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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 April 29, 2024 minutes. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Commissioners	Brian Rutherford Tom White	5/8/24-5/9/24	Dublin, OH	Bricker Graydon Construction Training

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. David K. Smith made 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
4/28	3	1	2	0	5	0	0	0	8	27	0	0	0	19

ADAMH – BOARD APPOINTMENT

A letter was received from Robin Harris, Executive Director of the Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health requesting the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Mathis to a four-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028. According to ORC, Dr. Mathis would be eligible for appointment to a second term should the Commissioners so choose. The President entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Mathis as requested by Ms. Harris. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

The President entertained the motion to approve the following proclamation. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
RESOLUTION**

Whereas, we are one nation under God; and

Whereas, nationally May 2, 2024, is recognized as the National Day of Prayer; and

Whereas, the theme for the 2024 National Day of Prayer observation is

“LIFT UP THE WORD – LIGHT UP THE WORLD”

For You are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God – his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

2 Samuel 22:29-31

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that we, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2, 2024, for all citizens in Gallia County; and

Be it Further Resolved, that we urge all Gallia County citizens to pray for our nation and community, each according to his or her own faith; and

Be it Further Resolved that we invite all Gallia County citizens to join us at the Gallia County Courthouse steps on May 2, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock noon to pray together.

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Therefore be it Resolved, that we, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, in adopting this resolution, encourage all citizens in Gallia County to join in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this second day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand Twenty-four.

s/Q. Jay Stapleton, President
s/Leslie Henry, Vice President
s/David K. Smith, Commissioner

WASHINGTON COUNTY – LETTER OF SUPPORT – HOUSE BILL 469

Zach Space, on behalf of the Washington County Board of Commissioners submitted a request for a Letter of Support from the Commissioners. The letter would be for support in advocating for House Bill 469. If passed, this bill will lead to the establishment of The Ohio River Commission of Ohio (ORCO). The goal of ORCO is to develop and promote economic development, marine cargo terminal operations, and travel and tourism on the Ohio River and its tributaries. President Stapleton entertained a motion to sign the letter of support as submitted by Mr. Space. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

WASHINGTON COUNTY – LETTER OF SUPPORT – BROADBAND

Zach Space, on behalf of the Washington County Board of Commissioners submitted a request for a Letter of Support from the Commissioners. The letter would be for support for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. President Stapleton entertained a motion to sign the letter of support as submitted by Mr. Space. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:42 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Grant Administrator Karen Sprague and 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 9:55 a.m.; No action taken.

DJFS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:00 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 10:09 a.m.; No action taken.

DJFS – NEW HIRE

Dana Glassburn, GCDJFS, recommended the following new hire, with an effective hire date to be determined by the Director upon successful completion of preliminary employment screening processes and in accordance with ORC 5101:2-33-55 (B)(1). Compensation will be set as per the collective bargaining agreement. Leslie Henry moved to accept the recommendation from Mr. Glassburn, Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

Julie Ours – Employment Services Unit Aide-Classification Number 64205 Position control # 31011.0

DJFS – RESIGNATION

Dana Glassburn, JFS Director, requests the Commissioners' acceptance of the resignation of Brylee Canterbury, which was received by Director Glassburn on April 30, 2024, via email, to be effective on April 30, 2024, the effective date requested by Ms. Canterbury. Q. Jay Stapleton entertained a motion to accept the resignation as presented by Mr. Glassburn. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

DJFS - RESIGNATION

President Stapleton entertained a motion upon the recommendation of JFS Director Dana Glassburn, to accept the resignation of Miranda Lambert effective May 31, 2024, from the Fiscal Specialist position, a non-bargaining unit position. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

DJFS – NEW HIRE

President Q. Jay Stapleton entertained a motion upon the recommendation of JFS Director Dana Glassburn, to hire Miranda Lambert to fill vacant bargaining unit position of Eligibility Referral Case Manager 2, position control #21004.0, classification number 17223 with the effective date of June 3, 2024. Compensation will be set as per the collective bargaining agreement. As a condition of employment, authorizing unpaid absence, as established prior to this date for existing pre-paid vacations, (established dates are on file in the employees personnel file at JFS). Leslie Henry moved

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to accept the recommendation from Mr. Glassburn, Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

2024 EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION

The President entertained the motion to approve the following proclamation. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

2024 EMS Week Proclamation

"HONORING OUR PAST, FORGING OUR FUTURE."

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service to the people and communities of Gallia County; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care significantly improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency care personnel, including skilled dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, physicians, complete thousands of hours of specialized training and education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, people in Gallia County benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these individuals and their unselfish dedication to Gallia County citizens and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Gallia County Commissioners in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 - 25, 2024, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

throughout Gallia County and we commend this observance to all Gallia County citizens.

s/R. Jay Stapleton, President

s/Leslie Henry, Vice President

s/David K. Smith, Commissioner

FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM

Rio Grande Fire Chief Matt Neal met with the Commissioners to discuss the First Responder Program. No action taken.

Also in attendance were: Centerville Fire Chief, Gallipolis City Fire Chief, EMS Director Keith Wilson and Mike Daines from District 2 FD Board.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Brittany Muncie from the Gallia County Health Department met with the Commissioner to request permission to apply for the Enhanced Operations Grant. David K. Smith moved to allow Ms. Muncie to move forward with the application of the Grant, Leslie Henry seconded. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

GREEN 1 SEWER RESIDENTS– POST SEWER CONCERNS

Beth McGhee Frazier and Steven Wilcoxon, residents of Debbie Drive met with the Commissioners to express their concerns that they feel are a result of the Green 1 Sewer Project. Both residents also stated they would like the survey pins to be replaced on their properties that were removed by the Company that installed the sewer system. No action taken.

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 25-403-23

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SENIOR CENTER – LETTER OF SUPPORT

President Stapleton entertained a motion to sign the Letter of Support for the Senior Center regarding the FY25 Community Project Funding, which would fund a new building for the Center. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea

*12 pm – The Commissioners Office attended the National Day of Prayer Service on the Courthouse steps.

*12 pm – Commissioner Smith left the meeting.

1:30 pm – Commissioner Henry, Sewer Department Clerks Amanda Phillips & Janie Peck attended a Zoom Conference with DLZ’s Tracy Shoults concerning EDU training.

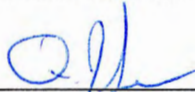
TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
GCDJFS	Dana Glassburn	4/17/24	Jackson, OH	OJFSDA District Mtg.
GCDJFS	Dana Glassburn	5/8/24	Columbus, OH	OJFSDA Meeting
GCDJFS	Dana Glassburn	6/12-13 2024	Columbus, OH	OJFSDA Meetings
GCDJFS	Dana Glassburn	6/18/24	Jackson, OH	OJFSDA District Meeting

DJFS – TRAVEL REQUESTS

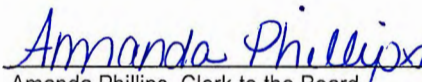
The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted by DJFS Director Dana Glassburn. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

ADJOURN

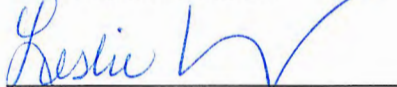
At 3:39 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.



 Q. Jay Stapleton, President



 Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



 Leslie Henry, Vice President



 David K. Smith, Commissioner