

MAY 8, 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 May 1, 2025 minutes. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

2025 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
5/4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	11

LEAVE DONATION APPLICATION

Commissioners received leave donation applications going to Derek Burger (Maintenance Dept.) from Scott Elkins (Maintenance Dept.). Total hours 40 for the pay period dated 5/30/2025.

President Henry entertained a motion to approve the leave donation application as requested. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

DR. RICHARD SIMPSON – PROCLAMATION

President Leslie Henry entertained a motion to approve the following Proclamation honoring Dr. Richard Simpson. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve the proclamation, Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

A PROCLAMATION

HONORING
DR. RICHARD SIMPSON

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Commissioners wish to honor **Dr. Richard Simpson** for his efforts in providing top level healthcare for 50+ years.

WHEREAS, **Dr. Richard Simpson**, has shown his dedication, love and care for the children in Pediatrics inpatient and out-patient from 1970-1997.

WHEREAS, **Dr. Richard Simpson**, has shown much care and devotion for the older citizens at Gallipolis Developmental Center, Holzer Hospice and several local Nursing homes.

WHEREAS, **Dr. Richard Simpson**, has served as a pillar in health services in Gallia County, and is viewed by many as a kind, well-loved individual who makes Gallia County better.

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

That **May 10, 2025**, be, and hereby is declared to be:

DR. RICHARD SIMPSON DAY

in recognition of his accomplishments, achievements and activities, and to express their respect and admiration for his dedication to service, love and concern for our community by helping to improve the quality of life of our citizenry.

The Gallia County Commissioners encourages all citizens to join them, along with his family and friends, in wishing **Dr. Richard Simpson**, continued success, health and happiness, now and always.

Signed this 8th day of May 2025

s/ Leslie Henry, President
s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice-President
s/ Jeremy Kroll, Commissioner

EMA DISCUSSION

Tim Miller, Deputy Director for 911 was asked to join the Commissioners to discuss his role and duties within EMA. No action taken.

OVRDC – 2026 LOCAL PARTICIPATING FUNDS RESOLUTION

County Administrator Brian Rutherford presented the following Resolution for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Gallia County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC). OVRDC is a public regional planning commission within the State of Ohio, whose purpose is to influence favorably the future economic, physical, and social development of the twelve-county region through its regional development planning programs and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission promotes a cooperative planning process involving local governments, public and private agencies, and individual citizens, toward improving their region within a democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), prepared by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,777.00 as participating local funds for the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission to be used as part of the agency budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026. The appropriated funds to be paid on or after January 1, 2026, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners continues to support the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's Economic Development District planning partnership investment grant program with the USDOC Economic Development Administration for the annual performance period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Q. Jay Stapleton moved the adoption of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Jeremy Kroll. The Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this resolution on the 8th day of May, 2025.

By:

s/Leslie Henry

s/Q. Jay Stapleton

s/Jeremy Kroll

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION - PY ' 2025 CDBG CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PRE-APPLICATION

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the PY 2025 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant Pre-Application to the Gallia County Commissioners for approval. CDBG Critical Infrastructure grant pre-application requests \$211,060 for the Clay Twp Eblin Hollow Road Slip Repair Project.

Total project cost estimate is \$192,060 and breakdown is as follows:

- Slip & Culvert Improvements: \$174,600
- Engineering: \$17,460

Project funding breakdown is as follows:

- CDBG – Project = \$192,060
- CDBG – Administration = \$19,200
- CDBG Total Application Request = \$211,060

President Henry entertained a motion that the grant pre-application be approved, signed by the Commission as presented and submitted to ODOD.

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

I, Amanda Phillips, Clerk of the Board of Gallia County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the proceedings dated 5/8/2025.

s/ Leslie Henry, President

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice-President

s/ Jeremy Kroll, Commissioner

s/ Amanda Phillips, Clerk of the Board

EMPLOYEE – 911– RESIGNATION

911 Director Sherry Daines requests the Commissioners acceptance of the resignation of J.D. Shrader effective May 8, 2025. The President entertained a motion to accept the resignation as recommended by Ms. Daines. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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EMPLOYEE HIRE – 911 – CODY GREER

911 Director Sherry Daines recommended to hire Cody Greer, who was hired as a part-time employee at the 911 center, as a full-time employee effective March 17, 2025, with a one-year probationary period and a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour. The president entertained the motion to hire Mr. Greer full-time as recommended by Ms. Daines. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:09 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Brian Rutherford and Auditor Robert Jacks concerning the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:34 a.m.; No action taken.

EMPLOYEE CANDIDATES INTERVIEWS

The Commissioners interviewed four candidates for the IT Director and EMS Director positions from 10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. No action taken.

1:30 pm – Commissioner Stapleton left the meeting.

RECESS

At 3:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion to recess today’s meeting and reconvene on May 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Senior Center and conduct an interview in the Commissioner’s office of the Courthouse. Jeremy Kroll moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, absent; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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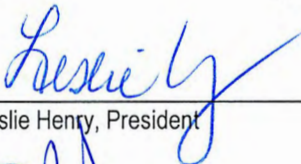
The Gallia County Board of Commissioners reconvened on this date for the purpose of attending the Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Senior Center and to conduct an interview in the Commissioner’s office. At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Leslie Henry. Roll Call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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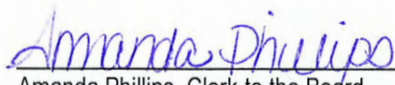
The Commissioners interviewed one candidate for the EMS Director position at 11:30 a.m. No action taken.

ADJOURN

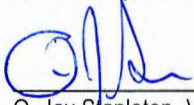
At 12:30 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.



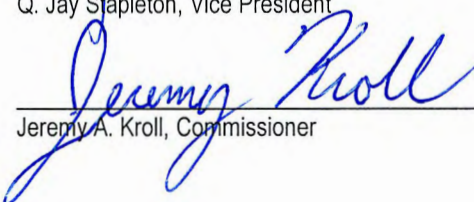
Leslie Henry, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



Jeremy A. Kroll, Commissioner

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. – RE-ORDER NO. 26411-24