A

**AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, The Gallia County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the Local Government Agency (“LGA”); and

WHEREAS, The Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to improve access to clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the LGA is planning to make capital improvements to Clearview WWTP Upgrades; and

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WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant program; and

WHEREAS, DLZ has the authority to act on behalf of the LGA in preparing and submitting program material including the application, responses to inquiries, and reimbursement requests,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the LGA:

Section 1: That the COMMISSIONERS are hereby authorized to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for funds as described above.

Section 2: That the COMMISSIONERS are authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Section 3: Authorization for DLZ Ohio, Inc. to Apply. The LGA authorizes DLZ Ohio, Inc. to act as its agent in preparing and submitting an application to the Ohio Department of Development for the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant program. DLZ Ohio, Inc. is hereby authorized to submit the grant application on behalf of the LGA through the official project application site located at InvestinginOhiosFuture.ohio.gov and to participate in the Grant Requirements on behalf of the LGA as necessary.

The authorization granted to DLZ Ohio, Inc. remains in full effect until otherwise revoked by the LGA. In the event of revocation, DLZ Ohio, Inc. and the Ohio Department of Development must be notified in writing.

The LGA acknowledges that this authorization does not constitute a commitment of funds by the State of Ohio for any of its programs and that DLZ Ohio, Inc. will provide accurate and complete information in the grant application to the best of its knowledge and belief.

Section 4: That this legislation is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety for the immediate construction of the Clearview WWTP Upgrades at the earliest possible time is necessary in order to protect the health of the residents of the LGA by providing a safe and healthy environment; wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage.

Passed: 11/16/2023

DATE

s/ David K. Smith s/ Amanda Phillips

David K. Smith, President Amanda Phillips, Clerk of the Board

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton

Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice-President

s/ Leslie Henry

Leslie Henry, Commissioners

**GCDD WWTP IMPROVEMENTS PAYMENT APPLICATION # 6**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Application # 6 for the GCDD WWTP Improvements Project for the following items:

- Construction - \$36,473.80
- Engineering - \$373.75
- Total = \$36,847.55

Invoices will be paid as follows:

- Mack Industries, Inc. Pay Application # 6 = \$36,473.80 to be paid from 2021 WWIP-GCDD WWTP Grant Fund #390
- DLZ Invoice # 218492 = \$168.75 to be paid from 2021 WWIP-GCDD WWTP Grant Fund #390
- DLZ Invoice # 219108 = \$205.00 to be paid from 2021 WWIP-GCDD WWTP Grant Fund #390

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President Smith entertained a motion to approve & sign the contractors payment application # 6 as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION – HOUSE ON LOCUST STREET**

Commission President David K. Smith entertained a motion for a declaration that a real and present emergency exists with regard to the house on Locust Street. Mr. Smith expressed a necessary emergency due to the following:

- In order to provide for the safety of the public,

Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**DEMOLITION CONTRACT – WHITE HOUSE ON LOCUST STREET**

President David K. Smith entertained a motion to award the demolition contract for the house on Locust Street to Rod Clary Excavating in the amount of \$62,900.00 subject to the Emergency Declaration to have the house removed. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**PARKING LOT REPAIRS**

President Smith entertained a motion to award Rodney Clary Excavating the contract to repair the parking lot that was damaged from the Jail construction. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL**

At 10:00 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with (via phone) Attorney Doug Shevelow to discuss legal. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:25 a.m.; no action taken.

**ENGINEER – 2024 TAX MAP DEPT. BUDGET**

Engineer Brett Boothe presented his proposed 2024 budget request for the Tax Map Dept. to the commissioners. No action taken.

**ENGINEER– BID OPENING**

At 10:45 a.m. President Smith opened the following bids for 4 Half Ton Trucks.

Company	Total Bid
Coughlin (Chillicothe)	\$243,480.00
Mark Porter GM	\$233,460.00

The bids were turned over to the Engineer for review and recommendation. The following were in attendance: Adam Edwards and Engineer Brett Boothe.

**VETERANS – 2024 BUDGET**

John Thomas presented his proposed 2024 budget request to the commissioners. No action taken. Also in attendance were: Keith Jeffers and Gary Fenderbosh.

**DJFS– 2024 BUDGET**

Director Dana Glassburn and Kathy Campbell, DJFS presented their proposed 2024 budget request to the commissioners. No action taken.

**911/EMA– 2024 BUDGET**

911/EMA Director Sherry Daines presented her proposed 2024 budget request to the commissioners. No action taken.

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS – PROCLAMATION**

President submitted the following proclamation for approval. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion to approve. Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

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APROCLAMATION

HONORING

Chester Tackett, Don Mink &amp; Ron Betz

In 1950, when Communist armies from the North stormed across the 38th parallel, brave American men and women though weary of combat in the wake of World War II stepped forward to defend their brothers and sisters on the Korean Peninsula. Over the course of 3 years, through unforgiving weather and severe danger, nearly 1.8 million Americans joined in the fight and faced down Communism pushing the invading armies back and protecting a people on the other side of the world. We honor the strength and resilience of our Korean War veterans, whose spirits and stories serve as an inspiration to continue advancing freedom's cause.

Rising from occupation and ruin, the Republic of Korea today shines as a thriving, modern country, whose people can take comfort in knowing that the commitment of the United States to their stability and security will never waver. Fifty million South Koreans now live in freedom, reaching for their dreams and pursuing opportunities in a vibrant democracy and dynamic economy always realizing they have a partner who will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them in defense of peace and prosperity. Our lasting friendship and unbreakable alliance are sustained by the beliefs we hold in common and the values we cherish.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Gallia County Commissioners, Gallia County, Ohio:

in recognition of their accomplishments, achievements, and to express their respect and admiration for their dedication to serve their Country in the Korean War,

The Gallia County Commissioners encourages all citizens to join them, along with their family and friends, in wishing **Chester Tackett, Don Mink, & Ron Betz** continued success, health and happiness, now and always.

Signed this 16th day of November 2023

*s/ David K. Smith, President*

*s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President*

*s/ Leslie Henry, Commissioner*

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The President entertained a motion to accept the following legal holidays for the year 2024, under the authority of ORC Section 325.19 (D) all County Offices may observe holidays as follows:

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Date</b>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15
President's Day	Monday, February 19
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Juneteenth (June 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Wednesday, June 19
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Columbus Day	Monday, October 4
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25

This resolution does not supersede or alter applicable provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

TOWNSHIP ALLOCATION FOR 2024

The President entertained a motion for approval of the FY 2024 allocation of \$4,000 to each of the fifteen (15) Townships in Gallia County, totaling \$60,000 and approve vouchering the FY 2024 allocation of \$4,000 directly to each of the 15 Townships in Gallia County. Mr. Stapleton moved and Ms. Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

RECORDER- 2024 BUDGET


Roger Walker, Recorder, presented his proposed 2024 budget request to the commissioners. No action taken.

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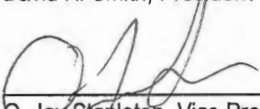
\*3 PM the Commissioners attended the Monthly Landbank Meeting.

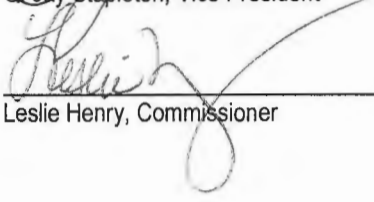
ADJOURN

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

  
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David K. Smith, President

  
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Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board

  
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Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

  
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Leslie Henry, Commissioner