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

COMMISSIONER - APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Revised Code Section 305.02(D), President Kroll entertained a motion to appoint Anthony Hughes as acting Gallia County Commissioner to fill the vacant Commissioner position, effective immediately. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve the appointment entertained by Mr. Kroll and Mr. Kroll seconded the motion. Roll Call: President Jeremy Kroll, present; Vice President Q. Jay Stapleton, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the April 30, 2026 minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Commissioners	Karen Sprague	5/19/26	Piketon Ohio	ARC Training
911	Sherry Daines	5/13	Columbus Ohio	APCO Mtg.
911	Sherry Daines	5/18	Lawrence County Oh	EMA Haz Mat exercise
EMS	Robert Cornwell	5/14	Columbus Oh	EMS Chief Assoc. Mtg.

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Jeremy Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, 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
5/3	6	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	18	0	0	0	23

D&K - TERMINATION

County Commissioner Amanda Phillips requested on behalf of Dog Warden Alonna Grimm, acceptance of the termination of Kennel Technician Rebecca Butler, effective immediately. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to accept the termination as requested by Ms. Phillips, Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

VILLAGE OF RIO GRANDE – ADDENDUM

Vice President Stapleton moved to approve the following addendum, President Kroll seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

This addendum dated April 30, 2026, is for the purposes of providing clarification to the minutes of record of the Gallia County Board of Commissioners dated October 2, 2025, regarding the approval of applicant, Village of Rio Grande, School Resource Officer, Rio Grande Elementary School, for the Gallia County OneOhio Grant Program. The title of the position for which the grant was awarded under said program was stated as School Resource Officer. The duties of the position are described as follows: to provide direct support for students, families and community members affected by drug use, to provide drug prevention education, early intervention and connecting families to treatment and recovery services. The Board states that the title of the position is hereby recognized as Drug Intervention and Awareness Officer, and shall refer to said position by said title in the minutes of the Board henceforth.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

The President entertained the motion to approve the following proclamation. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll calls: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we are one nation under God; and

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WHEREAS, nationally the first Thursday in May, is recognized as the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 National Day of Prayer prays: "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:24

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, do hereby recognize the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, 2026, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we invite all Gallia County citizens to pray together for the health and well-being of your fellow citizens.

This resolution shall take effect upon its signing on this 7th day of May, 2026

Dated this 7th day of May 2026

s/ Jeremy Kroll, President

s/ R. Jay Stapleton, Vice President

s/ Tony Hughes, Commissioner

FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

County Administrator, Janie Peck presented the Commission with the following financial report:

- The April 2026 Financial Reports for comparison with the April 2025 Financial Reports. The following was noted during the review:
- 1/1/2025 beginning cash balance was \$3,945,348.16
- 1/1/2026 beginning cash balance was \$4,483,450.26
- Increase of \$538,102.10
- 04/30/2025 ending cash balance was \$4,658,898.79
- 04/30/2026 ending cash balance was \$4,762,371.74
- Increase of \$103,472.95

EMS

EMS Director Robert Cornwell met with the Commissioners to discuss the following items. No action taken.

- purchasing a new Osage Type III Ambulance in the amount of \$243,346.00 with the use of Opioid Settlement Fund
- approval to purchase Motorola mobile radio for the vehicle in the amount of \$8290.00

FULL RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE GALLIA COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM (B-C-18-025-1)

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that the following deferred mortgage from a previous round of Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant has met the term of the mortgage being 5 years and 15% balance of \$2,508.62 has been paid off by owner therefore a full release is now warranted. The Prosecuting Attorney prepared the Full Release of Real Estate Mortgage forms. Mr. Kroll entertained a motion that the Full Release of Real Estate Mortgage for the following persons be approved and signed as presented:

- Deborah Oliver

Mr. Stapleton made it and Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes.

Release of real estate mortgage forms were signed by Jeremy Kroll, as President of the Commission, and is on file in the County's CHIP files.

RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, for a good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, does hereby remise, release and discharge a real estate mortgage executed by DEBORAH OLIVER to the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, dated March 3, 2021 and recorded in Volume 665 Page 56-58 and mortgage modification dated August 17, 2023 and recorded in Volume 707 Page 679 of the Mortgage Records of Gallia County, Ohio.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, has hereunto subscribed its name and seal this 7th day of May 2026.

WITNESSES: COUNTY OF GALLIA, OFFICE
GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/ Karen Sprague s/ Jeremy Kroll
JEREMY KROLL, PRESIDENT

s/ Amanda Phillips
STATE OF OHIO, GALLIA COUNTY, SS:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Jeremy Kroll, President of County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, to me personally known, who acknowledged that he did execute the foregoing instrument as such officer and that the same is his free act and deed as such officer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at Gallipolis, Ohio, the day and year last above written

s/ Jayne Peck
NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument Prepared by: Jason Holdren, Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney
18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH – PROCLAMATION

Area Agency on Aging District 7, Director of Community Outreach and Training Jenni Lewis submitted the following proclamation for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion to approve. Roll calls: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

Whereas, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor older adults in Gallia County and their contributions to our community.

Whereas, the 2026 theme for Older Americans Month, "Champion Your Health," focuses on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging.

Whereas, communities that prioritize healthy aging, foster independence, dignity, and quality of life for residents of all ages by promoting accessible services, age-friendly environments, and inclusive opportunities to remain active and engaged; and

Whereas, organizations, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and community partners work diligently to support older adults in championing their health and well-being, helping them thrive and remain connected

Now, therefore, we, the Gallia County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2026 to be Older Americans Month.

We encourage all residents to recognize, celebrate, and support older adults as they *Champion Their Health* and continue enriching our community.

Dated this 7th day of May 2026
s/ Jeremy Kroll, President
s/ Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President
s/ Tony Hughes, Commissioner

ENGINEER – BID AWARD

Adam Edwards from the Engineers office provided the commissioners with a recommendation from the Gallia County Engineer Bret Boothe, awarding the Countywide Guardrail project in the amount of \$735,808.00 per mile. The President entertained approving the recommendation as presented by Mr. Edwards. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea

JUV/PROBATE COURT

Brian Rutherford, Chief Probation officer for Juv/Probate, met with the Commissioners to request they accept the Gallia County Juvenile Probation Department's Fiscal Year 2027 Grant Application for submission to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. This grant is a subsidy grant for \$375,586.45 which the ODYS gives to courts throughout Ohio to finance alternatives to sending non-violent felons to community-based services instead of prison. Mr. Rutherford stated these funds are necessary to finance all operations of the Gallia County Juvenile Probation department (salaries/fringes, program costs for probation and diversion programs, ankle monitoring, etc.) for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2026, and runs through 6/30/2027. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve the request for the Grant Application and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea

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COMMON PLEAS – OFFICE SPACE

Mike Smith, Chief Probation Officer from Common Pleas, met with the Commissioners to discuss office space. No action taken.

12 p.m. – Commissioners held National Day of Prayer ceremony on the Courthouse steps

DJFS – SUBGRANT AMENDMENT

DJFS Director Dana Glassburn presented the following Subgrant Amendment for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

**GALLIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
PURCHASE OF SERVICES SUBGRANT AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 2**

This amendment will amend the contract between the Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services "the grantor" and Sojourners Care Network "subgrantee" and will be effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027 for the purchase of Youth Elements including Leadership Development, Adult Mentoring, Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurial Skills with TANF funds CFDA number 93.558 (original award date 10/30/2023; FAIN# 2401OHTANF) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant.

I. Extension of Contract

The first amendment to the original SFY25 contract is to end June 30, 2026. This statement is to extend the Sojourners contract for a second time as per the section "Renewal Clause" of the 2024 Request for Proposal and section "X. Amendment" of the Subgrant Agreement. This extension will be in effect July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 unless otherwise cancelled. There will be no change in the contract amount, as it will remain at \$99,783.00.

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DJFS – GREATER OHIO WORKFORCE BOARD

Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services (GCDJFS) Director discussed concerns regarding the Greater Ohio Workforce Board, Inc. (GOWB), formerly known as AREA 7. The Director identified ongoing structural and operational concerns within the current workforce area, including limited regional support, increasing local administrative burden, and concerns regarding alignment of resources and services.

The Director further disclosed ongoing discussions regarding the potential realignment of additional southeast Ohio counties with AREA 20. Such a transition could provide stronger regional collaboration, reduce administrative burden, improve alignment among counties connected through common State Route corridors, and enhance both service delivery and administrative efficiency for Gallia County.

The Director indicated he had contracted Lori Geary, Executive Director of AREA 7, in hopes of discussing these concerns jointly with her and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) director Matt Damschroder. Director Geary requested a meeting prior to involving Director Damschroder; however, she indicated she would be unavailable to meet until June.

The Director further advised that the Subgrant Agreement for State Fiscal Years 2026-2027 with AREA 7 must be executed by June 30, 2026, leaving limited time for meaningful discussion and consideration prior to action being

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required to ensure continued access to workforce funding. In email correspondence, Ms. Geary further stated that "without a fully expected agreement, a county cannot receive, manage or expend /WIOA or related workforce funds."

DJFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve the Subgrant Agreement for State Fiscal Years 2026-2027 with Greater Ohio Workforce, Inc., and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement on behalf of Gallia County, as recommended by Dana Glassburn, Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services (GCDJFS) Director.

This approval is made with the understanding that Gallia County has identified ongoing structural and operational concerns within the current workforce area, including regional support, administrative burden, an alignment of resources.

The Board of Commissioners directs the GCDJFS Director to formally communicate these concerns to Area 7 and to request a corrective action plan addressing regional engagement, centralized administrative support, and alignment of administrative resources with local service delivery needs.

The Board further directs the GCDJFS Director to pursue realignment to Workforce Area 20, including coordination with Area 20, Area 7, and appropriate state agencies, should these concerns not be satisfactorily resolved. This authorization is conditional upon the availability and confirmation of State transition funding from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services sufficient to support the administrative and operational costs associated with workforce area realignment, as Gallia County and participating partner areas cannot reasonably absorb these costs locally without state assistance.

The Board also acknowledges that there appears to be a regional interest in aligning with Area 20 that may further strengthen and improve service delivery as well as administrative efficiency and directs the GCDJFS Director and/or designee to stay engaged in these discussions to assist in determining the best route for Gallia County.

The Board intends that any transition, if determined necessary for the good of Gallia County, be completed in alignment with state approval processes and no later than the beginning of the next applicable program year, subject to funding and implementation readiness. The Board hereby authorizes the Board President to sign redesignation documents on behalf of the county should the need necessitate.

Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea

2:45 p.m. Commissioner Hughes left to go to the Senior Center

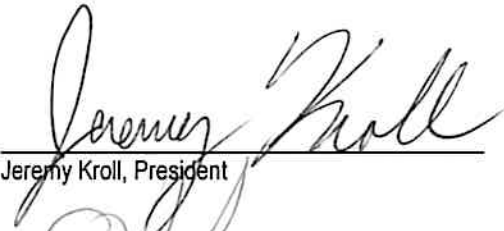
GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Grant Administrator Karen Sprague requested from the Commission permission to send the independent fee estimate packet for the 2026 FAA AIP BIL grant to Crawford Murphy and Tilly Engineers. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to allow Ms. Sprague to send the packet as requested and Jeremy Kroll seconded. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, absent.

3:45 p.m. Commissioner Hughes returned to the meeting.

ADJOURN

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


Jeremy Kroll, President


Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board


Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President


Tony Hughes, Commissioner