

DECEMBER 26, 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, absent.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the December 19, 2024 minutes. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

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
12/22	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	7

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

County Administrator Brian Rutherford presented the Commission with the Annual Appropriation Resolution for all funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025. The appropriations totaled as follows:

General Fund

- Appropriations = \$15,056,001.55
- Encumbrances = \$49,535.15

Special Revenue Funds:

- Appropriations = \$ 49,705,434.53
- Encumbrances = \$284,042.40
- Balances Carried Forward = \$21,056,214.50 (Note this will need to be amended with grant fund carryover balances after the final 2023 payroll costs post)

Grand Total All Funds:

- Appropriations = \$67,433,831.75
- Encumbrances = \$221,024.21
- Balances Carried Forward = \$25,991,368.18 (Note this will need to be amended with grant fund carryover balances after the final 2023 payroll costs post)

President Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Appropriation Resolution, noting that the County Auditor will have final authority to utilize any balances carried forward to true up any fund lines and line items which are in a negative balance so as not to end the calendar year of 2024 with any negative balances. Leslie Henry made and Mr. Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call, votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

DLZ – ENERGY CREDIT

Special Projects Manager Tom White presented the Commissioners with an energy credit from DLZ for the Jail that needed signed. This document acknowledged DLZ as the recipient of the tax deduction incentives under §179D of the Internal Revenue Code regarding the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and energy savings. This deduction has no value to Gallia county as it does not pay federal income taxes. Leslie Henry moved to allow President Stapleton to sign the credit, Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call, votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

OHPO PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FOR 2025-2029

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with an amendment to the OHPO Programmatic Agreement between the County and the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office that is needed in order to implement the county's HUD funded grant programs. This amendment will extend the expiration of the agreement until 12/31/2029. Mr. Stapleton entertained a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded a motion that the Programmatic Agreement be approved and signed as presented. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Jay Stapleton, yea; Leslie Henry, yea; David Smith, absent for vote. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

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GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 PAYMENT RESOLUTION # 35

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Resolution # 35 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- Construction - \$773,528.42
- Legal Fees = \$23,373.62
- Engineering: \$0.00
- Administration: \$1,855.58
- Bond/Loan payments: \$0.00
- Other: \$1,000,000.00 (J&H Settlement Agreement)
- Total = \$1,798,757.62

Invoices to be paid as follows:

- Field Excavating Pay Application #14 = \$773,528.42 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Bricker Invoice 2053018 = \$23,373.62 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- GMCAA November 2024 Administration Billing = \$782.82 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- GMCAA December 2024 Administration Billing = \$1,072.76 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- J&H Settlement Agreement = \$1,000,000.00 payment broken down as follows:
 - \$80,000.00 paid by DLZ of Ohio
 - \$20,000.00 paid by AEP Ohio
 - \$900,000.00 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410

Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded a motion to approve payment resolution # 35 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 SETTLEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT #14

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Settlement Fund Disbursement #14 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- Field Excavating Pay Application #14 = \$773,528.42 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Bricker Invoice 2053018 = \$23,373.62 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- GMCAA November 2024 Administration Billing = \$782.82 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- GMCAA December 2024 Administration Billing = \$1,072.76 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- J&H Settlement Agreement = \$1,000,000.00 payment broken down as follows:
 - \$900,000.00 paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Total Settlement Fund Disbursement Request = \$1,698,757.62

Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded a motion to approve the Green Sewer 2 Settlement Fund Disbursement #14 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent for vote.

APIARY INSPECTOR

In accordance with Section 909.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President entertained a motion to appoint Christopher Blank to serve as the county apiary inspector for the 2025 season (approximate season from March 15 to October 31, weather permitting,) Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. The annual appropriation for this service is set at \$2,000.00 and 40 cents a mile. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

2025 NURSE PRACTITIONER AGREEMENTS

Clerk to the Board, Amanda Phillips presented the Commission with the following nurse practitioner agreements for approval with an office visit rate of \$45.00 that is paid by the county from the 105 Plan Fund, further noting these services are free to the county employees, spouses and dependents who are enrolled in healthcare coverage with the County. Contract services remains unchanged from the current 2024 agreement and as with the current agreement, labs and ancillary services beyond approved procedures and costs listed within the agreement were the responsibility of the patient and billed to health insurance or patient accordingly.

- Gallia County Health Department
499 Jackson Pike, Suite, D, Gallipolis, OH
- Smith Family Healthcare, LLP

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- 254 Pinecrest Drive, Gallipolis, OH
- Rio Family Health Care
100 SR 325 S. Rio Grande, OH
- Holzer Health Systems – Retail Clinics
 - Fruth's Pharmacy Gallipolis- 204 2nd Avenue, Gallipolis, OH
 - Fruth's Pharmacy Wellston - 120 W. 2nd St, Wellston, OH
 - Walmart Athens – 929 E. State St. Athens, OH
- Canaday Care LLC
21 Central Avenue, Gallipolis, OH

The President entertained a motion to approve the above stated nurse practitioner agreements for 2025 with an office visit at current rate of \$45.00. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.

OSU EXTENSION OFFICE – MONTHLY UPDATE

Erin Daily, Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development and Tracy Winters presented the Commission with an agency update for December of various activities and presented a copy of their newsletter and upcoming events. No action taken.

MEETING RESCHEDULED

Due to new Commissioner elect Jeremy Kroll not taking office until 1/3/25 and the first meeting of the year being the re-organizational meeting, the President entertained a motion to reschedule the January 2, 2025 meeting to Friday **January 3, 2025** at 9:00 a.m. moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, absent; Mr. Smith, absent.

EMA – TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

EMA/911 Director Sherry Daines met with the Commissioners to have them all sign the Contracts to Furnish Emergency Management from the Townships and Villages that she has received. If the Townships/Village do not sign the contract by December 31, 2024, they will not be able to receive and FEMA dollars. The following Townships were turned in and signed by the Commission:

- Perry
- Village of Cheshire

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONERS – PERSONNEL

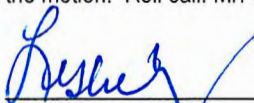
1:03 p.m., the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with the DLZ's Gary Silcott, Tracy Shoults and Grant Administrator Karen Sprague to discuss contracts. Leslie Henry made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent. Returned to regular session at 1: a.m. No action taken.

GREEN SEWER 2 CONSTRUCTION MEETING

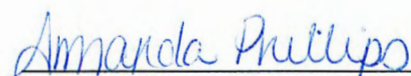
At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners, County Administrator Brian Rutherford, Grant Administrator Karen Sprague, and Clerk to the Board Amanda Phillips attended the Green Sewer 2 Construction monthly meeting in the Commissioners' office. Others in attendance were: DLZ Reps. Gary Silcott, Rob Snedden & Eli Walker and Tracy Shoults, Josh Fields and Bo Cox from Fields Excavating.

ADJOURN

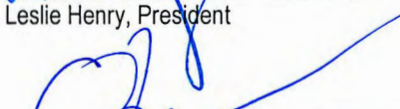
At 2:40 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Leslie Henry moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Stapleton, yea; Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Smith, absent.



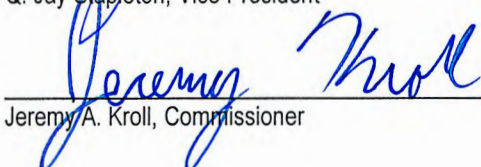
 Leslie Henry, President



 Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



 Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



 Jeremy A. Kroll, Commissioner