

MARCH 14, 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 7, 2024 minutes. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
EMA	Tim Miller	3/15/24	Chillicothe	Motorola Dispatch Training
EMA	Zach Thompson	3/15/24	Chillicothe	Motorola Dispatch Training

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. 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
3/10	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	30	1	1	0	17

NEW FUND'S – GALLIA CASA VOLUNTEER GRANT

The Gallia County Juvenile Court presented the Commission with Assistant Volunteer Coordinator project grant award and acceptance form for the Ohio CASA Association grant. The President entertained a motion to approve and accept the grant agreements, and to request the County Auditor's Office to create a new fund for this grant titled Gallia CASA Volunteer Grant, give that grant fund number 414, and to appropriate the \$41,867.20 grant into line items as follows:

Expense line items needed are as follows:

Appropriate	\$33,280.00	414.0414.510200	Salaries
Appropriate	\$2,500	414.0414.530800	Travel
Appropriate	\$500.00	414.0414.532200	Training
Appropriate	\$4,660.00	414.0414.536400	PERS
Appropriate	\$443.00	414.0414.536500	Workers Comp
Appropriate	\$484.20	414.0414.536600	Medicare

Also, create one revenue line item for grant funds pay-ins as follows:

Create	414.3000.400100	\$41,867.20	Grant Revenue
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David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

SHERIFF CRUISERS

County Administrator Brian Rutherford requested of the Commission a decision on either purchasing or financing the four new cruisers. Mr. Rutherford stated he had contacted the bank to confirm they would waive the pre-payment penalty in the event that the County would want to pay off the loan early. President Stapleton entertained a motion to finance the four cruisers through Farmers Bank (with their offer of 5% interest). Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – PURCHASE

County Administrator Brian Rutherford requested from the Commissioners permission to purchase a projector and screen for the Commissioner's office. He presented a price from Walmart for the screen in the amount of \$298.78, and a price from CDW for the projector for the amount of \$329.99. President Stapleton entertained a motion to allow Mr. Rutherford to purchase the equipment as requested. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS

At 9:23 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Special Projects Manager Tom White to discuss Jail 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 9:29 a.m.; no action taken.

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CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT (B-F-23-1AY-1) 1ST STATUS REPORT

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 1st Status Report for the period September 1, 2023 thru February 29, 2024 for the County's FY 2023 CDBG Community Development Grant (B-F-23-1AY-1) which has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development before the 3/15/2024 due date. The following project/activities were noted:

- Outreach Center Roof Replacement Project – Grant award \$77,500; Drawn/Expended \$0.00
 - Project Local Match – \$8,500; Expended \$0.00
- GCDD Handicap Parking Lot Paving Project – Grant award \$59,700; Drawn/Expended \$0.00
 - Project Local Match - \$8,520; Expended \$0.00
- Fair Housing – Grant award \$4,800; Drawn/Expended \$276.85
- Administration – Grant award \$20,000; Drawn/Expended \$5,062.01
- Total Grant Award \$162,000; Grant Expended \$5,338.86; Local Match expended \$0.00

Ms. Sprague advised that on 12/7/2023 ODOD approved the County's Environmental Review process and released the project grant funds for the parking lot project so it could proceed to bid. Also, on 2/2/2024 ODOD approved the County's Environmental Review process and released the project grant funds for the roof replacement project so it could proceed to bid. Ms. Sprague also noted she is working on bid/contract docs to get the parking lot project out for bid late March or early April. Also, Project Engineer Randy Breech is working on finalizing the plans & specs for the roof replacement project with an estimated delivery date in April. President Stapleton entertained a motion that the 1st Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD on 3/11/2024. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith 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 CDBG grant files.

CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT (B-X-23-1AY-1) 1ST STATUS REPORT

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 1st Status Report for the period September 1, 2023 thru February 29, 2024 for the County's FY 2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant (B-X-23-1AY-1) which has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development before the 3/15/2024 due date. The following project/activities were noted:

- Professional Fees – Crown City Village Sewer Improvement Project – Grant award \$45,500; Drawn/Expended \$1,966.82
- Crown City Village Sewer Improvement Project – Grant award \$319,000; Drawn/Expended \$0.00
- Administration – Grant award \$30,000; Drawn/Expended \$7,311.11
- Total Grant Award \$394,500; Grant Expended \$9,277.93

Ms. Sprague advised that on 12/27/2023 ODOD approved the County's Environmental Review process and released the project grant funds for the sewer project so it could proceed to bid. Bid Opening was held 2/22/2024, bid awarded 2/29/2024 for project (with the exception of the WWTP sand media replacement that will be awarded separately) and the county signed the contract on 3/7/2024. The pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for 3/28/2024. President Stapleton entertained a motion that the 1st Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD on 3/11/2024. 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 CDBG grant files.

CONTRACT SIGNING**JFS WORKFORCE CENTER PROJECT – BUILDING A RENOVATIONS**

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague provided the Commission with the contract documents for the FY 2022 CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant and ODOD ARC Grant funded project titled JFS Workforce Center Project – Building A Renovations with Scotty Neal dba Neals Home Improvements in the amount of \$228,900. President Stapleton entertained a motion to approve and sign the contract documents as presented. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded this motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

Ashley Kasler and Jake Bodimer from The Gallia County Farm Bureau were in attendance for National Agriculture Week on March 17–24, 2024. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the farmers in Gallia County and the Bureau for the hard work. The President entertained a motion to approve the proclamation. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion to proclaim the following; Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

Agriculture: Food for Life
Proclamation
National Agriculture Week
 March 17-23, 2024

American agriculture is the foundation of our country. It's the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation, made possible by the hard work of America's farms and farm families. However, the average American is now at least three

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generations removed from the farm. In fact, farm and ranch families make up less than 2 percent of the U.S. population, resulting in disconnect between food and fiber and the people whose hard work, dedication, and passion bring us all to the table.

Not only does American agriculture produce food, fiber, and renewable resource products, but agriculture is essential to maintaining a strong economy, and is dedicated to ensuring Americans have access to safe, abundant, and affordable products. When you factor in all the jobs involved in processing, distributing and marketing food and fiber products, you see that American agriculture is truly everywhere and touches everyone in almost every way. Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

Now, therefore, we, the Gallia County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim **March 17-23, 2024** as National Agriculture Week. We call upon citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce an abundance of agricultural products that strengthen and enrich our community and our nation.

s/R. Jay Stapleton, President

s/Leslie Henry, Vice President

s/David K. Smith, Commissioner

ENGINEERS – BID OPENING
GAL-CR VAR-RESURF-FY24 PROJECT

At 11:00 a.m. President Stapleton opened the following bids for the GAL-CR VAR-RESURF-FY24 Project for the following roads: Jackson Pike, Mitchell Rd, McCormick Rd, Addison Pike, Bulaville Pike and Tycoon Rd.

Company	Total Bid
Shelly Company	\$2,437,415.25

The bids were turned over to the county engineer office for review and recommendation. The following were in attendance: Joseph Nicholas from the Shelly Co., and Adam Edwards, Gallia County Engineer office.

ENGINEERS – BID OPENING
2024 GALLIA COUNTY RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

At 11:15 a.m. President Stapleton opened the following bids for the 2024 Gallia County Reconstruction and Improvements Project for the following roads: Harrisburg Rd., Davis Rd, Sugar Creek, Victory Rd, Johnson Rd, Honeysuckle, Dan Jones, and Swan Creek Rd.

Company	Total Bid
Shelly Company Chip Seal	\$578,720.35
Shelly Company Paving	\$646,283.00
SC Co. & Materials LLC	\$495,589.25

The bids were turned over to the county engineer office for review and recommendation. The following were in attendance: Joseph Nicholas from the Shelly Co., Jamie Conn from SC Co. & Materials, and Adam Edwards, Gallia County Engineer office.

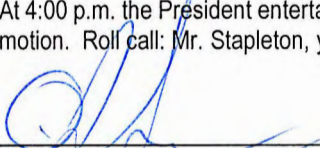
EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At 1:44 p.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Cole Massie, Economic Development to discuss contracts and matters to be kept confidential. 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 2:04 p.m.; no action taken.

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ADJOURN

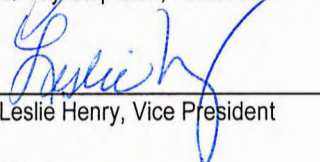
At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.



Q. Jay Stapleton, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Leslie Henry, Vice President

ABSENT

David K. Smith, Commissioner