

MARCH 23, 2023

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 Q. Jay Stapleton, present; Commissioner Leslie Henry, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the March 16, 2023 minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

2023 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
3/19	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	8

RESOLUTION – FY 2023 CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Grant Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commissioner with a schedule of proposed dates for the FY 2023 CDBG Community Development Program as follows: list of the proposed dates for FY 2023 CDBG community development program as follows: 3/24/2023-Publish First Public Hearing Notice; 4/4/2023-First Public Hearing; 4/28/2023-CDBG applications due to County Commissioners; 5/5/2023-Publish Second Public Hearing Notice; 5/18/2023-Second Public Hearing; and 6/14/2023-Application due to ODO. No action taken.

SHERIFF'S DEPT. – GRANT SIGNING

Troy Johnson, from the sheriff's department, presented the commissioners with a contract needing signed for a State ARPA grant in the amount of \$90,950.00 that would be used to buy 17 cameras that would be placed throughout the county. President David K. Smith entertained signing the contract submitted by Mr. Johnson. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

JAIL PROJECT – PAYMENT RESOLUTION #23

Manager, Special Projects - Tom White presented the Commission with Payment Resolution #23 for the Gallia County Jail Project to Granger Construction Company in the amount of \$453,839.40. 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 #23. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion to approve payment resolution #23 as submitted. Upon Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

Bill Mangus with VFW submitted the following proclamation for approval: The President entertained a motion to approve the proclamation. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion to proclaim the following. Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

***National Vietnam War Veterans Day
March 29, 2023***

WHEREAS, between 1959 and 1975, over 3 million Americans served overseas in a series of battles and conflicts that has come to be known as the Vietnam War and

WHEREAS, the servicemen and women who served in the Vietnam War represent a generation who represented the very meaning of courage, bravery, honor and sacrifice, and

WHEREAS, of the 3 million veterans who served, over 58,000 of those veterans either gave their lives in combat or remain missing to this day and are honored on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, of the servicemen and women who survived, none of them returned unscathed and all of whom suffered injuries to body and soul; and

WHEREAS, the highest military decoration "The Medal of Honor" was awarded 258 times; and

WHEREAS, all of those veterans who served our county in uniform during this tumultuous and difficult period of our nation's history are deserving of homage and solemn reverence; and

WHEREAS, Gallia County pays tribute and honor to those Vietnam veterans who live in our county, especially to the twelve Gallia County combat heroes who lost their lives in Vietnam fighting for our freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners do recognize March 29, 2023, as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

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s/ David K. Smith, President

s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

s/ Leslie Henry, Commissioner

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

9:45 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Tom White, Manager of special projects, to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

10:14 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with to discuss hiring the County Administrator. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:50 a.m. No action taken.

CEBCO HEATH & WELLNESS PROGRAM

Justin Grant, CEBCO and Scott Saunders, Saunders Insurance gave an update on the benefits with the CEBCO Health & Wellness program and an Experience/claims review for 2022. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

11:18 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with to discuss hiring the County Administrator with applicant Brian Rutherford. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:41 a.m. No action taken.

SHERIFF – OUT OF COUNTY HOUSING BILL

Sheriff Matt Champlin presented to the commissioners a request for \$250,000.00 to pay for January and February out of county housing costs. The president entertained a supplemental appropriation being moved into contract services in the amount of \$250,000.00 to cover the cost of the owed out of county housing. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

COLE MASSIE & PATRICK SAUNDERS - UTILITIES

Cole Massie, Economic Development Director for URG and Patrick Saunders presented a request for a contribution from the county for the extension of the utility line on CIC property. President David K. Smith entertained contributing \$50,000.00 to the project. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

LAPTOP PURCHASE

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with copies of quotes from three suppliers for a new laptop as obtained by IT Director John Grubb as follows:

- CDWG - \$945.55
 - HP ProBook 450 G9 Notebook – Wolf Pro Security – 15.6” – Core i7 1255U – 16 = \$945.55
- Central Computers - \$999.99
 - HP ProBook 450 G9 Notebook – Wolf Pro Security – 15.6” – Core i7 1255U – 16 = \$999.99
- Connection - \$1,101.74
 - HP ProBook 450 G9 Notebook – Wolf Pro Security – 15.6” – Core i7 1255U – 16 = \$1,101.74

IT Director John Grubb has inspected the laptop that I use as grants administrator and has recommended upgrading as noted above. Therefore, I request approval to proceed with purchase of the laptop from CDWG as the lowest and best quote received. The laptop will be paid for from the 2021 CDBG grants. Ms. Sprague further noted the existing laptop could still be utilized by other office staff that have involvements with the grant programs. David Smith entertained a motion to approve the purchase as requested. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

***3:00 p.m. the commissioners attended the Landbank meeting.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

3:34 p.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with to discuss hiring the County Administrator. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Returned to regular session at 3:38 p.m. No action taken.

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COMMISSIONERS EMPLOYEE HIRE – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The President entertained a motion to hire Brian Rutherford as the Gallia County Administrator, an unclassified position, effective ASAP, in coordination with current supervisor with the following stipulations:

- Full-Time 40 hours per week.
- Rate of pay will be \$32.00 per hour with an evaluation after 90 days. (Upon satisfactory performance pay rate will increase to \$34.00 per hour)

Leslie Henry moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Discussion from Commissioner Stapleton included his reasoning for voting in another direction. He respects the decision but stated his vote for another applicant was due to their previous work relationship and her experience in the commissioner’s office. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, nay; Ms. Henry, yea.

USDA LOAN REPORT – GREEN SEWER 1

County Administrator, Kevin Nicholas provided the commissioners with USDA loan Statement of Budget, Income and Equity report for 2022 regarding Green Sewer 1. The report was reviewed and no action was taken.

RECESS

At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion to recess today’s meeting and reconvene on March 27, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. to review the airport terminal building plans and unfinished business. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

MARCH 27, 2023

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners reconvened on this date for the purpose of reviewing the airport terminal building plans and other unfinished business. At 3:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President David K. Smith. Roll Call: President David K. Smith, present; Vice President Q. Jay Stapleton, present; Commissioner Leslie Henry, present.

AIRPORT TERMINAL REVIEW

Steven Potoczak and Chip Klinkenberg (architect) from Delta Airport Consultants presented to the commissioners the final airport terminal building plan and specifications for the FAA Airport Grant application. No action taken.

USDA LOAN/GRANT - 911 EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PROJECT

Gallia County Commissioners received documents for loan & grant funding for the Gallia County 911 Equipment Upgrade Project from USDA. The documents received are as follows:


- Letter of Conditions for a Community Facilities Program Loan/Grant to Purchase and Install a new 911 System
- Form RD 1942-46 Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions
- Form 1940-1 Request for Obligation of Funds

The documents reflect \$340,000 loan at 3.75% interest for 15 years and a \$50,000 grant. Matching funds from Gallia County total \$302,000 (\$300,000 from county general fund special projects & \$2,000 from GC 911 fund. Total project costs = \$692,000 broken down as \$631,503 for equipment, \$55,832 for installation; \$3,750 for bond counsel; \$915 for contingency.

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague requested the Commission pass a resolution to approve the Letter of Conditions for a Community Facilities Program Loan/Grant to Purchase and Install a new 911 System and approve and sign the Form RD 1942-46 Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions & the Form 1940-1 Request for Obligation of Funds as presented so they can be returned to USDA today. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion to approve and sign documents as presented. Roll call votes: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

ADJOURN

At 4:30 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.



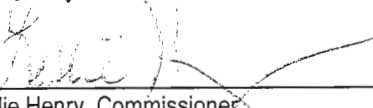
 David K. Smith, President



 Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



 Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



 Leslie Henry, Commissioner

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 21488-20