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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 Q. Jay Stapleton, present; Commissioner Jeremy Kroll, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the September 11, 2025 minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
EMS	ROBERT CORNWELL	9/24/2025	COLUMBUS, OH	CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

2025 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
9/14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	0	0	0	23

GALLIPOLIS TOWNSHIP PETITION FOR ROAD VACATION – SHAD ROAD

Interim County Administrator & Clerk to the Board Amanda Phillips presented the Commissioners with the following Resolution/Road Petition to vacate Shad Street from Gallipolis Township Trustees: No action taken.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Gallipolis Township Trustees of Gallia County, Ohio, for the public convenience and welfare, wishes to vacate what is known as Shad Street, a Township Road in Gallipolis Township, Gallia County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, Shad Street is designated on the plat map of the Village of Kanauga as an unnamed street, but is known as Shad Street;

WHEREAS, Shad Street has never been developed nor used as a road for travel, and is not maintained;

WHEREAS, Shad Street is situated in the Village of Kanauga, is approximately lo O feet in width, and runs in a North/South direction through the entire platted Village of Kanauga for a length of approximately 1020 feet;

WHEREAS, Shad Street, beginning at a Northerly starting point and going in a Southerly direction, is bordered on the West by Lots Nos. 1 & 7 of Block 10 (Auditor's Parcel I.D. Nos. 006-004-156-00 & 006-004-155-00), Lots Nos. 1 & 7 of Block 11 (Auditdr's Parcel I.D. Nos. 006-004-143-00 & 006-004- 142-00) and Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Block 12 (Auditor's Parcel I.D. Nos. 006-004-106-00, 006-004- 105-00, 006-004-104-00 and 006-004-103-00), all of said lots being in the Village of Kanauga;

WHEREAS, Shad Street, beginning at a Northerly starting point and going in a Southerly direction, is bordered on the East by Lots Nos. 16 & 24 of Block 6 (Auditor's Parcel I.D. Nos. 006-004-080-00 & 006-004-081-00), Lots Nos. 12 & 16 of Block 7 (Auditor's Parcel I.D. Nos. 006-004-094-00 & 006- 004-095-00) and Lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 & 8 of Block 8 (Auditor's Parcel I.D. Nos. 006-004-099-00, 006- 004-100-00, 006-004-101-00 and 006-004-102-00), all of said lots being in the Village of Kanauga;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.045, the Board of Gallipolis Township Trustees hereby petitions the Board of Gallia County Commissioners for the vacating of Shad Street, a Township Road in the Village of Kanauga, Township of Gallipolis, County of Gallia and State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Board of Gallipolis Township Trustees has approved the above stated resolution, and hereby authorizes same.

NOW THEREFORE WE, THE BOARD OF GALLIPOLIS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO, DO HEREBY AGREE TO THIS RESOLUTION BY SIGNING BELOW, on this 11th day of August, 2025.

Board of Gallipolis Township Trustees:

s/David J. Snyder

s/David J. Morgan

s/H. Dean Brownell

s/Helena S. Morgan

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VILLAGE OF RIO GRANDE

The Village of Rio Grande Mayor Matt Easter and Rio Grande Police Dept. Chief Keith Davies met with the Commissioners to request funding from the One Ohio Settlement Opioid money to fund a school resource officer at Rio Grande Elementary. No action taken.

AMENDMENT – 8/14/2025 JOURNAL

Grant Administrator Karen Sprague submitted the following changes (in **bold** lettering) to the 8/14/2025 Journal # 58 pages 233 & 234 Journal entry.

GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 PAYMENT RESOLUTION # 41

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Payment Resolution # 41 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- Construction - $195,160.88
- Legal Fees = $0.00
- Engineering: $27,141.13
- Administration: $1,768.60
- Bond/Loan payments: $9,093.38
- Bond Counsel: $10,950.00
- Total = $244,113.99

Invoices to be paid as follows:

- **Fields Excavating Pay Application #20 = $95,160.88 to be paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372**
- **Fields Excavating Pay Application #20 = $100,000.00 to be paid by Gallia County from B-W-19-1AY-1 Grant** Fund #376
- DLZ invoice 226756 = $11,675.96 already paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372
- DLZ invoice 227063 = $15,465.17 to be paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372
- GMCAA July 2025 Administration Billing = $1,768.60 to be paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- OWDA Loan 9406 = $9,093.38 already paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Dinsmore Invoice for bond counsel = $10,950.00 already paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372

Mr. Kroll moved and Ms. Henry seconded a motion to approve payment resolution # 41 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, absent; Mr. Kroll, yea.

GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 SETTLEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT #20

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with Settlement Fund Disbursement #20 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- GMCAA July 2025 Administration Billing = $1,768.60 to be paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- OWDA Loan 9406 = $9,093.38 already paid by Gallia County from Settlement Fund #410
- Total Settlement Fund Disbursement Request = $10,861.98

Mr. Kroll moved and Ms. Henry seconded a motion to approve the Green Sewer 2 Settlement Fund Disbursement #20 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, absent; Mr. Kroll, yea.

USDA – GREEN SEWER PHASE 2 DISBURSEMENT #33

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with USDA Disbursement #33 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

- **Fields Excavating Pay Application #20 = $95,160.88 to be paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372**
- DLZ invoice 226756 = $11,675.96 already paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372
- DLZ invoice 227063 = $15,465.17 to be paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372
- Dinsmore Invoice for bond counsel = $10,950.00 already paid by Gallia County from USDA Loan Fund #372
- **Total USDA Loan Funds Disbursement Request = $133,252.01**

Mr. Kroll moved and Ms. Henry seconded a motion to approve and sign the USDA Disbursement #33 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, absent; Mr. Kroll, yea.

B-W-19-1AY-1 GRANT DISBURSEMENT #2

GMCAA Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with B-W-19-1AY-1 Grant Disbursement #2 for the Green Sewer Phase 2 Project for the following items:

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- Fields Excavating Pay Application #20 = $100,000.00 to be paid by Gallia County from B-W-19-1AY-1 Grant Fund #376
- Total B-W-19-1AY-1 Grant Funds Disbursement Request = $100,000.00

Mr. Kroll moved and Ms. Henry seconded a motion to approve and sign the B-W-19-1AY-1 Grant Disbursement #2 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, absent; Mr. Kroll, yea.

COUNTY AUDITOR – LATE FEES

County Auditor Robert Jacks met with the Commissioners to discuss billing late fees. Mr. Jacks stated that the Auditor's office will no longer process bills with late fees unless he receives written authorization explaining why from the President of the Commission or the elected official. No action taken.

DJFS – APPOINTMENT

Upon the recommendation from DJFS Director Dana Glassburn, President Henry entertained a motion to re-appoint Hannah Russell and Kristi Smith to the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

GALLIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DJFS Dana Glassburn presented the following Subgrant Agreement for approval. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

PURCHASE OF SERVICES SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 3

This amendment will amend the contract between the Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services "the grantor" and Educational Services Center "subgrantee" and will be effective 10/1/2024-9/30/2025 for the purchase of TANF Advantage activities with TANF funds CFDA number 93.558 (original award date 10/30/2023; FAIN# 2401OHTANF) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant.

Availability of Funds:

Increase the total amount of the contract to $1,097,853.05. This is an increase in the amount of $200,000.00. For clarity the total amount of contract reflects the additional $100,000 of TANF received from Department of Children and Youth (DCY).

Extension:

TANF funding is available until 12/31/2025 therefore both parties have agreed to extend the terms of the original subgrant agreement to end 12/31/2025.

RJ HUPP AUTO SALES

RJ Hupp and Tabatha Campbell from RJ Hupp Auto Sales met with the Commissioners to discuss property that they own in front of his car lot. Mr. Hupp stated that 3 houses were tore down and questioning if he would still need to pay the sewer bill on those properties. The Commission explained to him that he can pay a disconnect fee and that would remove the Operations and Maintenance portion of his bill but he would always be responsible for the bond retirement portion of the bill until the debt is paid. No action taken.

SEWER DEPT. – KA PUMP STATION #3

Sewer Superintendent Tommy Dillon provided the Commissioners with a quote to replace all the piping for KA Pump Station #3 from Beckman Environmental Services in Batavia, Ohio in the amount of $32,300.00. Mr. Dillon stated that the County would be responsible for digging up the force main and that there will be additional costs with that. President Henry entertained a motion to allow Mr. Dillon to move forward with the pump station rehabilitation and that funding for the project would come from the KA Settlement funds. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

President Henry entertained a motion to approve the following Emancipation Proclamation. Jeremy Kroll moved to approve and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Emancipation Proclamation has been celebrated and honored in Gallia County continuously since 1863 and is reported to be the longest continuous celebration in the United States, and

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WHEREAS, it began on September 22, 1863, the first anniversary of President Lincoln's Proclamation of slavery, and has continued consecutively to pay tribute to this historic document, and

WHEREAS, the 162nd Annual Emancipation Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 20 & Sunday, September 21, 2025 at The University of Rio Grande

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Gallia County Commissioners proclaim September 20th & 21st, 2025 as the

2025 Annual Emancipation Celebration Weekend

in Gallia County and lend our full support to the efforts of the Emancipation Celebration Committee.

*In attendance: Beverly Jackson, Vice President of the Emancipation Celebration Committee
Karen Sprague, Treasurer of the Emancipation Celebration Committee

SENIOR CENTER

Marlene Stout met with the Commission to request assistance in purchasing new kitchen equipment for the new Senior Center. No action taken.

JAIL – FOOD SERVICES

Joe Russell, Trinity Food Services met with the Commissioners to provide the following requested information:

- Current menu: Cold/hot/cold 2500 calories
- Week ending 9/11 price per meal: $2.308 per meal
- New menu: Cold/hot/hot 2700-2800 calories
- New price based on last week: $2.6403
- The hot dinner has about the same calories as the cold dinner.
    - An extra biscuit and a carton of milk would need to be added to the breakfast to reach the 2700-2800 calories that were requested.
    - 8 hours would need to be added to each hourly schedule to cover the later dinner service.

*Based on the amount of meals served year to date, this would increase the cost by about $39,400.00 in a twelve-month period. No action taken

2026 TAX BUDGET

Interim County Administrator Janie Peck submitted the final Tax budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 for adoption. Vice President Stapleton entertained a motion to adopt and sign the budget as presented. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Roll call: Ms. Henry, absent; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

SHERIFF– EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:28 p.m. the Vice President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Sheriff Matt Champlin, Chief Deputy Chris Gruber and Heather Casto to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions for their employment. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, absent; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea. Returned to regular session at 3:10 p.m.; No action taken.

SOIL & WATER – GRANT

Nick Mills, Soil & Water met with the Commissioners to discuss the Agricultural Assistance Grant. No action taken.

EMA – HAZMAT TRAILER & CARPORT

EMA Director Tim Miller presented the Commissioners with the following Trailer and Carport quotes:

- CSG Customs & Collision (paint/wrap the trailer)
    - Epoxy Enamel $4,859.77
    - Clear Coat $6,104.13
- Harris Industrial Services (50x24x12 carport)
    - $17,792.74 installed 3-5 weeks

Mr. Miller recommended going with CSG Customs & Collision (Epoxy Enamel) and Harris Industrial Services for the Carport. He also stated that the LEPC has unappropriated funds from FY25 carry-over of the SERC grant that can pay for the expense. Vice President Stapleton entertained a motion to allow the EMA Director to move forward with the work as presented. Jeremy Kroll moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Henry, absent; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Kroll, yea.

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ADJOURN

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

Absent
Leslie Henry, President

Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

Jeremy A. Kroll, Commissioner

Amanda Phillips
Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board