

July 23, 2026

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 Tony Hughes, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the July 16, 2026, minutes. Tony Hughes made and Q. Jay Stapleton 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
7/19	4	1	1	0	20	0	0	0	22	17	0	0	0	23

SHERIFF – NEW FUND

The Gallia County Sheriff's Office presented the Commission with an agreement from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. President Kroll entertained a motion to approve and accept the agreement, and to request the County Auditor's Office to create a new fund for this grant titled "Sheriff's Re-Entry Program", give that fund number 446 and to appropriate \$149,719.22 into line items as follows:

Expense line items needed are as follows:

Appropriate	\$90,480.00	into	446.0446.510200	title	Salaries
	\$12,667.20		446.0446.536400		PERS
	\$1,203.30		446.0446.536500		W/C
	\$1,311.96		446.0446.536600		Medicare
	\$31,655.76		446.0446.536800		Hospitalization
	\$1,875.00		446.0446.530400		Equipment
	\$8,526.00		446.0446.530300		Supplies
	\$2,000.00		446.0446.532200		Training

Also, create one revenue line for grant fund pay-in as follows:

Create 446.3000.400100 \$149,719.22 title Sheriff Re-Entry Program

Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve, and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

LEAVE DONATION APPLICATION

Commissioners received a leave donation application going to William Davis (Sheriff Dept.) from Chris Gruber (Sheriff Dept.). Total hours 36.6 for the pay period dated 8/17/2026.

President Kroll entertained a motion to approve the leave donation application as requested. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

REVIEW RECORD – 25NR-1AY-25CDBG

CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the paperwork for approval of the Environmental Review Record for the following projects for which a certification of determination of subsequent exemption for a categorical exclusion project could be made:

- Huntington Township –Street Improvement Project (Durgan Road Paving Project)

CASO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 26411-24

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Mr. Kroll entertained a motion to approve the forms as presented. Tony Hughes made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea. All forms were signed by Jeremy Kroll, as President of the Commission, and they are on file in the County's CDBG files.

REVIEW RECORD – 25FLEX-1AY-25CDBG

CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the paperwork for approval of the Environmental Review Record for the following projects for which a certification of determination of subsequent exemption for a categorical exclusion project could be made:

· Outreach Center Electrical & HVAC Installation Project – Other Public Facility Improvements

Mr. Kroll entertained a motion to approve the forms as presented. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea. All forms were signed by Jeremy Kroll, as President of the Commission, and they are on file in the County's CDBG files

RELEASE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE GALLIA COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM (B-C-05-1AY-1)

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that the following deferred mortgage from a previous round of Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant will be paid in full and in order to meet land sale closing deadlines, recommends the county release the mortgage contingent upon receipt of payoff in the amount of \$3,870. The Prosecuting Attorney prepared the Release of Real Estate Mortgage forms. President Kroll entertained a motion that Release of Real Estate Mortgage documents for the following person be approved and signed as presented, noting contingent upon receipt of payoff in the amount of \$3,870:

- Chad & Traci Long, Records Mortgage Records Volume 457, Page 369

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

Release of real estate mortgage form was 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 **CHAD & TRACI LONG** to the above named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, dated May 9, 2007 and recorded in Volume 457, Page 369 of the Mortgage Records of Gallia County, Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-named County of Gallia, Office of Gallia County Commissioners, has hereunto subscribed its name and seal this 23 day of July, 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/ Janie Peck

NOTARY PUBLIC

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

EMPLOYEE – TRANSIT– RESIGNATION

DJFS Director Dana Glassburn requests the Commissioners acceptance of the resignation of Bailie Young, Transit Operations Coordinator effective July 31, 2026. The President entertained a motion to accept the resignation as recommended by Mr. Glassburn. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea

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CONTRACT TERMINATION – ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

President Kroll entertained a motion to approve and send the following termination letter to Enrollment Management Services. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

July 22, 2026

RE: Gallia County Employees

Dear Tyson,

Please accept this letter as a request to terminate our services with EMS on 1/1/27.

As of the date of this letter, we do not wish for EMS to engage in any new conversations with our employees. Your team can continue to work on any open existing opportunities.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter, and past service on our behalf.

Sincerely,

*/Jerry Kroll, President**/R. Jay Stapleton, Vice President**/Tony Hughes, Commissioner*ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT OPT OUTS PAYMENTS

President Kroll entertained a motion to stop all Enrollment Management Services Opt-Out Payments effective January 1, 2027. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve, and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – HEALTH INCENTIVE AMOUNTS FOR 2027

President Kroll entertained a motion to approve the following:

Dear Gallia County Employees

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners would like to inform you of an important change regarding the county's employee health insurance incentive program for the 2027 year.

Effective January 1, 2027, Gallia County will discontinue its contract with Enrollment Management Services. As a result, the current insurance opt-out program administered through EMS will also end effective January 1, 2027.

After careful consideration, the Board of Commissioners has decided to return to a traditional health insurance incentive structure for year 2027.

Employees who are eligible for County health insurance but choose to decline coverage will be eligible for the following annual opt-out payments:

- Employees eligible for single coverage: \$3,000
- Employees eligible for family coverage: \$4,000

Additional information regarding 2027 health insurance enrollment process, plan options, and opt-out procedures will be provided at the end of the year.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make this transition. If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator's Office.

Sincerely,

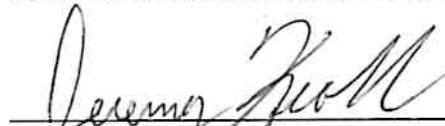
*/Jerry Kroll, President**/R. Jay Stapleton, Vice President**/Tony Hughes, Commissioner*PROSECUTOR – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:58 a.m. the president entertained a motion to enter executive session with County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Holdren, Common Pleas Judge Margaret Evans, County Administrator's Amanda Phillips and Janie Peck concerning matters to be kept confidential. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:32 a.m.; No action taken.

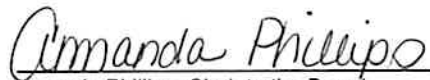
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ADJOURN

At 4:30 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes seconded the motion Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.



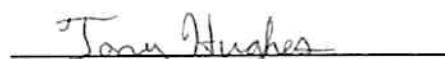
Jeremy Kroll, President



Amanda Phillips, Clerk to the Board



Q. Jay Stapleton, Vice President



Tony Hughes, Commissioner