

NOVEMBER 7, 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 October 31, 2024 minutes. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry 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
11/3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	26	0	0	0	17

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT FUNDING

County Administrator Brian Rutherford requested the funding for the approved 2023-2025 Contracted Services Agreement for Economic Development with the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College in the amount of \$25,000.00 be approved for payment. The President entertained a motion to approve the \$25,000.00 for the 2024 Contracted Services Agreement for Economic Development with the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

RESOLUTION – SEWER RATES

County Administrator Brian Rutherford advised that after thorough research had been conducted by members of the County Commission, himself, and the Sewer Department staff it had been concluded that current rates for all county sewer systems would not be sufficient to maintain, service, and make bond payments for 2025 due to increasing costs of utilities and other services associated with those systems. County Administrator Brian Rutherford requests therefore that the Commission would entertain a motion to approve a three dollar per month (\$3.00) increase in sewer rates per EDU across all county sewer systems which would take effect January 1, 2025. The President entertained a motion to approve the increase in sewer rates. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:25 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Brian Rutherford concerning 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 9:36 a.m.; No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

County Administrator Brian Rutherford presented the Commissioners with the Settlement Agreement and Release with J&H Reinforcing & Structural Erectors Inc. President Stapleton entertained a motion that would allow him to sign the presented document on behalf of the County. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

RESOLUTION – FY 2025 ODOT AIP GRANT APPLICATION

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the FY 2025 ODOT Aviation Grant application that will provide 5% matching funds for the FY 2024 FAA AIP Grant for the Rotating Beacon project. The ODOT AIP Grant application requests \$7,030.00 (5%) of the \$140,600 total project costs. The other funds are as follows: 2024 FAA AIP \$126,540 (90%) & County Local Match \$7,030.00 (5%). Mr. Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the application package which includes: this resolution authorizing the application, Appendix A – format application letter, Appendix B – Standard Assurances, Appendix O – Compliance Form, Ohio Airport Protection Act and the executed 2024 FAA AIP Grant Agreement No. 3-39-0101-021-2024. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

RESOLUTION 11/8/2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION, FOR AN OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR SFY25.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Gallia County Board of Commissioners, Gallia County, Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation is administering funds to provide financial assistance to publicly owned airports in the State through the Ohio Airport Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS the Gallia County Board of Commissioners is eligible for funding under Matching Grants for General Aviation Airports for Rehabilitate Rotating Airport Beacon Project - Construction at the Gallia Meigs Regional Airport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, Gallia County, Ohio that:

SECTION ONE: That the President of the Gallia County Board of Commissioners is

hereby authorized to make application for said grant in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation and sign all related documents and assurances.

SECTION TWO: That the President may enter into a Grant Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation and may execute any documents to manage said grant inclusive of amendments and submissions of applications for payment as required by the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation.

Gallia County Commissioners

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton 11/7/2024
Quentin Jay Stapleton, President Date

CERTIFICATION: Whereupon the resolution was declared adopted.

I, Amanda Phillips, as Clerk of the Board of Gallia County Commissioners have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office which was duly passed by the Board of Gallia County Commissioners on the 8th day of November, 2024, and that the same is a correct and true copy of said resolution.

s/ Amanda Phillips 11/7/2024

Amanda Phillips, Clerk of the Board Date

STATE ARC GRANT (S-P-21-1AY-1) 5th STATUS REPORT

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 5th Status Report for the period May 1, 2022 thru July 31, 2024 for the County's FY 2021 State ARC Grant (S-P-21-1AY-1) for the Airport Terminal Building Project which has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development. The following project/activity were noted:

- Airport Terminal Building – Grant award \$250,000; Drawn/Expended \$70,960.45
 - Project Match – 2022 FAA AIP Grant \$106,875; Expended \$106,875
 - Project Match – 2023 ODOT Grant \$5,937; Expended \$5,937
 - County ED Matching Funds – Committed \$185,270; Expended \$0.00
 - County General Matching Funds – Committed \$183,884.11; Expended \$0.00
 - County ARPA Grant Matching Funds – Committed \$552,628.80; Expended \$0.00
 - Project Match - 2024 FAA AIP Grant \$126,540; Drawn/Expended \$0.00
 - Project Match – 2024 FAA BIL ATP Grant \$1,769,702; Drawn/Expended \$0.00
- Bid was awarded 6/6/2024, 2024 FAA BIL ATP Grant Award 8/6/2024, Delta Airport Consultants Agreement signed 8/8/2024, Hoon, Inc. contract signed 8/15/2024, preconstruction conference held 9/5/2024, 2024 FAA AIP Grant award 9/9/2024 & Notice to Proceed issued to Hoon 9/16/2024.
- ODOT 2025 AIP Grant application approved by County & submitted 11/7/2024

Jay Stapleton entertained a motion that the 5th Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. The form is on file in the County's Airport ARC grant files.

CDBG - FY 2024 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AGREEMENT & APPROPRIATION APPROVAL (B-X-24-1AY-1)

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Ohio Department of Development grant agreement form for the FY 2024 Critical Infrastructure Grant for approval and signing and to request the County Auditor's Office to create a new fund for this grant titled "B-X-24-1AY-1 Grant" (for the period of 9/1/2024 – 10/31/2026), give that grant fund number 425, and to appropriate the \$487,000 grant into line items as follows:

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Appropriate \$116,000.00 into 425.0425.531100 title Professional Fees
Appropriate \$341,000.00 into 425.0425.531101 title Burkhart Lane Street Impr
Appropriate \$30,000.00 into 425.0425.531102 title Administration

Also, request the County Auditor's Office to create the following revenue line items:

Create 425.3000.400100 B-X-24-1AY-1 Grant Revenue (\$487,000)

Jay Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the request and sign the grant agreement as presented. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

REVIEW RECORD - B-X-23-1AY-1

CERTIFICATION OF EXEMPT PROJECT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the paperwork for approval of the Environmental Review Record for the following project for which a certification of exempt project could be made:

· Gallipolis Township Burkhart Lane Slip & Culvert Repair Project –Professional Services (Engineering Fees)

Jay Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the forms as presented. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. All forms were signed by Mr. Stapleton, as President of the Commission, and they are on file in the County's CDBG files.

RESOLUTION – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with 2 proposals for completion of the Environmental Review Assessment for the Gallipolis Township Burkhart Lane Culvert & Slip Repair Project that is partially funded from the 2024 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant as follows:

- Great Lakes Community Action Partnership – Ohio RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Partnership) - \$8,400
- OVRDC - \$10,000

Ms. Sprague recommended award to RCAP as the lowest and best proposal received. Ms. Sprague noted Gallia County has utilized RCAP for ER's in the past (for several sewer projects) and advised the professional services contract fee will be paid from the administration funds in the CDBG CI grant. David K. Smith moved to award the professional services contract as recommended and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:04 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Special Projects Manager concerning 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 10:13 a.m.; No action taken.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – SENIOR CENTER

Special Projects Manager Tom White met with the Commissioners to recommend Breech Engineering for design and through construction and completion of the new Senior Center building. President Stapleton entertained a motion to accept Mr. White's recommendation to go with Breech Engineering. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

DJFS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:14 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with DJFS Director Dana Glassburn 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 10:29 a.m.; No action taken.

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PROSECUTOR – DELINQUENT TAX FORCLOSURES

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney David Evans met with the Commissioners to give an update on delinquent tax foreclosure initiative status. No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:45 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Brian Rutherford 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 10:59 a.m.; No action taken.

TREASURER – FOUR YEAR DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT - BID OPENING

At 11:00 as advertised, President Stapleton opened the following bids:

Company
Ohio Valley Bank
Peoples Bank
Wesbanco

The bids were turned over to County Treasurer Steve McGhee for review and a recommendation.

TREASURER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:09 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Treasurer Steve McGhee 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 11:18 a.m.; No action taken.

EMS – 2025 BUDGET

EMS Director met with the Commissioner to discuss his 2025 budget. Mr. Wilson provided a projected budget for two ambulances and one for three ambulances. No action taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cole Massie, Economic Development Director met with the Commissioners for the following: No action taken.

- Provide a copy of the draft press release for the CRA program
- Determine a start date for the CRA program
- Provide an engagement letter for the Port Authority from Bricker Graydon

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Economic Development Director Cole Massie submitted a Letter of Support for the All Ohio Future Funding. David K. Smith moved to approve and sign the letter as submitted by Mr. Massie. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At 11:44 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Cole Massie concerning Economic Development sites. 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 12:00 p.m.; no action taken.

COMMISSIONERS – LETTER OF SUPPORT

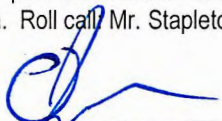
Zach Space submitted a request for support for House Bill 683, proposed by Representatives Don Jones and Jay Edwards. This bill will provide \$10 million through the Department of Agriculture to Ohio's farmers and soil and water conservation districts. Communities in Southeastern Ohio have endured significant hardship due to disaster-designated flooding and extreme drought, resulting in crop loss, water shortages, and economic challenges for our farmers and residents alike. HB 683 will deliver much-needed relief to these affected areas, allowing farmers to continue their essential work in sustaining our communities. President Stapleton entertained a motion to sign a support letter as requested by Mr. Space. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

***1:30 pm – The Commissioners attended the Airport Terminal Construction Progress Meeting at the Gallia Meigs Regional Airport.**

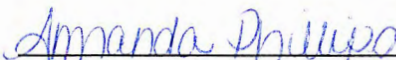
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ADJOURN

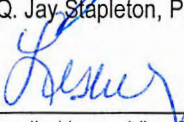
At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.




Q. Jay Stapleton, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Leslie Henry, Vice President



David K. Smith, Commissioner