

**FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

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 Q. Jay Stapleton. Roll Call: President Q. Jay Stapleton, present; Vice President Leslie Henry, present; Commissioner David K. Smith, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the February 22, 2024 minutes. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Auditor	Robert Jacks	3/7/24	Dublin	Exec/Legislative Conference Planning Meeting

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, 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
2/25	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	23	0	0	0	17

**SHERIFF – VILLAGE OF CROWN CITY AGREEMENT**

Sheriff Matt Champlin submitted the following agreement for approval: David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

This Agreement made and concluded this 29th day of February 2024, by and between the Village of Crown City, Ohio, Matt Champlin, Gallia County Sheriff and the Gallia County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for police protection for residents of the Village of Crown City, Gallia County, Ohio and

WHEREAS, Section 311.29 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for authority of a taxing district to enter into an agreement with the Sheriff of the County whereby the Sheriff undertakes and is authorized to contract to perform any police function, in behalf of the contracting subdivision.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto upon the considerations as follows:

1. The parties do hereby agree and understand that the employees of the Gallia County Sheriff's Office have voted and approved representation by the FOP. Therefore, upon organization and representation of the employees by the FOP each party herein (Village, Sheriff and Commissioners) reserves the right to cancel or modify this Agreement if the organization of the FOP causes a change in the terms set forth herein. If the organization of the FOP does not change the terms of the Agreement, the parties are bound by the terms listed below.
2. The Gallia County Sheriff's Office is to supply one qualified deputy chosen by mutual agreement between Council and the Sheriff's Office.
3. The Village of Crown City, in consideration for this police protection, agrees to pay directly to the Sheriff of Gallia County, Ohio, the amount of \$5.00 per contract hour to be used for expense and maintenance of Gallia County sheriff's office cruiser, training of officers, uniforms, equipment, etc. for use by the Village. Said sum shall be made payable to the TREASURER OF GALLIA COUNTY, to be credited to a special fund known as the "Sheriff's Policing Rotary Fund".
4. The Village in consideration for this police protection agrees to pay direct to the designated deputy the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$25.00) per hour from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, plus employer's portion of Unemployment, Medicare, Workers Compensation and OPERS.
5. The scheduling for the deputy is to be prepared by the Gallia County Sheriff's office with recommendations from the Mayor of Crown City Village and will consist of 25 hours per month.
6. The Sheriff requires that Deputy assigned to this detail submit activity logs, preferably by electronic system, to the Village Council for review.
7. The Village of Crown City will make available to the Gallia County Sheriff's Office the use of any Village owned equipment pertaining to law enforcement for the Village.
8. The Gallia County Sheriff's Office will be entitled to use said equipment as long as there is a current agreement with the Village of Crown City for police protection.
9. It is expressly understood by the parties that upon the termination of this Agreement, the equipment, and if still in the possession of the Gallia County Sheriff's Office will be immediately returned to the Village of Crown City.
10. The parties agree that the Gallia County Commissioners shall provide liability insurance for the officers providing services pursuant to this Agreement. The Village of Crown City understands and agrees that it shall

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be liable for any damages that may exceed the applicable coverage, limited to the policy provided by Gallia County. In the event, for any reason, that any act or omission by the Officer were to result in damages assessed against the Village, the Village would be responsible for any damages, that may not be covered by the Liability Policy provided by Gallia County. This provision is not and shall not be construed as an indemnification agreement by the County in favor of the Village. The County's sole obligation is to provide liability coverage in an amount determined to the sole discretion of the Gallia County Commissioners.

- 11. This Agreement can be canceled by either party with thirty (30) days written notice.
- 12. This Agreement shall be effective from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- 13. The cost of jail confinement for prisoners of the Village will be waived.
- 14. If a deputy is requested to respond to a 911 call out and there is no deputy on duty at the Village, the 911 Center will then dispatch an available Sheriff's Deputy to the call.
- 15. Any time off leave will be the responsibility of the Village of Crown City.
- 16. All uniform and cruiser markings will conform to the BSSA and Gallia County Sheriff's Office standards and the purchase of these items will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office.
- 17. All deputies on duty for Village assignment will follow the Gallia County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual in effect.
- 18. The parties agree that the Gallia County Sheriff's Office will be the exclusive provider of law enforcement services during the time of this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have, by their duly authorized officers, executed this Agreement on the 29th day of February, 2024.

SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED  
IN THE PRESENCE OF:

GALLIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*s/Sheriff M. D. Champlin*

VILLAGE OF CROWN CITY

*s/Neal Falke, Mayor*

*s/Lorna Falke, Clerk*

GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*s/R. Jay Stapleton, President*

*s/Lealie Henry, Vice President*

*s/David K. Smith, Commissioner*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*s/Jeremy Fisher*

Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney

**SHERIFF – VILLAGE OF VINTON AGREEMENT**

Sheriff Matt Champlin submitted the following agreement for approval: Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

This Agreement made and concluded this 29th day of February 2024, by and between the Village of Vinton, Ohio, Matt Champlin, Gallia County Sheriff and the Gallia County Commissioners

WHEREAS, there exists a need for police protection for residents of the Village of Vinton, Gallia County, Ohio and

WHEREAS, Section 311.29 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for authority of a taxing district to enter into an agreement with the Sheriff of the County whereby the Sheriff undertakes and is authorized to contract to perform any police function, in behalf of the contracting subdivision.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto upon the considerations as follows:

- 1. The parties do hereby agree and understand that the employees of the Gallia County Sheriff's Office have voted and approved representation by the FOP. Therefore, upon organization and representation of the employees by the FOP each party herein (Village, Sheriff and Commissioners) reserves the right to cancel or modify this Agreement if the organization of the FOP causes a change in the terms set forth herein. If the organization of the FOP does not change the terms of the Agreement, the parties are bound by the terms listed below.
- 2. The Village of Vinton, in consideration for this police protection, agrees to pay directly to the Sheriff of Gallia County, Ohio, the amount of \$5.00 per contract hour to be used for expense and maintenance of Gallia County sheriff's office cruiser, training of officers, uniforms, equipment, etc. for use by the Village. Said sum shall be made payable to the TREASURER OF GALLIA COUNTY, to be credited to a special fund known as the "Sheriff's Policing Rotary Fund".

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3. The Village in consideration for this police protection agrees to pay direct to the designated deputies the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$25.00) per hour from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, plus employer's portion of Unemployment, Medicare, Workers compensation and OPERS.
4. The patrol duties of the designated deputies will be directed by the Gallia County Sheriff's Office. The chain of command described in the Gallia County Sheriff's Office Policies & Procedures manual will be in effect during the term of this Agreement.
5. Every attempt will be made to fill vacancies and vacations with manpower as per contract.
6. The Sheriff requires that Deputy assigned to this detail submit activity logs, preferably by electronic system, to the Village council for review.
7. The Village of Vinton will make available to the Gallia County Sheriff's Office the use of the Village owned equipment pertaining to law enforcement for the Village listed as follows: **Any equipment that may be in use at this time.**
8. The Gallia County Sheriff's Office is to appoint Deputy agreeable to the Village Council and the Sheriff and furnish said deputies with an adequate vehicle.
9. The Sheriff of Gallia County, Ohio will be entitled to use said equipment so long as he has an agreement with the Village of Vinton for police protection.
10. It is expressly understood by the parties that upon the termination of this agreement, the equipment if still in the possession of the Gallia County Sheriff's Office will be immediately returned to the Village of Vinton, Ohio for its use.
11. The parties agree that the Gallia County Commissioners shall provide liability insurance for the officers providing services pursuant to this Agreement. The Village of Vinton understands and agrees that it shall be liable for any damages that may exceed the applicable coverage, limited to the policy provided by Gallia County. In the event, for any reason, that any act or omission by the Officer were to result in damages assessed against the Village, the Village would be responsible for any damages, that may not be covered by the Liability Policy provided by Gallia County. This provision is not and shall not be construed as an indemnification agreement by the County in favor of the Village. The County's sole obligation is to provide liability coverage in an amount determined to the sole discretion of the Gallia County Commissioners
12. The parties agree that the Gallia County Sheriff's Office will be the exclusive provider of law enforcement services during the time of this contract.
13. This Agreement can be canceled by either party with thirty (30) days written notice.
14. This Agreement shall be effective from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have, by their duly authorized officers, executed this Agreement on the 29th day of February 2024.

SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED  
IN THE PRESENCE OF:

GALLIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*s/Sheriff M. D. Champlin*

VILLAGE OF CROWN CITY

*s/Neal Fults, Mayor*

*s/Lorna Fults, Clerk*

GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*s/R. Jay Stapleton, President*

*s/Leslie Henry, Vice President*

*s/David K. Smith, Commissioner*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*s/Jeremy Fisher*

Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney

**JUVENILE COURT – NEW FUND LINE**

Cindy Fellure, Deputy Clerk from Juvenile Court submitted a request to create a new Revenue line in the amount of \$41,867.20 for the Gallia CASA Volunteer Grant. President Stapleton entertained a motion to allow Juvenile Court to create the Revenue line. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:36 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator concerning the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Returned to regular session at 9:41 a.m.; No action taken.

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**JAIL PROJECT – PAYMENT RESOLUTION #30**

Special Projects Manager, Tom White, presented the Commission with Payment Resolution #30 for the Gallia County Jail Project to Granger Construction Company in the amount of \$187,353.12. DLZ Principle Architect, Greg Galieti recommends approval of the above invoice and pay application. The President entertained a motion to approve and pay invoices from pay resolution #30. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion to approve payment resolution #30 as submitted. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**JAIL PROJECT – PAYMENT RESOLUTION #31**

Special Projects Manager, Tom White, presented the Commission with Payment Resolution #31 for the Gallia County Jail Project to Granger Construction Company in the amount of \$126,422.11. DLZ Principle Architect, Greg Galieti recommends approval of the above invoice and pay application. The President entertained a motion to approve and pay invoices from pay resolution #31. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion to approve payment resolution #31 as submitted. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**BID AWARD – JFS WORKFORCE CENTER PROJECT**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission of receipt of bid award recommendations Jon Stevison with RVC architects for the JFS Workforce Center Project as follows:

- Building B Interior Only – Neals Home Improvements in the amount of \$76,300.00 noting this was the lowest bid submitted and is within 20% of the project estimate of \$70,000.
- Building B HVAC Only – Limbach in the amount of \$234,600.00 noting this was the lowest bid submitted and is within 20% of the project estimate of \$205,000.
- Building B Exterior Only – Mr. Stevison with RVC Architects advised he was informed by Neals Home Improvements they are submitted a letter to withdraw their bid. The other bidder Ohio Valley Plastering was over 20% of the project estimate and that he would be contacting them to discuss their interest in the project.

Ms. Sprague noted that all project funding has been awarded by ODOD, therefore bid award can proceed. Ms. Sprague further noted both the Excluded Parties search on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) and the Ohio Auditor of State website Certified Search for Unresolved Findings for Recovery reflect nothing for Neals Home Improvements or Limbach.

Therefore, Ms. Sprague recommends the projects be awarded as noted above:

- Building B Interior Only – Neals Home Improvements in the amount of \$76,300.00
- Building B HVAC Only – Limbach in the amount of \$234,600.00

President Jay Stapleton entertained a motion to award the bids as recommended above. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded this motion to award the bids as recommended. Roll call votes: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**RESOLUTION – AEP OHIO WORK REQUEST FOR RODNEY 2 LS GREEN PHASE 2**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a work request for AEP Ohio for electric installation for the Rodney 2 Lift Station located at 110 Park Avenue for Green Sewer Phase 2 in the amount of \$4,362.02. President Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the work request as presented. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**BID AWARD – CROWN CITY VILLAGE WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission of receipt of a bid award recommendation letter from Gary Silcott with DLZ for the Crown City Village Wastewater Improvements Project.

Ms. Sprague noted one (1) bid was submitted for the Crown City Village Wastewater Improvements Project and it has been reviewed by DLZ Project Engineer Gary Silcott, noting this bid is below the engineer's estimate of \$290,000.00. Engineer Gary Silcott provided a letter and bid tabulation recommending award to P & E Pumps & Services LLC for the bid amount of \$149,758.22 with one corrected bid error in the total amount. The bid did have one item with NO BID because the contractor could not find a subcontractor to complete the sand filter media. Upon reviewing the submitted bid without the Sand Filter Media and the anticipated budget to complete this item along with the project budget and verifying the low bidder's ability to complete the work for the amount bid and within the allotted time, it is recommended that the Gallia County Commissioners tentatively award the contract to P & E Pumps & Services LLC contingent upon all project funding being finalized and released.

Ms. Sprague noted that all project funding has been awarded and released by ODOD, therefore a tentative award is not necessary. Ms. Sprague further noted both the Excluded Parties search on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) and the Ohio Auditor of State website Certified Search for Unresolved Findings for Recovery reflect nothing for P & E Pumps & Services LLC.

Therefore, Ms. Sprague recommends the project be awarded to P & E Pumps & Services LLC in the amount of \$149,758.22.

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President Stapleton entertained a motion to award the bid as recommended and sign the following resolution. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded this motion to award the bid to P & E Pumps & Services LLC in the amount of \$149,758.22 as recommended. Roll call votes: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CROWN CITY VILLAGE WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENGINEER'S LETTER OF BID RECOMMENDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the County seeks to construct the Crown City Village Wastewater Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has intent to utilize outside grant funding for the entirety of this project, 2023 ODOD CDBG Critical Infrastructure Program (B-X-23-1AY-1) grant funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OHIO:**

1. That the County award the Crown City Village Wastewater Improvements Project contract to P & E Pumps & Services LLC in accordance with the Engineer's Letter of Bid Recommendation, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, subject to final approval of funding agencies of the Project.
2. The foregoing Resolution was adopted in open session to the public and complies with all applicable legal requirements.
3. The Resolution is being passed to preserve the health and safety of the public in relation to the Project and to accommodate the timely completion of the bidding and contracting processes of this body, the State, and funding agencies.

Duly enacted by the Board of Gallia County Commissioners on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Gallia County Commissioners

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton  
Q. Jay Stapleton, Pres.

s/ Leslie Henry  
Leslie Henry, Vice-Pres.

s/ David K. Smith  
David K. Smith, Commissioner

By: s/ Amanda Phillips  
Clerk

**RESOLUTION – FY 2024 CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Grant Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a schedule of proposed dates for the FY 2024 CDBG Community Development Program as follows: list of the proposed dates for FY 2024 CDBG community development program as follows: 3/15/2024-Publish First Public Hearing Notice; 3/26/2024-First Public Hearing; 4/26/2024-CDBG applications due to County Commissioners; 5/7/2024-Publish Second Public Hearing Notice; 5/23/2024-Second Public Hearing; and 6/12/2024 & 6/19/2024-Applications due to ODOD for CI & CHIP/HOME grant programs.

**ODOT – CURRENT BMV/SERVICE CENTER PARKING LOT**

Mark Kirkhart and John Collins, ODOT, met with the Commissioners to request permission to access the old ODOT parking lot, currently the BMV/Service Center, to inspect the lot for possible contamination from underground tanks. If they would find problems, ODOT would be responsible to fix and repair the problems. President Stapleton entertained a motion to grant ODOT permission as requested. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**GALLIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
**PURCHASE OF SERVICES SUBGRANT AGREEMENT**  
**G-FFY24-001**  
**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Kathy Campbell, DJFS presented the following agreement for approval: Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

This amendment will amend the contract between the Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services "the grantor" and Educational Services Center "subgrantee" and will be effective 10/1/2023-9/30/2024 for the purchase of Treasure Your Family activities with Title XX Base funds CFDS number 93.667 (original award date 11/8/2023; FAIN# 2401OHSOSR) Title XX Base Subsidiy as administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Availability of Funds:

Increase the total amount of the contract to \$50,000. This is an increase in the amount of \$30,000. The increase will help to continue to support families to focus on building positive relationships within the family unit and between the family and community.

This amendment also reflects, the revised award date of 11/8/2023, and FAIN# 2401OHSOSR

*Dana Glasbarn*, Director                      2/27/24

*Denise Shockley*, Superintendent                      2/27/24

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*Q. Jay Stapleton, 2/29/24*

*Leslie Henry, 2/29/24*

*David K. Smith, 2/29/24*

*Isaac Beller, 2/27/24*

**DJFS – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:11 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with DJFS Kathy Campbell and ESC's Denise Shockley concerning potential contracts. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m.; No action taken.

**HERNANDEZ FAMILY – INMATE CONCERNS**

Parents of inmate Joseph Hernandez, Karmen Goody and Jose Hernandez, met with the Commissioners to discuss their concerns for their incarcerated son. No Action Taken.

**OSU – AGENCY UPDATE**

Erin Daily and Micha Holcomb and Jordan Penrose presented the Commission with an agency update for February of various activities and presented a copy of their newsletter and upcoming events. No action taken. Also in attendance was 4-H member Ava Angel.

**OHIO 4-H WEEK – PROCLAMATION**

The OSU Extension Office presented the following proclamation for approval:

**Ohio 4-H Week Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the young people of Ohio and Gallia County are one of our greatest resources; and  
**WHEREAS**, the 4-H program has assisted in the growth and development of Ohio and Gallia County youth for 122 years; and  
**WHEREAS**, 4-H originally began as an organization for farm children, today it emphasizes leadership development, civic engagement, healthy living, STEM skills, career awareness, and workforce development—empowering Ohio's youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime; and  
**WHEREAS**, 4-H alumni are 10% more likely to have a college degree, four times more likely to give back to their communities, and two times more likely to make healthier choices than their counterparts who were not in 4-H; and  
**WHEREAS**, Ohio 4-H encourages young people and adults to become involved in the educational programs offered by the 4-H program in Gallia County through Ohio State University Extension and the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; and  
**WHEREAS**, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting more than six million children throughout the country, including 156,762 in Ohio; and  
**WHEREAS**, Ohioans enjoy seeing the many and varied 4-H projects—from livestock and fine arts to photography and computer science—each year at their county fairs and the Ohio State Fair;  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County do declare and proclaim the week of March 3-9, 2024, to be Ohio 4-H Week and urge all our citizens to assist in according this observance the attention and importance to which it is so rightly entitled.  
**IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF**, We subscribe our names this 29th day of February, 2024.

**The Gallia County Commissioners:**

- of Q. Jay Stapleton, President*
- of Leslie Henry, Vice President*
- of David K. Smith, Commissioner*

The President entertained a motion to approve the proclamation. David K. Smith so moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

Also in attendance was 4-H member Ava Angel.

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH - PROCLAMATION**

Gallia County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent Melinda Kingery presented the following proclamation for approval:

**Proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month  
March 1-31, 2024**

**WHEREAS** Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities were established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967; and  
**WHEREAS** the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of DD remain as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital support and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and  
**WHEREAS** the more than 250 people with developmental disabilities served by the Gallia County Board of Developmental Disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

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**WHEREAS** the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

**WHEREAS** policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow people with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

**WHEREAS** in recognition of this important goal, the county-wide theme for 2024 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "In a world where you can be anything, be kind" and

**WHEREAS** we encourage all citizen to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** We, The Gallia County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

and offer full support to efforts that assist people with disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential; and

**FURTHERMORE,** we urge all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community, and

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal this 29th day of February, Two-Thousand Twenty-Four.

*s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, President*  
*s/ Leslie Henry, Vice President*  
*s/ David K. Smith, Commissioner*

The President entertained a motion to approve the proclamation. David K. Smith so moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Also, in attendance: PALS Penny Smith, Cathy Tucker and Mark Holtgreven.

**ENGINEER – ODOT AGREEMENT**

Assistant Engineer, Adam Edwards presented the Commissioners with the final ODOT Agreement for the Green Elementary Bridge Project for signing. President Stapleton entertained a motion to sign the agreement as presented. David K. Smith so moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**ENGINEER – ODOT CONTRACT**


Assistant Engineer, Adam Edwards presented the Commissioners with the final ODOT Contract for the Green Elementary Bridge Project for signing. President Stapleton entertained a motion to sign the contract as presented. Leslie Henry so moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

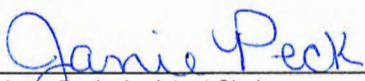
**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

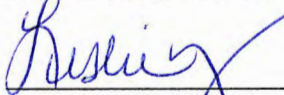
Special Projects Manager Tom White requested approval from the Commissioners to sign the Contract with AT&T to move the junction box from above ground to underground. President Stapleton entertained a motion to allow Mr. White the authority to sign the contract as presented. David K. Smith so moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

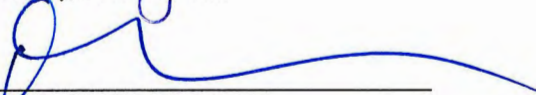
**ADJOURN**

At 2:15 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

  
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Q. Jay Stapleton, President

  
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Jamie Peck, Assistant Clerk

  
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Leslie Henry, Vice President

  
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David K. Smith, Commissioner