

JANUARY 3, 2019

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 David K. Smith. Roll Call: President David K. Smith, present; Vice President Brent Saunders, present; Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the December 27, 2018 minutes. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
DJFS	Kathy Campbell & Kristina Smith	1/9 & 1/10	Columbus, Ohio	Fred Pryor Seminar
Clk of Cts	Noreen Saunders	1/15 & 1/16	Columbus, Ohio	OCCA Mtg
Commissioners	Karen Sprague	1/23 & 1/24	Dublin, Ohio	OCCD Qtrly Mtg

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

2019 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
12/30	17	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	12	16	0	0	0	0

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2019 CDBG CD PROGRAM

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the proposed schedule for the 2019 CDBG CD Program noting estimated grant due date of 6/14/2019 with the first public hearing being tentatively scheduled for 3/5/2019.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2020 COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the proposed schedule for the 2020 County Budget Process noting budget request forms will be distributed to departments no later than 7/31/2019, budget requests will be due back to the County Commissioners no later than 8/30/2019, 2020 Tax Budget due to County Auditor's Office no later than 9/30/2019, Public Hearing for the Tax Budget will be held 10/10/2019 and be submitted to the County Auditor's Office no later than 10/15/2019, with a 2020 final appropriation resolution adopted no later than 12/26/2019.

COST ALLOCATION PLAN CERTIFICATE

The President entertained a motion to approve and sign the Certificate of County-wide Cost Allocation Plan. +-* Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

DJFS – ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Director Dana Glassburn presented an Engagement Letter for Gallia County in selecting Donald Keller Law Office, LLC to provide legal services. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion to approve and for President Smith to sign the letter based on Mr. Glassburn's recommendation. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

DJFS – AUDITOR – NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM

DJFS Director Dana Glassburn, Auditor Larry M. Betz, payroll clerk Susan Hill and I.T. Director John Grubb met to discuss the new payroll system. No action taken.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – EMERGENCY SALES TAX LEVY

At 11:00 a.m. President David K. Smith called the first public hearing regarding the Emergency Sales Tax Levy to order in the courthouse second floor meeting room noting the purpose of the public hearings is to obtain input from the public regarding an increase of sales tax in Gallia County by one quarter of one percent (0.25%) as advertised. Noting this is the first of two Public Hearings, the second to be held January 10, 2019 at 11 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Gallia County courthouse. In attendance: President David K. Smith; Vice President Brent Saunders; Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery; County Administrator Karen Sprague; Anette L. Brown, Clerk of the Board; Sheriff Matthew D. Champlin; Prosecutor Jason D. Holdren; Assistant Prosecutor Randy Dupree; Treasurer, Steve McGhee; 911/EMA Director, Sherry Daines; 911/EMS Deputy Director Keith Wilson; Recorder Roger Walker; Gallipolis City Commissioner Tony Gallagher; Gallipolis City Manager Eugene Greene and Dean Wright, Gallipolis Tribune Reporter. Commissioner Saunders noted his concern are the increased costs for operation of law enforcement & courts and the counties reduced revenue in the County General Fund. Sheriff Matthew D. Champlin presented statistics on the cost of corrections and inmate population over the past three years. The Commission President Smith noted the Sheriff's expenditures have increased by almost \$900,000 from 2015 to 2018 and that the jail contract service line item where out of county housing of prisoners is paid has more than tripled from 2015 to 2018. Commissioners also noted the revenues for the county general fund have not increased at the same rate as expenditures due to a significant loss in various revenue streams from the State of Ohio over the past and future years such as MCO Sales Tax, Defense of Indigent Reimbursement,

Undivided Local Government Fund and Public Utility Real Estate Taxes along with the additional costs to the County General Fund that Gallia County has encountered in funding both Law Enforcement and the Courts due in large part to the opioid crisis. Commissioner Montgomery noted this sales tax is for the county general fund operating expenses, not specifically for law enforcement, noting all departments are stressed. Commissioner's also noted Gallia County is the only one of the remaining surrounding Ohio counties at seven (7) percent sales tax, all other surrounding counties are at 7.25% sales tax. Gallipolis City Commissioner Tony Gallagher spoke as a citizen of Gallia County in support of the sales tax increase to help fund the services of the county and Gallipolis City Manager Gene Greene noted his support as well. Commissioner Montgomery further noted the County has some departments that receive funding that are not mandated to be funded by the County, such as OSU Extension Office (which is our 4-H programming) and Gallia County Soil & Water Conservation District. Commissioner Montgomery stated the Gallia County Commission takes great pride in funding those departments because historically agriculture has been the backbone of our county and we've been very supportive and want to continue to do that. Commissioner Montgomery noted that 4-H is important in the development of our youth in keeping them away from drugs and into something positive. County Administrator Sprague noted the Extension and Soil & Water Departments had not had an increase in funding for several years. No opposition was received at the hearing.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

At 1:00 p.m. on January 3, 2019 as advertised, the Commissioners met for the re-organization meeting as required by the Ohio Revised Code Section 305.05 on or before the second Monday of January. Commissioners present: President David K. Smith, Vice President Brent Saunders, Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery.

OFFICERS ELECTED

President David K. Smith entertained a motion to nominate a president for 2019.

Harold G. Montgomery nominated Brent Saunders for president of the 2019 Board of Commissioners and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, abstain; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

David K. Smith made the motion to nominate Harold G. Montgomery for vice-president. Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, abstain; Mr. Smith, yea.

MEETING TIME SET

Harold G. Montgomery made and David K. Smith seconded the motion to continue the weekly meetings on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until business is completed and to conduct the meetings in Room 1292 of the Gallia County Courthouse, 18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, OH. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

2019 BOARD DESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The following boards will be represented by the Commission as designated below: Harold G. Montgomery made and David K. Smith seconded the following designations: Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

Board	2019 Member
Ariel Board of Directors	David K. Smith
Board of Revisions	Brent Saunders
Broadband Committee	Harold Montgomery
Canine Management Committee (BOC Vice President)	Harold Montgomery
Community Action Agency <i>Amended 4-18-2019 (KS)</i>	Brent Saunders Harold G. Montgomery Alternate: Karen Sprague
Community Action Agency <i>Amended 4-18-2019 (KS)</i>	Sheriff Matthew D. Champlin Alternate: David K. Smith
Community Improvement Corporation	Harold Montgomery
Data Processing (BOC President)	Brent Saunders
SR 35 Corridor	Harold Montgomery
Exotic Animals	David K. Smith
Family & Children First Council	Brent Saunders
Family Svcs Planning Committee (BOC President & FCFC)	Brent Saunders
Gallipolis in Bloom	David K. Smith
GJMV Solid Waste Management District	All
Health Dept. – Advisory Council (BOC President)	Brent Saunders
Infrastructure Committee	Brent Saunders
Keep Gallia Beautiful	Harold G. Montgomery
Local Emergency Planning Committee (BOC President)	Brent Saunders
Local Corrections Planning Board	Brent Saunders

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Alternate: Anette Brown

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Ohio Public Works Commission Integrating Committee	Harold G. Montgomery
Our House Museum	David K. Smith
Ohio Valley Resource Conservation & Development	David K. Smith
Planning Commission	David K. Smith
Records Commission	Harold G. Montgomery
Renewable Energy Committee	Brent Saunders, Harold G. Montgomery
Security Committee	Brent Saunders
Sewer Committee (Health Dept.)	Brent Saunders
SOACDF Tobacco Board	Harold G. Montgomery
Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC)	All
Threat Risk Assessment	David K. Smith
TID	Harold G. Montgomery

CLASSIFIED & NON-CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

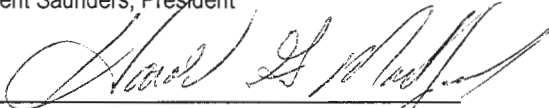
Harold G. Montgomery made a motion to rehire all classified and non-classified employees in their current positions, effective 1/3/19. David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.


ADJOURN

At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. David K. Smith made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Saunders, yes; Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.


Brent Saunders, President


Anette L. Brown, Clerk


Harold G. Montgomery, Vice President


David K. Smith, Commissioner