

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

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 Leslie Henry. Roll Call: President Leslie Henry, present; Vice President Q. Jay Stapleton, present; Commissioner Jeremy Kroll, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the January 30, 2025 minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Commissioners	Leslie Henry Q. Jay Stapleton Jeremy Kroll	2/13/25	Wellston, Ohio	Solid Waste Meeting

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

2024 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
2/2	7	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	7

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

County Administrator Brian Rutherford presented the Commissioners with a business associate agreement from Tyson Marlowe with Enrollment Management Services that needed to be signed by the President. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to allow President Henry to sign the agreement on behalf of the County. Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

County Administrator Brian Rutherford presented the Commissioners with a Phase 2 consultant agreement from Tyson Marlowe with Enrollment Management Services that needed to be signed by the President. Jeremy Kroll moved to allow President Henry to sign the agreement on behalf of the County. Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:20 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Brian Rutherford concerning the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea. Returned to regular session at 9:47 a.m.; No action taken.

RESOLUTION FOR INDEXING SALARY INCREASES FOR VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2025, and one topic of discussion was the indexing of Veterans Service Commission Members' salaries in order to receive the Minimum Earnable Earnings required to obtain full Ohio Public Employees Retirement System credit. These salary increases will not affect members' current terms, but will be enacted upon reappointment years or upon appointment of newly elected members.

The below schedule is the minimum earnable salaries and the VSC appointment year.

- 2025: \$734.07 Monthly American Legion
- 2026: \$746.91 Monthly Veterans of Foreign Wars
- 2027: \$759.99 Monthly Disabled American Veterans
- 2028: \$773.29 Monthly American Veterans
- 2029: \$786.82 Monthly Vietnam Veterans of America

This indexing schedule will allow all 5 VSC members to receive full OPERS benefits by the year 2029.

Jeremy Kroll moved to approve the above resolution. Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 25403-23

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I, Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board of Gallia County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the resolution passed this 6th day of February, 2025.

GUIDING HAND

Several staff and students from Guiding Hand met with the Commissioners for a visit and to ask questions pertaining to how to become Commissioner and what the Commissioner's job is. No action taken.

RESOLUTION – GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 USDA APPLICATION FOR COST OVERRUN FUNDS

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with application documents to submit to USDA for cost overrun funds to complete the Green Sewer Phase 2 project. Ms. Sprague noted project funds as follows:

- USDA Cost Overrun Funds = \$900,000
- USDA Rural Development Grant = \$3,664,000 (Current balance \$66,870.60)
- USDA Rural Development Loan = \$2,500,000 (all spent)
- OWDA Loan = \$462,000 (all spent)
- CDBG Grant = \$650,000 (Construction) (all spent)
- CDBG Grant = \$100,000 (LMI Connections) (Current balance \$100,000)
- ARC Grant = \$250,000 (all spent)
- OPWC loan = \$650,000 (all spent)
- Bond Settlement = \$6,780,126.16 (Current balance \$267,057.74)
- Total = \$15,956,126.16

Ms. Henry entertained a motion to approve the following resolution for the Green Sewer Phase 2 USDA Cost Overrun Funds Application in the amount of \$900,000. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DLZ OHIO & GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR KAREN SPRAGUE TO SUBMIT A USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COST OVERRUN FUNDS APPLICATION FOR THE GREEN TOWNSHIP SEWER PHASE 2 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners have determined the need to apply to USDA Rural Development for cost overrun funds for the Green Township Sewer Phase 2 Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, Ohio, with a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1. The Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes DLZ Ohio & Grants Administrator Karen Sprague to submit a USDA Rural Development cost overrun funds application for the Green Township Sewer Phase 2 Project.

SECTION 2. It is found that all formal actions of the Gallia County Board of Commissioners concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, and that all deliberations of the Gallia County Board of Commissioners and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in open meetings to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety of the residents of Gallia County; therefore this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage.

Approved this 6th day of February, 2025.

GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ATTEST:

s/Leslie R. Henry, President

s/Amanda Phillips, Clerk Board of Commissioners

s/Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice-President

s/Jeremy Kroll, Commissioner

ENGINEER – ODOT GUARDRAIL PLANS

Adam Edwards, Engineer's office provided the new Guardrail plans for approval and the President to sign. Jeremy Kroll moved to allow President Henry to sign the plans as presented. Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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HEART MONTH PROCLAMATION – HOLZER CARDIOLOGY DEPT

The President entertained a motion to approve the following proclamation for the month of February 2025, as American Heart Month. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, 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, As stated by the American Heart Association, Heart Disease (including Coronary Heart Disease, Hypertension, and Stroke) continues to be the number one cause of death in the US. and accounts for 1 in 5 deaths in the United States.

Whereas, The risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high triglyceride levels, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, metabolic syndrome, diabetes and pre-diabetes, a family history of early heart disease, age, history of preeclampsia.

Whereas, Individuals can take action to protect their heart health and prevent heart disease by taking steps to prevent and control the risk factors for the disease. More than 70% of heart disease deaths could be prevented by lifestyle changes and medication

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/ Leslie Henry, President

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

s/ Jeremy Kroll, Commissioner

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CLERK OF COURTS

Anita Moore, Clerk of Courts met with the Commissioners to discuss the need for a possible supplemental appropriation into her salary line to get her through the end of March. No action taken.

*2 pm – Commissioner Henry left the meeting.

COLE MASSIE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cole Massie met with the Commissioners to provide them with various Economic Development updates.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EXECUTIVE SESSION

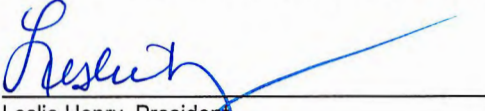
At 2:11 p.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Economic Development Director Cole Massie concerning Economic Development projects. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, absent; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea. Returned to regular session at 2:30 p.m.; No action taken.

2:30 The OVRDC 1st Round Caucus meeting was held in the Commissioner’s office.

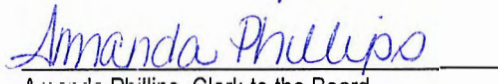
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ADJOURN

At 3:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, absent; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.



Leslie Henry, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



Jeremy A. Kroll, Commissioner