

March 26, 2026

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 Jeremy Kroll, present; Commissioner Q. Jay Stapleton, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the March 19, 2026, minutes. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
EMA	TIM MILLER	4/19/26	ATHENS OH	HAZMAT EXERCISE
EMA	TIM MILLER & 3 LEPC MEMBERS	4/29/26	WELLSTON OH	DAMAGE ASSESSMENT CLASS

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

2026 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
3/22	6	1	0	11	10	0	0	0	22	5	0	0	0	23

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS

Will Morgan with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades provided the Commissioners again with a briefing outlining the services and programs offered by his organization. No action taken.

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION

President Henry entertained a motion to approve and sign the following proclamation. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

*National Vietnam War Veterans Day
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WHEREAS, the United States of America honors the brave men and women who served during the Vietnam War, one of the longest and most challenging conflicts in our history; and

WHEREAS, from November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, millions of American service members answered the call to duty, serving honorably and with distinction under difficult and often dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, these veterans demonstrated unwavering courage, sacrifice, and dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, many Vietnam War veterans did not receive the recognition and gratitude they so rightfully deserved upon returning home; and

WHEREAS, National Vietnam War Veterans Day provides an opportunity for all Americans to honor and recognize the contributions, service, and sacrifices of these veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, we also remember those who were wounded, those who remain missing, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we express our enduring gratitude and appreciation to all Vietnam War veterans for their service and commitment to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that on this 29TH day of March 2026, we, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners do recognize and observe NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY, and we encourage all citizens to join in honoring Vietnam veterans with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

/Leslie Henry, President

/Jeremy Kroll, Vice President

/Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner

SPECIAL PROJECTS – SERVICE CENTER EQUIPMENT RESOLUTION

Special Projects Manager Tom White presented the following resolution for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH F.H. PASCHEN, S.N. NIELSEN & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER PHASE 4 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Commissioners ("Commissioners") have determined a need for the construction of the Senior Resource Center Phase 4 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are a member of Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Solutions ("Sourcewell"), a purchasing cooperative operating pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48.; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48 authorizes counties, as political subdivisions, to participate in joint purchasing programs operated by or through a national or state association of political subdivisions in which the purchasing political subdivision is eligible for membership; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Attorney General Opinion 2024-003, Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48 allows a board of county commissioners to procure installation, maintenance, and repair services through a joint purchasing program with the procurement being exempt from the competitive bidding requirements set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 307.86 (the county bidding statute). The Project consists of installation, maintenance, and repair services; and

WHEREAS, F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC ("Contractor"), was awarded Sourcewell Contract #OH-R5-GC-071124-FHP and pursuant to the agreement between Contractor and Sourcewell, Contractor is authorized to provide Sourcewell pricing to the Commissioners for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has provided a proposal for the Project in the amount of \$219,861.12 (the "Proposal Sum"), which the Manager of Special projects believes to be competitive, reasonable, and in the best interest of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of Special Projects recommends the Commissioners authorize the Manager of Special Projects with assistance of legal counsel, to negotiate and execute an agreement with Contractor for the Project in an amount not to exceed the Proposal Sum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Gallia County Commissioners, Ohio:

1. The County Commissioners authorize the Manager of Special Projects, with assistance of legal counsel, to negotiate and execute an agreement with Contractor for the Project in an amount not to exceed the Proposal Sum and to sign any associated documents consistent with the intent of this resolution.
2. The foregoing Resolution was adopted in open session to the public and complies with all applicable legal requirements.

Duly enacted by the Board of Gallia County Commissioners on this 26th day of March 2026.

Gallia County Commissioners

s/ Leslie Henry, President
s/ Jeremy Kroll, Vice President
s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner
s/ Ananda Phillips, Clerk to the Board/County Administrator

MOWING CONTRACT

At 11:00 a.m. President Henry opened the following bids for Mowing contract for the following: Gallia County Senior Center and Gallia County Engineer's Office:

Company	Total Bid
N&B Service LLC	160.00 per mow/week
Meade's Landscape	700.00 per mow

The bids were turned over to the County Administrator for review and recommendation.

PROCLAMATION – LEVI PRIDDY

President Henry entertained a motion to approve and sign the following proclamation. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING

LEVI PRIDDY

for Outstanding Athletic Achievement in Swimming

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Commissioners wish to honor Levi Priddy for his dedication, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to excellence are the hallmarks of true athletic achievement

WHEREAS, Levi Priddy, through countless hours of training, discipline, and athletic excellence throughout his high school swimming career for Gallia County Local Schools

WHEREAS, Levi Priddy, has demonstrated extraordinary skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the swimming season

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WHEREAS, Levi Priddy, has qualified for the state championships for four consecutive years and is a seven-time state qualifier

WHEREAS, Levi Priddy, in his senior year, Levi achieved remarkable success by placing 2nd in the 100-yard freestyle and capturing 1st place in the 50-yard freestyle

WHEREAS, Levi Priddy, this remarkable achievement marks the first time that River Valley High School has earned the title of State Champion in Swimming, bringing pride and recognition to their family, school, coaches, and the entire community

WHEREAS, this accomplishment not only reflects individual excellence but also serves as an inspiration to fellow students and young athletes across Gallia County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Gallia County Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor Levi Priddy for his outstanding achievement in becoming the State Swimming Champion in the 50-yard freestyle, and commend him for his hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence

The Gallia County Commissioners encourage all citizens to join them, along with their family and friends, in wishing Levi Priddy continued success, health and happiness, now and always.

Signed this 26th day of March 2026

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

JUVENILE COURT – GRANT AMENDMENT

Juvenile Court Chief Probation Officer Brian Rutherford presented the Commission with a Grant Amendment for Realignment of Funds to be approved and signed. Funds were increased due to:

- Adjustment to new hire starting salary.
- Hybrid Probation increase for Health Insurance opt-out for employee fringes since the commission created four opt out plans that were not anticipated.
- Electronic Monitoring costs were increased due to necessity of purchasing two new ankle monitors because old units were no longer communicating.
- Residential costs due to new contract prices.

Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve and sign the Grant Amendment as presented by Mr. Rutherford. Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

NACO ZOOM MEETING

Anthony Chapman, NACO Program Director, met with the Commission via Zoom and presented a Power point regarding the programs ability to provide counties with cost-effective and efficient purchasing contracts. No action taken.

COMMON PLEAS – PRINTERS

Common Pleas Judge Margaret Evans and Melissa Hall met with the Board of Commissioners to inform them of their decision to proceed with Compton Printers for their office printing services. The agreement consists of a five-year lease at a cost of \$199 per month. No action taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Director Taylor Stepp presented the following Resolution for approval:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF GALLIA, OHIO

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of County of Gallia, Ohio (the "County") met in regular session on March 26, 2026, at 2:45pm., at the offices of the Board, 18 Locust Street, Room 1292, Gallipolis Ohio, with the following members present:

Mr. Kroll introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, the Board of County Commissioners, Gallia County, Ohio is supportive of the development and submission of a Rural Industrial Park Loan Program application, in accordance with Section

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122.24 of the Ohio Revised Code, to promote economic development in eligible rural areas and promote the economic welfare of Gallia County and the state of Ohio, and;

RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Board acknowledges the project site, located at 8920 OH-160, Bidwell, OH 45614 is located within Gallia County, which has been identified as an eligible county in accordance with Program guidelines.

Section 2: The Board acknowledges that no existing industrial park is located in the county that would compete against an industrial park that would be developed and improved in the county through the use of financial assistance provided to the applicant under the Rural Industrial Park Loan Program.

Section 3: The Board recognizes the applicant for Rural Industrial Park Loan Program assistance to be the Community Improvement Corporation of Gallia County, Ohio and that the applicant is an eligible applicant in accordance with Program guidelines.

Section 4: The Board recognizes the applicant has the capacity to undertake and successfully oversee the project, as evidenced by documentation of the applicant's past performance in economic development projects and financial ability to complete the project.

Section 5. The Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners support this application and encourages the Ohio Department of Development and the Ohio Controlling Board approve it. Additionally, it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and related to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its communities that resulted in such formal actions, were in meeting open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements.

Mr. Stapleton seconded the motion, and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Passed: March 26, 2026

Attest:
s/Amanda Phillips, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF GALLIA, OHIO


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

COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

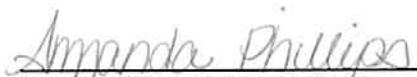
At 3:48 p.m. the president entertained a motion to enter executive session with County Administrator's Amanda Phillips and Janie Peck, concerning the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. Returned to regular session at 4:06 p.m.; No action taken.

ADJOURN

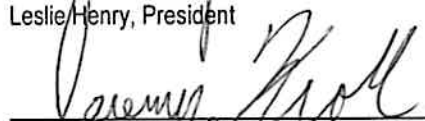
At 4:10 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.



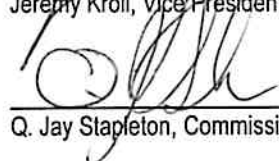
Leslie Henry, President



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Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner

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