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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 May 2, 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
5/5	15	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	37	0	0	0	19

LEAVE DONATION APPLICATION

Commissioners received leave donation applications going to Richard Eugene Valentine (911) from Wayne Sweeney (911). Total hours 8.34 for the pay period dated 4/20/2024-5/4/2024.

President Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the leave donation application as requested. David K. Smith made and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

WORKERS COMP RENEWAL

Clerk to the Board Amanda Phillips presented the Commission with the 2025 CCAO Group Retrospective Rating Program Enrollment to be signed. President Stapleton entertained a motion to sign the agreement as presented. David K. Smith moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

TASC LEASE

Clerk to the Board Amanda Phillips submitted the Commissioners with a 2-year lease for TASC, in the amount of \$1900 per month for two years beginning May 1, 2024 for approval. President Stapleton entertained a motion to allow him to sign the lease on behalf of the County. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

MEMO ENTRY – GALLIA COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING – SENIOR RESOURCE RENEWAL LEVY

The Senior Resource Renewal Levy verbiage was returned from the Auditor's Office. The Council on Aging will be notified and they will then send it to the Board of Elections. No action taken.

VETERANS – MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE

Commissioners received the following request for funds to defray the Memorial Day expenses for 2024 in the amount of \$500.00: VFW 4464. The President entertained a motion to approve as submitted. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Daines, Jeremy Kroll, Steven McDaniel, Engineer Brett Boothe and Ryan Geiger were in attendance, but not on the current agenda. At 9:45 President Stapleton addressed the individuals, asking them to present the Commission with any concerns they may have. During this discussion Point of Order was emphasized to ensure that discussion was productive and on topic. Steven McDaniel and Ryan Geiger proposed questions on multiple topics including: the new jail location and costs, ARPA money, Gallia Co. fairground funding and road conditions.

*The Gallia County Commission follows the Open Meeting Act (OMA) guidelines found within the Ohio Sunshine Laws. The Commission encourages the public to attend the meetings and to participate in an orderly and respectful manner. No action taken.

OPWC GRANT PRE-APPLICATION – BURKHART LANE SLIP REPAIR

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with an OPWC Emergency Grant pre-application that has been submitted on behalf of Gallipolis Township & Gallipolis City for the Burkhart Lane Slip Repair Project. Pre-Application OPWC emergency grant request amount is \$485,550. Total project cost is \$539,500 with funding breakdown as follows:

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- Burkhart Lane Slip Repair Project; \$485,550 OPWC Emergency Grant
- Gallia County ARPA Local Match; \$33,950
- Gallipolis Township; \$10,000
- Gallipolis City; \$10,000

Project costs breakdown is \$539,500 as follows:

- Burkhart Lane Slip Repair = \$456,500
- DLZ Engineering Contract = \$83,000

Ms. Sprague noted the Pre-Application is required for OPWC emergency grants and if approved the state will then allow a full application to be submitted in their online portal called WorksWise. Ms. Sprague noted the County will also need to approve a resolution for use of the ARPA funds as local match and the Cooperative Agreement between Gallia County, Gallipolis Township & Gallipolis City. Jay Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the grant pre-application as submitted and the Cooperative Agreement as noted below. Leslie Henry made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

City of Gallipolis, Gallipolis Township and the Gallia County Commissioners enter into a cooperation agreement to submit an OPWC Emergency grant application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Burkhart Lane Slip Repair Project.

City of Gallipolis will provide funds equal to \$10,000 or 1.85% percent of the total project cost. Such funds will come from the M&R Streets account/fund.

Gallipolis Township will provide funds equal to \$10,000 or 1.85% percent of the total project cost. Such funds will come from the gasoline account/fund.

Gallia County Commissioners will provide funds equal to \$33,950 or 6.3% percent of the total project cost. Such funds will come from the American Recovery Plan Fund #384.

Gallipolis City, Gallia County Commissioners and Gallipolis Township authorize Gallipolis Township to serve as lead applicant for the OPWC Emergency Grant and to sign all necessary documents.

Gallipolis City agrees to pay its 1.85% percentage of the cost as invoices are due.

Gallipolis Township agrees to pay its 1.85% percentage of the cost as invoices are due.

Gallia County Commissioners agree to pay its 6.3% percentage of the cost as invoices are due.

s/ John Westfall 5/6/2024

John Westfall, Interim Gallipolis City Manager Date

Harry Dean Brownell 5/6/2024

H. Dean Brownell, President Gallipolis Township Trustees Date

Q. Jay Stapleton 5/6/2024

Q. Jay Stapleton, President Gallia County Commissioners Date

RESOLUTION

David K. Smith introduced the following resolution and moved for its passage:

A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the American Recovery Plan Fund, #384, for the purpose of Community Development Block Grant-Target of Opportunity Grant Local Match

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WHEREAS, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2 [H.R. 1319], signed into law March 11, 2021 ("ARPA"), appropriated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the "Fund") payments from the U.S. Treasury Secretary to metropolitan cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ARPA's Fund methodology, Gallia County was allocated approximately \$5,800,000 (the "Fund Payment") to "mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)"; and,

WHEREAS, in response to this economic crisis, the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury Department") is providing such relief to state and local governments to enable them to continue to support the public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery; and,

WHEREAS, the ARPA and its supporting guidance issued by the Treasury Department provide that the Fund Payment may only be used by the County to finance costs that (a) respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (b) respond to workers performing essential work; (c) provide government services to the extent of reduction in revenue; and (d) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively, "Criteria"); and,

WHEREAS, so long as the County duly directs its Fund Payment to finance those costs in compliance with the Criteria, the County may use the Fund Payment to offset the County's various fiscal effects from COVID-19 during the period beginning March 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024 (the "Covered Period"); and,

WHEREAS, the County received some or all of the Fund Payment directly from the Treasury Department and such Fund Payments has been or will be deposited into special revenue fund, #384 titled American Recovery Plan Fund, created and maintained by the County to cover only expenditures consistent with ARPA, including the criteria and applicable regulations; and,

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2022 Gallia County Board of Commissioners deemed the entirety of the County's Fund Payment under the "standard allowance" with respect to loss due to COVID-19. All as set forth under the ARPA, the Criteria, and its supporting Guidance, and as specifically authorized under 31 CFR 35.6(d)(1), to wit: "the reduction in the recipient's general revenue due to the public health emergency over the period of performance will be deemed to be ten million dollars".

WHEREAS, this expenditure (grant match) is aligned with the project code 6.1, Provision of Government Services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners approve the use of ARPA fiscal recovery funds as a provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency for OPWC Emergency Grant application local match in partnership with Gallipolis Township & Gallipolis City consistent with the allowable use noted in the recitals above and in the U.S. Treasury guidance as of the date of this resolution.

The approval for use is as follows: OPWC Emergency Grant application local match in partnership with Gallipolis Township & Gallipolis City in the amount of \$33,950 for the Burkhart Lane Slip Repair Project. The stated OPWC Goal for an Emergency Grant is to provide funding for projects that address immediate health and safety threats.

Seconded by Leslie Henry, and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken

Roll call:

Mr. Stapleton ___x_ Yea ___ Nay

Ms. Henry ___x_ Yea ___ Nay

Mr. Smith ___x_ Yea ___ Nay

ADOPTED: this 9th day of May, 2024

s/Q. Jay Stapleton
Q. Jay Stapleton, President

s/Amanda Phillips
Amanda Phillips, Clerk of the Board

s/Leslie Henry
Leslie Henry, Vice President

s/David K. Smith
David K. Smith, Commissioner

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STATE ARC GRANT (S-P-21-1AY-1) 4th STATUS REPORT

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 4th Status Report for the period May 1, 2022 thru April 30, 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 \$68,531.45
- o Project Local Match – 2022 FAA Grant \$106,875; Expended \$106,875
- o Project Local Match – 2023 ODOT Grant \$5,937; Expended \$5,937
- o FAA & ODOT Design grants completed. Gallia County was awarded a BIL ATP Airport Terminal Construction Project grant in the amount of \$1.9 million. All phases of the terminal project go to bid 5/30/2024 & if bids are within the engineers estimate the final grant application will be submitted to the FAA by 6/17/2024.

Jay Stapleton entertained a motion that the 4th Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD. Leslie Henry made and 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.

911 – GENERATOR REPAIR

911 Director Sherry Daines met with the Commissioners to request the authority to have the generator that serves the EMS and 911 building repaired. She provided a quote from Buckeye Power Sales in the amount of \$7,744.70 to upgrade the controller and sensors to a Universal Deep Sea controller. David K. Smith moved to approve the upgrade as presented, Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH – PROCLAMATION

Area Agency on Aging District 7, Director of Community Outreach and Training Jenni Lewis submitted the following proclamation for approval. Leslie Henry moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion to approve. Roll calls: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea. Also, in attendance were: AAA7 Megan Remy and Bonnie Buchanan; Loretta Schuyler, Nancy Alderigi, Sandra Ross and Mindy Caldwell from the Gallia County Council on Aging.

Whereas, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Gallia County older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

Whereas, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

Whereas, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationship, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

Whereas, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

Whereas, Gallia County must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities – reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness.

Now, therefore, we, the Gallia County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community.

We call upon all residents to join us in recognizing the contributions to our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2024

s/ R. Jay Stapleton, President

s/ Leslie Henry, Vice President

s/ David K. Smith, Commissioner

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PROSECUTOR – DELINQUENT TAX FORCLOSURES

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

GCDD – GCDD HANDICAP PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT - BID OPENING

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

Company	Total Bid
Myers Paving	\$67,008.85
McKee Paving	\$68,808.00

The bids were turned over to Grant Administrator Karen Sprague for review and a recommendation.

SHERIFF – VEHICLE FLEET

Sheriff Matt Champlin and Chief Deputy Troy Johnson met with the Commission to request two more cruisers (Dodge Durango's). They shared some plans they had that would cut some of the cost on the upfit of the cruiser and also a plan on the vehicles they can sell on GovDeals. Leslie Henry moved to purchase two more cruisers as requested. David K. Smith moved to amend Leslie's motion of two cruiser, to one cruiser. Leslie seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

DJFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENTS

Director Dana Glassburn presented the commissioners the following agreement:

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
SUBGRANT AGREEMENT
G-SFY24-0015
RECITALS**

This Subgrant Agreement between the Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services, (hereinafter referred to as "CDJFS") located at 848 3rd Avenue, Gallipolis OH 45631 and Gallia-Vinton Educational Center, PO Box 178 Rio Grande, OH 45674, (hereinafter referred to as "subgrantee"). SUBGRANTEE hereby accepts the Subgrant and agrees to comply with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

This Subgrant Agreement is made pursuant to the following federal award: Child Support Enforcement Research CFDA 93.564 (original award date 6/29/2021; FAIN# 90FD0244) Federal Award signed ON 4/18/2024. At the time of signing the subgrant the FFY25 CFDA Federal Award had not been signed. CDJFS will update Federal Award sign date once received.

This Subgrant Agreement will be in effect from May 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, unless this Subgrant Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to ARTICLE VII prior to the above termination date. This grant is in the total amount of One hundred and sixty-seven thousand and twenty-eight dollars. (\$167,028.00)

The President entertained a motion to approve the agreement upon the recommendation of Director Glassburn. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

DJFS – OHIO PLACEMENT CRISIS

Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services Director, Dana Glassburn, highlighted the pressing issue of the placement crisis within Ohio. This crisis is characterized by a severe shortage of suitable placements for children entering the foster care system. This issue is exacerbated by various factors including:

1. Increased Removals: Rising rates of child maltreatment reports have led to a surge in the number of children entering the foster care system, outpacing available placement options.
2. Limited Placement Capacity: Insufficient capacity within the foster care system, including licensed foster homes, group homes, and residential treatment facilities, has contributed to a scarcity of appropriate placements for children in need.
3. Specialized Needs: Many children entering care have complex physical, emotional, or behavioral needs that require specialized placements and services, further straining the availability of suitable placements.

Director Glassburn shared that although Ohio has implemented several new initiatives to assist, it will take time to see significant improvements. Due to the increase in specialized needs for children, Gallia County Child Protective Services (CPS) has and is currently seeking Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) services from across the United States. Securing placement in a PRTF has taken as long as two and a half years. While seeking these services, Gallia County CPS prioritizes the safety, stability, and well-being of children in care to mitigate the immediate concerns through fostercare placement and wraparound mental health as well as other services. Due to limited fostercare placement options in Gallia County, most placements are two or more hours away which exacerbates the situation by removing the children from their local community. Director Glassburn asked the Commission to assist in bringing an awareness to these needs. The Director concluded his report to the Commission by indicating that Gallia CPS is doing everything it can with the resources available and it is important for our community to understand that this crisis is real, and they can assist in addressing this crisis by becoming a Foster Parent. Mr. Glassburn shared they can also find out more about becoming a Foster Parent, by calling 740-446-4963 option 5 and expressed his gratitude for everyone's attention to this critical issue.

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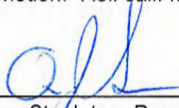
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BID AWARD

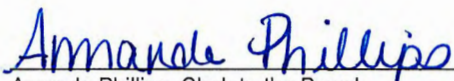
Grant Administrator Karen Sprague informed the Commission that she had reviewed the bids turned in for the GCDD Handicap Parking Lot Paving Project and recommended to accept the bid from Myers Paving. President Stapleton entertained a motion to accept the bid for \$67,008.85 as recommended by Ms. Sprague. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

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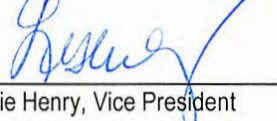
At 2:42 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.



Q. Jay Stapleton, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Leslie Henry, Vice President

Absent

David K. Smith, Commissioner