

**MAY 25, 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 May 18, 2023 minutes. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the 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
5/21	2	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	10

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL**

9:25 a.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Brian Rutherford, County Administrator to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. 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 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

**NEW EMPLOYEE HIRE – COMMISSIONERS**

County Administrator recommended to hire Jayne Peck for the position of Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners at the rate of \$16.50 per hour with a 90-day probation period. President Smith entertained a motion to hire Jayne Peck per Mr. Rutherford’s recommendation. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**EMPLOYEE - VACATION TIME**

Brian Rutherford, County Administrator recommended approving paying out Sewer Department’s employee, Tommy Dillon for vacation time that he has not taken due to the hardship it would cause for the Sewer Dept. Mr. Dillon will lose it all in June if not taken. President Smith entertained a motion to approve paying out vacation time to Mr. Dillon for 124 hours that he has not been able to use without creating a hardship for the department. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**EMPLOYEE - VACATION TIME**

Brian Rutherford, County Administrator recommended approving paying out Dog Warden, Alonna Grimm for vacation time that she has not taken due to the hardship it would cause for her department. Ms. Grimm will lose it all in June if not taken. President Smith entertained a motion to approve paying out vacation time to Ms. Grimm for 140 hours that she has not been able to use without creating a hardship for the department. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**GALLIA COUNTY JAIL CONTRACT – CITY OF JACKSON**

Heather Casto, Administrator for the Sheriff’s Department submitted the 2023 Gallia County Jail Contract with the City of Jackson for approval. The President entertained a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

GALLIA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR JAIL SERVICES Upon the recommendations of the Sheriffs of Gallia County, Ohio and City of Jackson, Ohio, this Agreement is entered into this \_ day of , 2023 between the Board of Gallia County Commissioners, (hereafter, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners and Sheriff are jointly referred to as “Gallia County”) and the Board of City of Jackson Commissioners (hereafter, the City of Jackson and Sheriff are jointly referred to as “City of Jackson”), for Gallia County’s acceptance and incarceration of City of Jackson prisoners at the Gallia County Jail. In consideration of pertinent provisions of the Ohio Revised Code as well as the mutual covenants, agreements and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows: 1. Definitions: For the purposes of this Agreement, the following words and terms shall have the indicated meanings: “Prisoner” means an inmate held at the Gallia County Jail pursuant to ORC 341.12 and/or on charges relating to an offense in City of Jackson’s jurisdiction before sentencing regardless of the offense charges, or after sentencing when the inmate is convicted or sentenced. “Per day” means any calendar date during which Gallia County holds a prisoner or holds a bed for City of Jackson under this Agreement. This includes prisoners taken to court hearings, medical appointments or treatments, etc. 2. City of Jackson agrees to send Gallia County and Gallia County agrees to accept from City of Jackson such prisoners as City of Jackson is unable to care for and to provide custody supervision, confinement and board for City of Jackson’s prisoners. City of Jackson shall furnish all transportation for prisoners to and from the Gallia County Jail for any and all purposes. Gallia County shall receive City of Jackson prisoners who are lawfully committed into custody upon being furnished with a copy of the process of

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commitment/booking/medical paperwork, and City of Jackson shall provide all other proper documentation for said commitment. 3. Gallia County shall maintain the Gallia County Jail in accordance with applicable minimum adult detention center standards of the State of Ohio as well as other pertinent laws, rules or regulations. Gallia County shall maintain, support and safely keep City of Jackson prisoners in the same manner and condition as its own prisoners. 4. City of Jackson agrees to pay Gallia County the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per day as full compensation for receiving, supervising, confining & boarding each prisoner. Provided, however, should the actual cost to Gallia exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day by reason of having to confine such prisoner under the provisions of one of the collateral contractual agreements of Gallia County, then the City of Jackson agrees to pay Gallia County the actual cost incurred by Gallia County under its contractual arrangements. 5. For the purpose of determining compensation to be paid, any calendar day or part thereof of confinement, shall constitute one day. 6. Gallia County will invoice City of Jackson monthly for its use of beds. City of Jackson agrees to pay each invoice within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice. Compensation for rendering of the services hereinbefore described during such calendar month shall be paid by City of Jackson on or before the 15th of each month. 7. City of Jackson shall be responsible for transporting City of Jackson all non-emergency medical and/or dental appointments. In the event a prisoners to City of Jackson prisoner is hospitalized, City of Jackson shall be responsible for the security of such City of Jackson prisoner during their hospital stay. 8. City of Jackson agrees they are responsible for the cost and expense of all medical, dental, vision, and prescriptions required by a City of Jackson prisoner. 9. City of Jackson authorizes Gallia County to determine whether and when a City of Jackson prisoner requires emergency medical and/or dental care. Gallia County will immediately notify the shift commander or other officer in charge designated by City of Jackson when Gallia County has authorized the removal of a City of Jackson prisoner for emergency medical and/or dental care. 10. City of Jackson agrees that upon notice that a City of Jackson prisoner has been removed for emergency medical, and/or dental care, City of Jackson shall immediately assume responsibility for guarding such City of Jackson prisoner until he or she is returned to the Gallia County Jail. Written notice shall be given under this paragraph as soon as practicable after a prisoner has been removed for emergency medical and/or dental care. 11. City of Jackson agrees they are responsible for any ambulance/life squad fees as well as Forty dollars (\$40.00) per hour fee payable to Gallia County for the personnel to provide the medical escort to and/or from the emergency room and/or until such time as City of Jackson has relieved Gallia County from the medical escort for all City of Jackson prisoners. (Minimum 2-hourcharge) 12. Gallia County agrees that where hospital service is required for any such prisoner, such services shall be provided at Holzer Medical Center, unless the emergency of the situation prevents such use. 13. Gallia County agrees to obtain written approval from City of Jackson before obtaining any non-emergency medical, and/or dental device or appliance for a City of Jackson prisoner. Examples of such devices and appliances include but are not limited to eyeglasses, trusses and braces. City of Jackson agrees to pay for the cost of any approved device or appliance plus all care and services related to providing any approved item. 14. City of Jackson may elect to allow City of Jackson prisoners to use the inmate medical and/or dental services contracted by Gallia County for non-emergency care. City of Jackson shall notify Gallia County of such elections in writing. If Lawrence County so elects, City of Jackson agrees to pay the pertinent Medicaid rates established under HB 66 for all medical services provided and billed to City of Jackson prisoners. 15. Gallia County will provide invoices, as received by providers, to City of Jackson. City of Jackson agrees to pay these within thirty (30) days of receipt directly to the provider of services. 16. In the event of the death of a prisoner, Gallia County shall not be liable for any costs or expenses related to said death. City of Jackson shall pay for all expenses and costs related to said death. 17. Gallia County reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject, refuse, and/or have removed, any City of Jackson prisoner regardless of contracted bed availability. City of Jackson agrees to promptly (without delay) respond to Gallia County's request for the removal of any City of Jackson prisoner(s). 18. Gallia County shall not be responsible for returning a City of Jackson prisoner to City of Jackson upon the completion of said prisoner's sentence. City of Jackson shall pick up all prisoners who have completed their sentence and release them from their facilities. 19. Gallia County may maintain and support a City of Jackson prisoner whose confinement extends beyond the terms of this Agreement consistent with the terms set forth in this Agreement or any subsequent modification or agreement entered into between the parties. 20. City of Jackson shall reimburse Gallia County for any and all damage to the Gallia County Jail, its fixtures, appliances, equipment or other property owned by Gallia, caused by City of Jackson prisoners, intentionally or negligently. 21. City of Jackson shall have no obligation to reimburse Gallia for ordinary wear and tear to Gallia's real and personal property or for any personal injury to any of Gallia County's officials, agents, or employees caused by City of Jackson's prisoners. 22. City of Jackson prisoners confined in the Gallia County Jail shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Gallia County Jail, which apply to all the prisoners therein. 23. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be received by the Gallia County Sheriff as a prisoner in the Gallia County Jail. 24. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to create or establish the relationship of a partnership, joint venture or other business organization between the parties hereto nor to create an agency, representative or employment relationship between the parties. Neither party nor their respective employees shall be considered an employee of the other party, nor shall they acquire or be entitled to any compensation, rights, benefits and/or participation of any kind whatsoever offered by the other party, including, without limitation, participation in Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, worker's compensation coverage and/or benefits, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, unemployment compensation, disability and severance pay. 25. No City of Jackson prisoner, other person, or organization, other than the parties hereto shall have any interest hereunder, and nothing contained herein shall be construed so as to give any City of Jackson prisoner, other person or organization other than the parties hereto any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect to this Agreement. 26. Gallia County and the City of Jackson shall maintain liability insurance coverage in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000. 27. Gallia County and the City of Jackson shall provide each other with written proof of coverage. 28. If City of Jackson is not a CORSA insured county, City of Jackson shall, if possible, name Gallia County as an additional insured under City of Jackson's liability insurance. 29. Gallia County and City of Jackson are not responsible for the action(s) or inaction of the other including their respective employees, officers, or agents and shall not be liable in damages to the other for services rendered or failure to render services under this agreement including but not limited to inadequacy of equipment, or for the negligence, misfeasance or nonfeasance of their employees or for any other cause related to the rendering of services under this agreement. 30. The term of this Agreement shall be from the \_ day of , 2023 and continue until December 31, 2023. 31. This Agreement may be modified, extended and/or terminated upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Any such extension, modification and/or termination shall not become effective until set forth in writing and executed by both parties. 32. City of Jackson agrees to remove and transport City of Jackson prisoners from Gallia County within five (5) days of the termination date. 33. The law of the State of Ohio shall apply to the

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construction and interpretation of this Agreement and any dispute between the parties shall be determined in the Gallia County, Ohio Common Pleas Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands on the following dates with signatures.

This agreement shall be effective the day of , 2023.

**Gallia County Board of Commissioners**

*s/David K. Smith, President*

*s/Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President*

*s/Leslie Henry, Commissioner*

**Sheriff of Gallia County**

Matt Champlin, Sheriff,

**Approved as to form:**

Jason Holdren, Gallia County Prosecutor

**City of Jackson Council**

*s/Randy Evans, Mayor*

**Chief of City of Jackson**

Chief Brett J. Hinsch

**REVISED - PY ' 2022 CDBG TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION APPROVAL**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented a Revised PY 2022 CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant Application to the Gallia County Commissioners for approval, noting the only change is the matching funds will be provided by the state ARC grant number GOA-AD-23-64. CDBG Target of Opportunity grant application requests \$244,500 for the GCJFS Jackson Pike Workforce Center Project. Project and funding breakdown are as follows:

- The total CDBG TOPP grant request is \$244,500, with \$114,300 local match from Gallia County's ARPA Fund and \$175,000 local match from State ARC grant # GOA-AD-23-64 for total project cost of \$533,800
  - Project cost breakdown: \$478,500 Building Renovation + \$45,300 Engineering
  - Administration; \$10,000 CDBG Target of Opportunity grant

President Smith entertained a motion that the grant application be revised and signed by the Commission as presented and the County ED Fund letter of commitment dated 4/20/2023 is hereby void. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

**RESPONSE TO MONITORING REPORT B-C-18-1AY-1, B-C-18-1AY-2 & S-C-18-1AY-1**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a letter of response to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development's monitoring report for approval and signing for the following CDBG, HOME & OHTF grants: B-C-18-1AY-1, B-C-18-1AY-2 & S-C-18-1AY-1. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded a motion to approve and sign the response letter as presented. Roll call votes: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

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TO: ODOD, OCD

FROM: GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RE: Monitoring Report; B-C-18-1AY-1, B-C-18-1AY-2, and S-C-18-1AY-1

Gallia County understands and does hereby confirm that we will adhere to all program regulations and the residential rehabilitation standards.

In reference to repeated finding #1, all contracts for assistance in the future will contain specific start and completion dates as required in Section F of the Housing Handbook.

In reference to repeated finding #2, all client/project files will contain the required "Final Inspection and Client Satisfaction Form" We understand that a project is not considered completed until the project has been inspected and the form signed by the rehab specialist and the client, uploaded into OCEAN and that this form shall be in all project files.

In reference to repeated finding #3, Gallia County understands that all mortgage liens are restricted for a period of two to five years. Both Gallia and Meigs Counties, with the assistance of the Vinton County Commissioners Development Department is releasing the existing mortgages and will be recording new mortgages with a term of five years from the

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original mortgage date. Gallia County confirms that all mortgage liens in the future will have a maximum term of five years.

In reference to repeated finding #4, Gallia County understands that in the future, all HOME Written Agreements shall meet the requirements of OCD Program Policy Notice 15-03 and CFR 92.504. The current HOME Written Agreements are being modified to assure that the term and total amount of assistance equals the amount of the contract plus any change order and have a term of five years.

In reference to repeated finding #5, Gallia County understands that all client/project files must have an executed proceed order separate from the contract. We further understand that the order must be issued to the contractor prior to the date stated in the contract documents.

In reference to repeated finding #6, Gallia County understands that all client/project files shall contain a written, itemized cost estimate. We further understand that this cost estimate shall be generated before bids are solicited and be based on factual sources. All projects in the future will comply with the requirements of the OCD Housing Handbook, Page 16, C, items 1 and 2.

In reference to repeated finding #7, Gallia County understands that all client/project files in the future will contain documentation to indicate that all of the inspection and tests as required in the RRS, Appendix A were conducted.

In reference to repeated finding #8, the Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will be performing an inspection of the homes listed below using the RRS Appendix 1-A form A "scope of work" will then be developed to bring the home up to RRS standards, the home owner shall select contractors from their approved contractor list and the work will be completed at no cost to the homeowner. The RRS Appendix 1-A form, project specifications and initial inspection report will be provided to OCD prior to sending the project out for bid.

- Deborah Oliver
- Shannon Smith
- Tana Imboden

In reference to repeated finding #9, No projects were identified with #9, however three projects, indicated below, were identified with repeated finding #8 that had no site visit, and had a low dollar amount for a rehabilitation. Based on that, the Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will be performing an inspection of the homes listed below using the RRS Appendix 1-A form A "scope of work" will then be developed to bring the home up to RRS standards, the home owner shall select contractors from their

approved contractor list and the work will be completed at no cost to the homeowner. The RRS Appendix 1-A form, project specifications and initial inspection report will be provided to OCD prior to sending the project out for bid.

- Jason Johnson
- Mary Pendleton
- Heather Bable

In regards to the miscellaneous project specific advisories and findings;

- Judith McHaffie, 10 Rail Street

o The Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will be performing an inspection of the ramp installed on the home. A "scope of work" will then be developed to bring the ramp up to ADA standards, the home owner shall select contractors from their approved contractor list and the work will be completed at no cost to the homeowner.

- Lena Bailey, 49168 Owl Hollow Road

o Gallia County understands that all future projects must be completed by the completion date that is indicated on the contract and/or the written notice to proceed. In the event that this is not possible, a change order shall be executed extending the completion date. Also, see repeated finding #2 for our understanding of the definition of project completion.

- Marilyn Miller, 225 Broadway Street

o Gallia County understands that for all future projects, per the Housing Handbook, Section 3.B. requires us to check the federal debarred contractor list for all contractors and sub-contractors on all federally assisted projects. A copy of the page that indicates such can be obtained by checking the Sam.gov website, printing, and placing a copy in each file

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· Angie Bass, 30975 Roy Jones Road

o Gallia County understands that all for all future projects income eligibility documentation must meet the requirements of 24 CFR 92.203 (2) (d) (2); reexamination of income if more than six months have elapsed. Gallia County will also adhere to the anticipating income requirements found at 24 CFR 92.203

o Gallia County understands that for all future rehabilitation projects, the RRS Appendix 1-A form shall be completed and placed in the file as required in RRS Appendix 7-A

o Gallia County understands that all future projects involving rehabilitation require a mandatory pre-bid meeting, proof of which shall be in the project files and contractors that do not attend the meeting shall not be permitted to bid.

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· Deborah Oliver, 955 State Route 7

o Gallia County understands that all for all future projects income eligibility source documentation must meet the anticipating income requirements of 24 CFR 92.203 and that all source documentation shall be collected and placed in each project file.

o Gallia County understands that 24 CFR part 35 requires a lead-based paint risk assessment be performed on all homes constructed prior to 1978 and confirms that they will comply with this requirement on all future projects.

§ Because this was not done on this home the Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will be conducting a risk assessment before the repairs to this home are made, as well as clearance testing after the repairs are made.

o Gallia County understands that on all future projects, the homeowner shall be given a list of contractors to choose from and that only the contractors that are chosen from this list shall be invited to bid. The completed form shall then be kept in the project file.

o Gallia County understands that all project files shall contain documentation to clearly explain why a contract was not awarded to the low bidder in the rare event that happens.

o The Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will verify that the basement space is no longer being used as a bedroom as we were told.

o The Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will be performing an inspection of the home using the RRS Appendix 1-A form. A "scope of work" will then be developed to bring the home up to RRS standards, the home owner shall select contractors from their approved contractor list and the work will be completed at no cost to the homeowner. The RRS Appendix 1-A form, project specifications and initial inspection report will be provided to OCD prior to sending the project out for bid.

· Aja Blackwell-Collins, 700 Brownell Ave.

o The Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will work with the homeowner, South Eastern Ohio Habitat for Humanity, the Meigs County Commissioners, and the Meigs County Recorder's office to release the existing mortgage and record a new mortgage that contains resale provisions which limit the sale of the property to low-to-moderate income households.

· Shannon Smith, 34095 New Lima Road

o Gallia County understands that 24 CFR part 35 requires a lead-based paint risk assessment be performed on all homes constructed prior to 1978 and confirms that they will comply with this requirement on all future projects. We further understand that if lead-based paint hazards are found during this assessment and the project hard costs exceed \$25,000.00 that all hazards must be addressed by valid, licensed abatement contractors as outlined in chapter 7 of the RRS and per HUD's 24 CFR part 35.

o Gallia County understands that coordination with Ohio Historical Preservation Office is a required component of the tier two environmental review process as detailed in 24 CFR part 58. All future projects requiring coordination shall meet this requirement and documentation placed in the project file that demonstrates if the project was exempt or if clearance was obtained.

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o Gallia County understands that on all future projects, the homeowner shall be given a list of contractors to choose from and that only the contractors that are chosen from this list shall be invited to bid. The completed form shall then be kept in the project file.

o Gallia County understands that all future projects involving rehabilitation require a mandatory pre-bid meeting, proof of which shall be in the project files and contractors that do not attend the meeting shall not be permitted to bid.

o Gallia County understands that all projects that are expected to exceed the limits of assistance set by OCD must have written permission before the funds are expended.

o During the site visit, OCD notated several areas of concern, water heater, smoke detectors, hose bibs, roof, etc. The Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will be performing an inspection of the home using the RRS Appendix 1-A form. A "scope of work" will then be developed to bring the home up to RRS standards, the home owner shall select contractors from their approved contractor list and the work will be completed at no cost to the homeowner. The RRS Appendix 1-A form, project specifications and initial inspection report will be provided to OCD prior to sending the project out for bid.

· Tana Imboden, 39822 State Route 143

o This was a home repair project in which a new roof was installed with numerous and obvious problems that failed to meet the ensuring quality work standards of RRS 1.8.2 The Vinton County Commissioners Development Department will be performing an inspection of the home. A "scope of work" will then be developed to assure that the roof is installed correctly, the focus of the inspection will also include the eaves and rakes of the home to assure that the soffits, fascia, gutters and downspouts and any damage caused to the interior of the home from the leaking roof. The home owner shall select contractors from their approved contractor list and the work will be completed at no cost to the homeowner. The RRS Appendix 1-A form, project specifications and initial inspection report will be provided to OCD prior to sending the project out for bid.

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners thanks the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development for your assistance and guidance in this regard. As well, we truly appreciate the partnership with Vinton County Commissioners Development Department to inspect these homes and assist us with rectifying the deficiencies. Gallia County will keep ODDOD, OCD informed as we make headway during 2023 to resolve all issues noted in the monitoring report.

Respectfully submitted,

Gallia County Commissioners

*/David K. Smith, President*

*/Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice-President*

*/Leslie Henry, Commissioner*

#### **AT&T – PHONE POLE REMOVAL**

Tom White, Special Projects Manager provided the Commissioners with request of \$500.00 for AT&T to come and give an estimate on removing the telephone poles around the jail and courthouse. President Smith entertained a motion to approve the request to pay AT&T the \$500 to give the estimate. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

#### **JFS – INTRODUCTION**

Dana Glassburn, DJFS Director met with the Commissioners to introduce them to his new Mobility Manager, Amy Skidmore. Mr. Glassburn explained what Mrs. Skidmore's duties would include. No action taken.

#### **SOUTHEAST OHIO BUILDING DEPARTMENT – PERMITTING**

Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official for Southeast Ohio Building Department presented the Commissioners with a Certificate recognizing and giving Gallia County all rights and privileges to Non-Residential Plan Approvals and Inspections to be performed by SEOD as of May 26, 2023. No action taken.

#### **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official with Southeast Ohio Building Department submitted the follow proclamation for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and M. Leslie Henry seconded the motion to approve. Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea.

#### **Building Safety Month – May 2023**

Whereas Gallia County is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

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Whereas our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

Whereas these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

Whereas Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas "It Starts With You," The theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and;

Whereas each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Commissioners of Gallia County we do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

*s/*David K. Smith, President

*s/*Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

*s/*Leslie Henry, Commissioner

**OSU EXTENSION OFFICE – MONTHLY UPDATE**

Jordan Penrose, Ag and Natural Resource Educator and Erin Dailey, Extension Educator presented the Commission with an agency update for May of various activities and presented a copy of their newsletter and upcoming events. No action taken.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT – BILLING ISSUES**

Candace Harmon, from the Sewer Department met with the Commissioners to update them and discuss with them of some issues she has had concerning billing and delinquencies. No action taken.

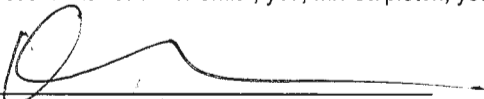
**\*12 pm – Commissioner Leslie Henry left the meeting for other obligations.**

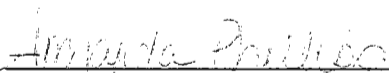
**\*12 pm – Commissioner Smith and Stapleton left to attend the EMS Week luncheon**

**\*1:30 pm – The Commissioners David K. Smith and Q. Jay Stapleton met with Granger and DLZ for the Jail OAC meeting in the Granger field office conference room, 537 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Gallipolis, Ohio.**

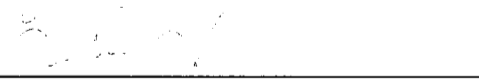
**ADJOURN**

At 2:30 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Q. Jay Stapleton made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, absent.

  
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David K. Smith, President

  
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Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board

  
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Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

  
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Leslie Henry, Commissioner