

JULY 31, 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 July 24, 2025 minutes. Jeremy Kroll made 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
7/27	10	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	23

SHERIFF – NEW FUND LINE

The Gallia County Sheriff's Office presented the Commission with the following fund request:

Expense line items needed are as follows:

Create 433.0433.530400 title Equipment

Create 433.0433.530600 title Contract Repairs

Also Create one revenue line for fund pay in as follows:

Create 433.3000.400100 \$137,496.00 title Gallia Sheriff Fleet

President Henry entertained a motion to approve and accept the creation of the new fund and to request the County Auditor's Office to create this fund titled "Gallia Sheriff Fleet", give that fund number **433**, and \$137,496.00 revenue into those line items. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – INTERMITTENT NEW HIRE

Interim County Administrator Amanda Phillips recommended to the Commissioners to hire Judy Jones, a current County employee, for an "as needed" substitute position for the Commissioner's office. President Henry entertained a motion to hire Judy Jones as recommended by Ms. Phillips at \$15.00 per hour and as needed by the Commissioner's Office. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

DJFS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:00 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with DJFS Director Dana Glassburn to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions for their employment. 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 10:25 a.m.; No action taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPDATES

Taylor Stepp, Economic Development Director met with the Commissioners to provide the following updates:

General

Mr. Stepp stated that his priorities for Gallia County are:

- Helping existing companies grow
- Attracting new employers
- Developing infrastructure to improve Gallia County's prosperity
- Focusing on several key areas of community development

Updates on Major Projects

- **Sewer**
 - Taylor has met with the city multiple times and have alignment on the bid package and the final design.
 - Working to ensure the final run of the sewer will align with R&C Packing's needs and the city's limitations.
- **Spec Building**
 - The spec building project is moving forward and ground will be broken this fall.
 - There is a pending CRA application for the spec building.

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- This project would be the largest industrial building investment in Gallia County in at least 15 years, perhaps longer.
- **CRA**
 - We have received a great deal of interest for the CRA program.
 - Mr. Stepp was able to get a list of every active CRA in the state and we have taken a data driven approach in reviewing projects and also taking special considerations like the multiplier effect, impact of an investment, and square footage of new developments.
 - There are 2 commercial/industrial projects reviewed and pending approval by the Negotiation Committee, with one more to be considered this week.
 - Riverbend Service Center
 - 45% for 10-years
 - PI Capital
 - 75% for 10-years
 - There are several others that may apply soon.
 - There have been numerous residential and commercial residential applications.
 - There are a lot of players involved in the CRA process and they are working out the kinks.

Economic Development Activity

- 5 active projects
- 1 site visit last week with an out-of-state company who is interested in building a location in Gallia County.

Site Searches

- Submitted for two projects (manufacturing) that would constitute a total of nearly 600 new jobs
- Likely one of dozens of sites submitted across the U.S. – highly competitive.

Grants

- **Crown City Mining**
 - Working on a LOI to ODNR for funding through the AMLER Grant.
- **AEP LEAP**
 - Applied for site development dollars.
- **OhioSE**
 - Applied for site development dollars
- **ECDI**
 - Funding secured for additional development of the Entrepreneurship Center at Rio
- **USDA**
 - Looking into an option for growth

OVRDC APPOINTMENT

President Henry entertained a motion to appoint Taylor Stepp, Economic Development Director, to fill in as an Interim position replacing Cole Massie on the OVRDC Executive Committee. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

ENGINEER – 105 PLAN

County Engineer Brett Boothe met with the Commissioners to discuss a previous conversation he had with the Commissioners concerning the Dental Insurance buy down they recently approved from the 105 plan. Mr. Boothe feels that his Highway employees did not benefit from that solution, considering they do not have the County's Dental Insurance but yet they still pay into the 105 Plan. Mr. Boothe stated he would like his employees to be reimbursed. President Henry expressed her concern over the 105 Plan in general and said she would like to look further into the need for the plan. No action taken.

ENGINEER – EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

County Engineer Brett Boothe requested from the Commission permission to purchase, from his M&R funds, an excavator in the amount of \$157,279.29. Jeremy Kroll moved to allow Mr. Boothe to make the purchase, Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

ENGINEER – TRAILER PURCHASE

County Engineer Brett Boothe requested from the Commission permission to purchase, from his M&R funds, a trailer to haul the new excavator in the amount of \$32,230.00. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to allow Mr. Boothe to make the purchase, Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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IT – AIRPORT SECURITY

IT Director Tracy Atkins met with the Commissioners to address their concern with the cost of security for the airport. Mr. Atkins had originally proposed the following:

- Complete Security System and Network Package (19 4K Cameras), 8 Indoor 4K Cameras, 6 Exterior 4K Cameras, 5 360 degree 4K Cameras, 144 Terabytes of 4K video storage (60 days), plus power supplies and 96 ports of switching. Total: \$21,822.67

The Commissioners wanted to know if was possible to downsize the Airport Technology needs, so Mr. Atkins provided the following alternative solution:

- Minimum Viable Security and Network Package (5 2K Cameras) 2 Indoor 2K Cameras, 3 Exterior 2K Cameras, 16 Terabytes of 2K Video Storage (30 days), plus power supply and 48 ports of switching. Total: \$3,137.67

Mr. Atkins recommended to start with a minimum network and security system. He stated they could always add more equipment if needed since the wiring will be in place and covered by the FAA. He shared this will give a reasonable security posture, and adequate networking for terminal operations. The Commissioner asked Mr. Atkins to provide another cost estimate for 4K cameras. Also present was IT Director John Grubb. No action taken.

IT – AUTHORIZATION

President Henry entertained a motion to allow IT Director Tracy Atkins to sign contracts with GloFiber on behalf of the County. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to allow Mr. Atkins to sign and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

PROSOURCE – COUNTY PRINTERS

Christian Hanna, Account Manager from Prosource met with the Commissioners to follow up on previous conversations regarding the cost savings he can provide to bundle the County printers. Commissioner Henry stated that she would like to speak to some of the department heads before making a decision. No action taken.

SEWER – STATE AUDITORS

Interim County Administrator Janie Peck advised that after much research that has been conducted by members of the Sewer Department, State Auditors, and Millhuff Stang, that accounts prior to 2023 that were "written off" will be deemed uncollectible and will be written off. All accounts including 2023 and after will be tracked and collected by the county's assessment process. This will allow for a clean slate and allow for any substantiated balances to be pursued. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

ADJOURN

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



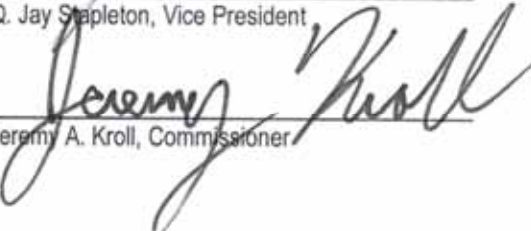
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Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



Jeremy A. Kroll, Commissioner