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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 Leslie Henry. Roll Call: President Leslie Henry, present; Vice President Jeremy Kroll, present; Commissioner Q. Jay Stapleton, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the March 5, 2026 minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

2026 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
3/8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	23

CLERK – RON EVANS' STATEMENT

Clerk to the Board, Amanda Phillips, stated that on March 9th she received a phone call from Ron Evans, resident on CH&D road who met with the Commissioners last week. Mr. Evan's stated to Ms. Phillips that he had also been in contact with Commissioner Stapleton and would like to put on hold, his request for the following records:

- County Engineer's job description
- County Engineer's salary and benefits
- The Engineer's County credit card transactions
- Records regarding usage of the Engineer's County vehicle
- ORC on Engineer's working hours
- Last 30 days of the Engineer's county phone usage
- Meeting minutes from the March 5, 2026 meeting

EMS – NEW HIRE

Robert Cornwell, EMS Director recommended Tyler Andrews as a full-time Paramedic position, with an effective hire date of April 1, 2026 at the pay rate of \$22.32/hour.

Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

EMS – NEW HIRE

Robert Cornwell, EMS Director recommended Caitlin Bright as an EMT Basic position, with an effective hire date of March 16, 2026 at the pay rate of \$18.96/hour.

Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

EMS – NEW HIRE

Robert Cornwell, EMS Director recommended Kayt Ferguson as Advanced EMT position, with an effective hire date of April 1, 2026 at the pay rate of \$19.95/hour.

Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

EMS – NEW HIRE

Robert Cornwell, EMS Director recommended Kwinlyn Prichett as an EMT Basic position, with an effective hire date of March 16, 2026 at the pay rate of \$18.96/hour.

Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

EMS – MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

EMS Director Robert Cornwell requested from the Commission, permission to change the payments for ambulance transports to Springfield Twp. and D2VFD from current 60% of collected patient fees to a flat \$250.00/call. The average reimbursement for all calls is currently around \$225.00, with several receiving no reimbursement. Mr. Cornwell stated that this change will allow payment on a schedule with no delay on waiting for reimbursements and the time required to submit requests from the billing agency and follow-ups to verify money received. President Henry entertained a motion to authorize the EMS Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Springfield Twp. And D2VFD as presented by Mr. Cornwell. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER No. 26411-24

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EMS – AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS

EMS Director Robert Cornwell recommended the following increases in ambulance fees:

Level	Current Rate	Recommended Rate	Medicare Allowable
A0425 MILEAGE	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$9.15
A0426 ALS, NON TRANSPORT	\$800.00	\$1000.00	\$323.34
A0427 ALS, EMERGENCY	\$800.00	\$1000.00	\$511.95
A0428 BLS, NON EMERGENCY	\$675.00	\$850.00	\$269.45
A0429 BLS, EMERGENCY	\$675.00	\$850.00	\$431.12
A0433 ALS 2, EMERGENCY	\$1000.00	\$1200.00	\$740.98
A0434 SPECIALTY TRANSPORT	\$1100.00	\$2000.00	\$875.70
A0998 NO TRANSPORT/SERVICE ONLY (LIFT ASSISTS, ETC.)	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$511.75

President Henry entertained a motion to approve the recommended rates. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

EMPLOYEE – JFS– RESIGNATION

County Administrator Amanda Phillips requests the Commissioners acceptance of the resignation of DJFS employee Kayla Handley effective March 12, 2026. The President entertained a motion to accept the resignation as recommended by Ms. Phillips. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

FIELD OF HOPE – LETTERS OF SUPPORT

County Administrator Amanda Phillips presented letters of support regarding the FY 27 Community Project for the Field of Hope addressed to Jon Husted and Bernie Moreno's office. President Henry entertained a motion for the Commission to sign the letters as presented by Ms. Phillips. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

RESOLUTION – PROPERTY PURCHASE

County Administrator Amanda Phillips presented the following Resolution for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to acquire certain real property for a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the property to be acquired is identified as Parcel No. 00700114516, consisting of approximately four (4) acres, located at 0 Airport Road, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631; and

WHEREAS, said property is owned by Tri Site LLC;

WHEREAS, the purchase price for the property has been negotiated at Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the acquisition of this property serves a public purpose and is necessary for County operations and development.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County hereby approves and authorizes the purchase of real property identified as Parcel Number 00700114516, consisting of 4 acres, from Tri Site LLC for the total purchase price of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). The Board finds and determines that the acquisition of this property is necessary and in the best interest of the County and that the property is deemed for a valid public purpose as allowed by law. The President of the Board of County Commissioners, is hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to complete the purchase and conveyance of said property, subject to review and approval of the Prosecuting Attorney and County Auditor, and contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2026.

s/Leslie Henry, President

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of Jeremy Kroll, Vice President
of Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS – OPIOID DOCUMENT

President Henry entertained a motion that would allow County Administrator Janie Peck to sign the Six Remnant Defendants Opioid Settlement document on behalf of the County. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

DESKTOP COMPUTER PURCHASE – B-F-25-1AY-1 GRANT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with copies of quotes from two suppliers for a new desktop computer, monitor, mouse & speakers as recommended & obtained by IT Director Tracy Atkins as follows:

- CDWG - \$1,861.44

- HP Elite Desk 8 G1a Desktop Computer – AMD Ryzen AI 7 350 – 32 GB 512 GB S = \$1,385.01
- Logitech Z207 Bluetooth Computer Speakers for PC – wireless = \$60.80
- LG 34" 3440x1440 21:9 Curved VA Monitor - \$375.70
- Logitech Signature M650 L Full Size Wireless Mouse - \$39.93

- B&H Photo Video.com - \$2,117.97

- HP Elite Desk 8 G1a Desktop Computer – AMD Ryzen AI 7 350 – 32 GB 512 GB S = \$1,589.00
- Logitech Z207 Bluetooth Computer Speakers for PC – wireless = \$64.99
- LG 34" 3440x1440 21:9 Curved VA Monitor - \$429.99
- Logitech Signature M650 L Full Size Wireless Mouse - \$33.99

IT Director Tracy Atkins has inspected the current desktop computer, monitor, mouse & speakers that I use as grants administrator and has recommended upgrading as noted above. Therefore, I request approval to proceed with purchase of the desktop computer, monitor, mouse & speakers from CDWG as the lowest and best quote received. The items will be paid for from the 2025 CDBG grants. Ms. Sprague further noted the existing desktop computer is 9 generations old and not able to be utilized by another department & the current speakers are not functional, the current monitor and mouse are much older than the current desktop computer. Leslie Henry entertained a motion to approve the purchase as requested. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

REVISED - FY ' 2026 FAA BIL AIG GRANT PROGRAMMING APPLICATION INFORMATION

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission the FAA had requested a revision to the FY 2026 FAA BIL AIG Programming Application due to the amount requested exceeded the balance of funds available. The project being funded is Expand Apron (Terminal) 1,500 square yards – [Phase 2 of 2; Construction].

The original application requested FAA grant funds in the amount of \$560,500 total project cost broken down as follows:

- \$510,000 Construction = \$484,500 Federal + \$25,500 local match
- \$70,000 Engineering Fees = \$66,500 Federal + \$3,500 local match
- \$10,000 Administration = \$9,500 Federal + \$500 local match
- \$590,000 TOTAL = \$560,500 Federal + \$29,500 local match

The revised application requests FAA grant funds in the amount of \$548,625 total project cost broken down as follows:

- \$503,500 Construction = \$478,325 Federal + \$25,175 local match
- \$70,000 Engineering Fees = \$66,500 Federal + \$3,500 local match
- \$4,000 Administration = \$3,800 Federal + \$200 local match
- \$577,500 TOTAL = \$548,625 Federal + \$28,875 local match

Ms. Sprague noted since the local matching funds are decreasing from \$29,500 to \$28,875 she felt the Commission would not have any problems with the revision and submitted the revised SF 424 form to the FAA on 3/10/2026. The application still reflects a 95% federal grant & 5% local match. The matching funds will still come from the County's General and/or Airport Authority Fund #036.

Ms. Sprague noted this is a programming application using estimates of what the costs will be for this project and the final application with exact costs will be submitted by the end of April after the project bids have been opened and selected.

Ms. Henry entertained a motion to approve the Revised 2026 FAA BIL AIG Programming Application as noted. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded a motion to approve and sign the revised programming application effective as of the 3/10/2026 submittal date. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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CDBG CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (B-X-24-1AY-1) 3rd STATUS REPORT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 3rd Status Report for the period September 1, 2024 thru February 28, 2026 for the County's FY 2024 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant (B-X-24-1AY-1) which has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development before the 3/15/2026 due date. The following project/activities were noted:

- Professional Fees – Burkhart Lane Slip & Culvert Repair Project – Grant award \$116,000; Drawn/Expended \$60,401.74
 - Project Local Match – \$29,050; Expended \$29,050
- Burkhart Lane Slip & Culvert Repair Project – Grant award \$341,000; Drawn/Expended \$314,200.00
 - Project Local Match – \$456,500; Expended \$0.00
- Administration – Grant award \$30,000; Drawn/Expended \$27,893.48
- Total Grant Award \$487,000; Grant Drawn/Expended \$402,495.19; Local Match expended \$29,050.00

Ms. Sprague advised the following timeline for the project since the 2nd Status Report:

- Slip Repair portion almost complete – slip repaired, concrete ditch installed, road paved...final road striping is scheduled for spring 2026.
- Culvert Repair portion almost complete – culvert lined, headwall rehab scheduled for spring/early summer 2026.
- Shelly Company Change Order #1 \$61,766.25 approved 10/23/2025 for additional base repairs, work completion extension to 10/31/2025
- Shelly Company Change Order #2 \$8,706.60 approved 12/18/2025 for edge line striping, work completion extension to 6/1/2026
- Pending County approval - Culy Contracting LLC Change Order #1 \$74,317.32 to reinforce culvert headwalls, work completion extension to 6/1/2026

President Henry entertained a motion that the 3rd Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD on 3/11/2026. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – BURKHART LANE CULVERT & SLIP REPAIR PROJECT – CULY CONTRACTING CONTRACT

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Change Order No. 1 paperwork for the Burkhart Lane Culvert & Slip Repair Project with Culy Contracting LLC. The change order is being requested as follows:

- Culy Contracting LLC provided a change order cost of \$74,317.32 to perform the following headwall work:
 - Create a 2' wide path on each side of pipe from road to where the headwall would be installed and put a concrete chute.
 - Excavate on each side of the pipe to install an 18" deep footer.
 - Install rebar and form head wall on each side.
 - Pour concrete in form.
 - Remove forms and backfill on backside of new headwall.
 - Landscape

Contract amount adjustments as follows:

- Original contract price = \$314,200.00
- Change order #1 = \$74,317.32
- New contract total = \$388,517.32
- Change in contract time: increase by 213 calendar days; final completion of all work will be 6/1/2026

DLZ Project Engineer Gary Silcott is in agreement with this change order. Ms. Henry entertained a motion to approve the change order form as requested. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. Form was signed by Ms. Henry, as President of the Commission.

GALLIPOLIS TOWNSHIP BURKHART LANE SLIP REPAIR PROJECT PAYMENT ESTIMATE #1

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Estimate # 1 for the Gallipolis Township Burkhart Lane Slip Repair Project for the following items:

- Construction - \$320,896.25
- Total= \$320,896.25

Invoices will be paid from the Gallipolis Twp OPWC Grant as follows:

- Shelly Company Pay Estimate #1 = \$320,896.25 to be paid from OPWC grant

Ms. Henry entertained a motion to approve and sign the contractor's payment estimate #1 as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded a motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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2024 FAA BIL GRANT DRAW #19 APPROVAL
GALLIA-MEIGS REGIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT

Commission received from Delta Airport Consultants the 2024 FAA BIL grant draw #19 forms requesting \$23,696.99 from the County's FAA grant for the 65/95% share of the following invoices:

- Delta CA-16, 23048 = \$38,375.69
- Total = \$38,375.69
- 61.75% FAA grant = \$23,696.99
- S-P-21-1AY-1 Grant = \$0.00
- Co. ED Funds = \$9,804.99
- Co. Gen Funds Match = \$4,873.71
- ARPA Grant = \$0.00
- Total Local Match = \$14,678.70

Ms. Henry entertained a motion to approve and sign the grant draw #19 forms for payment of invoices as presented. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

FAA AIP GRANT 2025 DRAW #5 APPROVAL
GALLIA-MEIGS REGIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT

Commission received from Delta Airport Consultants the FAA AIP grant 2025 draw #5 forms requesting \$12,798.02 from the County's FAA grant for the 95% share of the following invoices:

- Delta Airport Consultants Inv # 25016-05 - \$13,000.000
- Gallia County Administration 1/30/2026 to 2/28/2026 = \$471.60
- Total = \$13,471.60
- 95% FAA grant = \$12,798.02
- 036 Fund Co Match = \$673.58

Ms. Henry entertained a motion to approve and sign the grant draw #5 forms for payment of engineering & administration invoices as presented. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

FAA BIL GRANT 2025 DRAW #5 APPROVAL
GALLIA-MEIGS REGIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT

Commission received from Delta Airport Consultants the FAA BIL grant 2025 draw #5 forms requesting \$19,258.02 from the County's FAA grant for the 95% share of the following invoices:

- Delta Airport Consultants Inv # 25015-05 - \$19,800.00
- Gallia County Administration 1/30/2026 to 2/28/2026 = \$471.60
- Total = \$20,271.60
- 95% FAA grant = \$19,258.02
- 036 Fund Co Match = \$1,013.58

Ms. Henry entertained a motion to approve and sign the grant draw #5 forms for payment of engineering & administration invoices as presented. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – LARRY KIDD

Larry Kidd, candidate for State Representative, met with the Commissioners to introduce himself and discuss his candidacy. The meeting provided an opportunity for Mr. Kidd to become acquainted with the Commission and briefly share his background and interest in representing the district. No action taken.

AUDITOR & 911 – GIS MAPPING/COUNTY WEBSITE

County Auditor Robert Jacks and 911 Director Sherry Daines met with the commissioners to discuss the possibility of cost sharing for updates to the county GIS mapping system and the county website. Discussion included potential collaboration between offices to improve mapping capabilities and enhance the functionality and accessibility of the county's website. No action taken.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – SENIOR CENTER

Special Projects Manager Tom White informed the Commissioners that he is recommending Amish Builders LLC. to install new epoxy flooring at the Senior Center in the amount of \$47,000.00. The quote includes all labor and materials

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for the project. The installation also includes a 10-year warranty fully covering both labor and materials. After the initial 10-year period, labor related to the epoxy flooring will continue to be fully covered. President Henry entertained a motion to allow Mr. White to move forward with Amish Builders LLC to complete the work as presented by Mr. White. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

ENGINEER – BID OPENING

At 11:15 a.m. President Henry opened the following bids for the Roadside Mowing project:

Company	Mowing A	Mowing B
Quick Mow Inc.	\$125 per mile \$56,687.50 total	\$71.28 per mile \$32,325.48
Thompson Interstate Mowing Inc.	\$111.50 per mile \$50,565.25	

The bids were turned over to the County Engineer for review and recommendation.

ENGINEER – CH&D AND PENIAL ROAD FLOODING

County Engineer Brett Boothe provided the Commissioners with the following assessment concerning CH&D and Penial roads:

- The sections of Penial and CH&D (and neighboring properties) are in the floodplain just like some other State, County, and Township Roads are in floodplain. These roads flood not from manmade structures or maintenance, but from natural lay of the land. The roads and surrounding properties have always flooded because they are in the floodplain. Low laying ground, soil type, topography and grade all contribute to being in the floodplain.
- The Engineer and Soil & Water discussed how to eliminate the flooding. In order to reduce the flooding, the whole Dirty Face Creek would need to be dropped several feet which would be substantial cost, similar to the project the Army Corp of Engineers did on Kyger Creek in Cheshire Township several years ago. Even with such a project, the repair is only temporary.
- Other benefits would include removal of sediment in Dirty Face Creek by property owners which would require a permit from County Floodplain Office.

No action taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GRANT APPLICATION

Economic Development Director Taylor Stepp presented the OhioSE Site Readiness Grant Application 2026 Industrial Sites. Mr. Stepp stated that it is a matching grant program designed to improve the readiness for development of high-value industrial sites within the OhioSE region and that the focus of the grant is documentation of current site conditions and potential for future development. President Henry entertained a motion to allow Mr. Stepp to complete the Application on behalf of the County. Jeremy Kroll moved and Leslie Henry seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TAX INCREMENT REVIEW COUNCIL

Economic Development Director Taylor Stepp Presented the Commissioners with the following appointments for the Tax Increment Review Council (TIRC) for the countywide Community Reinvestment Area:

- Steve McGhee
- Cindy Graham
- Fred Workman

President Henry entertained a motion to accept the appointments as presented by Mr. Stepp. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CRA

President Henry entertained a motion to accept her nomination to appoint Cindy Graham to the Housing Council for the Residential CRA. This nomination will be re-considered in two years. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CRA

President Henry entertained a motion to accept Commissioner Stapleton's nomination to appoint Steve McGhee to the Housing Council for the Residential CRA. This nomination will be re-considered in two years. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CRA

President Henry entertained a motion to accept Commissioner Kroll's nomination to appoint Fred Workman to the Housing Council for the Residential CRA. This nomination will be re-considered in two years. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:59 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Economic Development Director Taylor Stepp and County Administrators Amanda Phillips and Janie Peck to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea. Returned to regular session at 12:43 p.m.; No action taken

RESOLUTION – PORT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Taylor Stepp presented the resolution for approval:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF GALLIA, OHIO**

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of County of Gallia, Ohio (the "County") met in regular session on March 12, 2026, at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of the Board, 18 Locust Street, Room 1292, Gallipolis Ohio, with the following members present:

Commissioner Kroll introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE GALLIA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, under authority of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4582.21 to 4582.99 (the "Act"), a county may, by resolution, create a port authority which shall be a body corporate and politic, have the powers and jurisdiction enumerated in the Act and have territorial limits coterminous with the territorial limits of the county creating the port authority, subject, however, to the territorial limits of any pre-existing port authority; and

WHEREAS, this board of county commissioners (the "Board of County Commissioners") of the County of Gallia, Ohio (the "County"), by a resolution passed on October 2, 2025, created the Gallia County Port Authority (the "Port Authority"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Board of County Commissioners is to appoint the members of the board of directors of the Port Authority;

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

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to serve for the following terms as members of the board of directors of the Port Authority:

For an initial term expiring December 31, 2027 Nick Smith;

For an initial term expiring December 31, 2027 Corey Luce;

For an initial term expiring December 31, 2028 Rick Jackson;

For an initial term expiring December 31, 2029 Kate Cox; and

For an initial term expiring December 31, 2030, Wes Clary.

Each of the above-appointed members of the board of directors of the Port Authority shall serve terms commencing from and after the date of this Resolution and ending on the dates indicated above. Thereafter, each member of the board of directors of the Port Authority shall serve four-year terms.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners finds and determines that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners and of any committees that

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resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ms. Leslie Henry seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Passed: March 12, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF GALLIA, OHIO

Attest:

s/Amanda Phillips, Clerk

s/Leslie Henry, President
s/Jeremy Kroll, Vice President
s/Q. Jay Stapleton, County Commissioner


PORT AUTHORITY

President Henry entertained a motion to appropriate \$10,000.00 into the Port Authority fund line to be used for additional business-related costs. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.

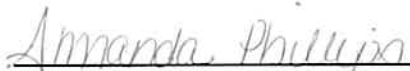
*1 p.m. – Commissioner’s attended the Solid Waste meeting in Wellston Ohio.

ADJOURN


At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Jeremy Kroll made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea.



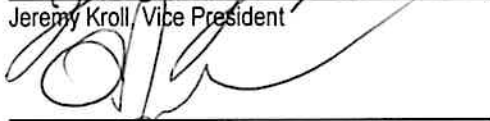
Leslie Henry, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Jeremy Kroll, Vice President



Q. Jay Stapleton, Commissioner