

MARCH 28, 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 March 21, 2024 minutes. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. 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
3/24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	18

2023 GALLIA COUNTY LANDFILL ANNUAL REPORT

County Administrator Brian Rutherford presented the Commission with the 2023 Gallia County Landfill Annual Report as prepared and provided by landfill operator Waste Management for acceptance. Mr. Rutherford highlighted the following items in the 2023 Landfill Report:

David K. Smith moved to accept the report as submitted, Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

- Total tons of waste received = 9,900.23 tons
  - o In District waste = 3,376.38 tons
  - o Out of District waste = 8.13 tons
  - o Out of State Waste = 6,515.72 tons
- Morgan Township received \$0.25 per ton as the host township = \$1,904.01
- Gallia County Commissioners received \$0.35 per ton as the host community = \$3,465.09
- Tipping Fee = \$73.00 per ton
- Total Remaining gross airspace = 191,390.00 cubic yards
- Remaining constructed capacity = 79,675 cubic yards
- Remaining life based on waste accepted as of December 31, 2023 = 19 years
- Leachate Volumes
  - o Recirculation = 0 gallons
  - o Offsite Disposal = 568,047.00 gallons
- Closure & Post-Closure Cost Estimates
  - o 2023 Final Closure Estimate = \$3,898,022.00
  - o 2023 Post-Closure Estimate = \$3,252,319.00
  - o 2023 Final Closure Estimate = \$4,321,035.82 (base upon 3.6% inflation factor)
  - o 2023 Post-Closure Care Cost Estimate = \$3,605,260.32 (based upon 3.6% inflation factor)

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o Updated bonds are included with the new estimates and extended from 4/1/2023 -4/1/2024

Mr. Rutherford also advised of receipt of correspondence from Ohio EPA indicating the 2023 Annual Report for the Gallia County Landfill was in compliance with ORC 3734 and OAC 3745-27-09.

**COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT – REGION 10 BOARD**

County Administrator Brian Rutherford requested an appointment be made of the Commission to the One Ohio Region 10 Board. David K. Smith moved to appoint Commissioner Henry to the Board, and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**RESOLUTION**

County Administrator Brian Rutherford presented the following resolution for approval. David K. Smith moved to approve the resolution as presented. Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**A resolution of Gallia county supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial AMERICA 250-OH**

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly and Governor created AMERICA 250-OH in Ohio Revised Code Section 149.309 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States and Ohio's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; AND

WHEREAS, AMERICA 250-OH strives to engage ALL Ohioans and ALL 88 counties through a variety of programs, projects and events through 2026 by inspiring future leaders and celebrating Ohio's contributions to the nation over the past 250+ years; AND

WHEREAS, Gallia County has much to contribute to the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary including its county seat, Gallipolis, being the third oldest European settlement in Ohio, which was founded in 1790, as a shelter for French Royalists fleeing the French Revolution. Despite a harsh winter and devastating disease, these French pioneers settled along the Ohio River 30 miles north-northeast of Huntington, West Virginia and settled in what would later become the city of Gallipolis, which means "City of the Gauls." During the American Civil War its strategic location resulted in economic prosperity to the settlers, as well as providing a perfect staging area for the Union Army; who were able to utilize the river for rapid deployment of troops, equipment, and supplies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gallia County hereby establishes a local AMERICA 250-Gallia County Committee made up of a diverse group of citizens to work with AMERICA 250-OH on any and all activities within Gallia County. The participants of the Gallia County Committee will be strictly voluntary roles and there will be no compensation for participation; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Gallia County legislative delegation and AMERICA 250-OH Commission headquartered at 41 S. High St., Suite 250, Columbus, OH 43215.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gallia, the State of Ohio, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

Attest: */s/Brian Rutherford*

Board of Commissioners:

*/s/Q. Jay Stapleton*

*/s/Leslie Henry*

*/s/David K. Smith*

**GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 PAYMENT RESOLUTION # 26**

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Resolution # 26 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- Construction - \$513,156.60
- Legal Fees = \$5,618.75
- Engineering: \$24,461.46
- Administration: \$0.00
- Bond/Loan payments: \$0.00
- Other: \$4,362.02 (AEP aid-to-construct 110 Park Ave)
- Total = \$547,598.83

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Invoices to be paid as follows:

- DLZ invoice 221533 = \$24,461.46 paid from Green Sewer 2 OPWC Loan Fund #370
- Bricker Graydon invoice 2025680 = \$5,618.75 paid from Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- AEP Inv 250-214822679 = \$4,362.02 payment broken down as follows:
  - o \$1,090.50 (25%) paid by Gallia County from USDA Grant Fund #372
  - o \$3,271.52 (75%) paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Field Excavating Pay Application #5 = \$513,156.60 payment broken down as follows:
  - o \$128,289.13 (25%) paid by Gallia County from USDA Grant Fund #372
  - o \$384,867.47 (75%) paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410

David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded a motion to approve payment resolution # 26 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

#### **USDA - GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 DISBURSEMENT #21**

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with USDA Disbursement #21 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- Field Excavating Pay Application #5 = \$128,289.13 partial payment (25%) by Gallia County from USDA Grant Fund #372
- AEP Inv 250-214822679 = \$1,090.50 (25%) paid by Gallia County from USDA Grant Fund #372
- Total USDA Disbursement Request = \$129,379.63

Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded a motion to approve and sign the USDA Disbursement #21 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

#### **GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 SETTLEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT #5**

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Settlement Fund Disbursement #5 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- Bricker Graydon invoice 2025680 = \$5,618.75 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- AEP Inv 250-214822679 = \$3,271.52 (75%) paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Field Excavating Pay Application #5 = \$384,867.47 partial payment (75%) by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Total Settlement Fund Disbursement Request = \$393,757.74

David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded a motion to approve the Green Sewer 2 Settlement Fund Disbursement #5 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

#### **OPWC - GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 DISBURSEMENT REQUEST # 12**

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with OPWC Disbursement Request #11 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- DLZ invoice 221533 = \$24,461.46 to be paid directly to DLZ by OPWC
- Total OPWC Disbursement Request #12 = \$24,461.46

Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded a motion to approve the OPWC Disbursement Request # 12 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

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**MEMO ENTRY – REVENUE/EXPENSE OPWC LOAN GREEN SEWER PHASE 2**

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that OPWC will make direct payments to vendors for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project OPWC loan funding. In order to reflect the receipt and expenditure of these loan funds within the county fund established as OPWC Loan - Green Sewer 2 the County Auditor must make the following memo entries:

- Memo payin in the amount of \$24,461.46 into 370.3000.400100 from OPWC Loan # CO17W
- Memo expense in the amount of \$24,461.46 from 370.0370.531100 to DLZ vendor # 8587 for invoice # 221533
- Credit Back \$24,461.46 from PO # 240078 in line item 370.00370.531100

**BID AWARD – JFS WORKFORCE CENTER PROJECT**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission of receipt of a revised bid from Ohio Valley Plastering and award recommendation from Jon Stevison with RVC architects for the JFS Workforce Center Project as follows:

- Building B Exterior Only – Mr. Stevison with RVC Architects advised he has contacted Ohio Valley Plastering and clarified bid specification with Paul McCormick, President. After bid specification clarification, Ohio Valley Plastering submitted a revised bid on 3/27/2024 in the amount of \$105,000 noting this was the lowest bid submitted and is within 20% of the project estimate of \$90,000.

Ms. Sprague advised she had spoken with ODOT Field Rep. Grant Johnson on 3/27/2024 who confirmed the County does not have to rebid the project and can award to Ohio Valley Plastering based on their revised bid after specification clarification with RVC Architects Jon Stevison.

Ms. Sprague noted that all project funding has been awarded by ODOT, 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 Ohio Valley Plastering, Inc.

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

- Building B Exterior Only – Ohio Valley Plastering, Inc. in the amount of \$105,000.00

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

**EMS – QUARTERLY UPDATE**

EMS director, Keith Wilson met with the commissioners to provide his quarterly update. No action taken.

**OSU EXTENSION OFFICE – MONTHLY UPDATE**

Michelle Stumbo, Jordan Penrose, Ag and Natural Resource Educator and Micha Holcomb, 4-H Program Assistant presented the Commission with an agency update for March of various activities and presented a copy of their newsletter and upcoming events. No action taken.

**COMMISSIONERS – BID OPENING  
MOWING CONTRACT**

At 10:45 a.m. President Stapleton opened the following bids for Mowing contract for the following: Gallia County Senior Center and Gallia County Engineer's Office:

Company	Total Bid
Logan's Lawn Care	185.00 per week
Bryant's Farm & Lawn Care	190.00 per week
C&C Property and Landscape Maintenance LLC	175.00 per service

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

**CEBCO – UPDATE AND EXPERIENCE REVIEW**

Justin Grant, CEBCO, Scott Saunders and John Saunders, Saunders Insurance gave an update on the benefits with the CEBCO Health & Wellness program and an Experience/claims review for 2023. No action taken.

CASO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 25403-23

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ENGINEER – BID AWARD

Adam Edwards from the Engineers office provided the commissioners with a recommendation from the Gallia County Engineer Bret Boothe, awarding the GAL-CR VAR-RESURF-FY24 project to the Shelly Company in the amount of \$2,437,415.25. The President entertained approving the recommendation as presented by Mr. Edwards. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

ENGINEER – BID AWARD

Adam Edwards from the Engineers office provided the commissioners with a recommendation from the Gallia County Engineer Bret Boothe, awarding the 2024 Gallia Co. Reconstruction and Improvements project for paving to the Shelly Company in the amount of \$646,283.00. The President entertained approving the recommendation as presented by Mr. Edwards. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

ENGINEER – BID AWARD

Adam Edwards from the Engineers office provided the commissioners with a recommendation from the Gallia County Engineer Bret Boothe, awarding the 2024 Gallia Co. Reconstruction and Improvements project for chip seal to the SC Co. & Materials LLC in the amount of \$495,589.25. The President entertained approving the recommendation as presented by Mr. Edwards. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

2023/2024 CORSA RENEWAL UPDATE

Wiseman Agency representative Nick Roach and CORSA presented the Commission with the 2023/2024 CORSA invoice for property and casualty Insurance through the joint self-insurance pool and give a detailed description of the invoice. No action taken.

911 – 911 PLAN UPDATE

911 Director Sherry Daines met with the Commissioners to update them on the 911 Plan. No action taken.

CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The commissioners were in receipt of a contract from the Lawrence County Juvenile Center for community residential services at a per diem rate of \$115.00 per bed. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion to approve the contract as recommended by Judge Moulton. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

GREEN SEWER 2 CONSTRUCTION MEETING

At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners, County Administrator Brian Rutherford, Grant Administrator Karen Sprague, and Clerk to the Board Amanda Phillips attended the Green Sewer 2 Construction monthly meeting in the Commissioners' office. Others in attendance were: DLZ Reps. Gary Silcott, Rob Snedden & Eli Walker and Tracy Shoults, Sewer Dept. Tommy Dillon, Josh Fields and Bo Cox from Fields Excavating.

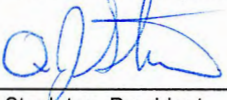
**\*The Commissioners attended the Pre-Construction Conference for the CCV Wastewater Improvements Project.**

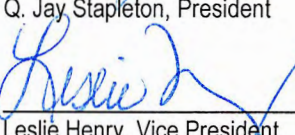
COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

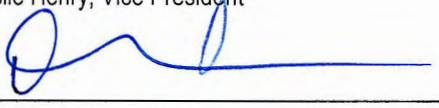
At 2:53 p.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Brian Rutherford concerning security matters involving a regulated individual. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Returned to regular session at 3:02 p.m.; No action taken.

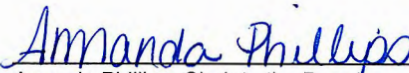
ADJOURN

At 3:30 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith 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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Leslie Henry, Vice President

  
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David K. Smith, Commissioner

  
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Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board