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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 Tony Hughes, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the September 10, 2026, minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Commissioners	Karen Sprague	11/5-11/6	Delaware County	Annual CDBG Conference
EMS	Robert Cornwell	9/29-10-2	Orlando, Florida	2026 EMS Expo

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes 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
9/13	3	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	13	0	0	0	23

CONTRACT SIGNING
AIRPORT APRON REHAB-APRON EXPANSION PROJECT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague provided the Commission with the contract documents as prepared by Delta Airport Consultants for the Airport Apron Rehab & Apron Expansion Project with The Shelly Company in the amount of \$1,075,475.15 for approval and signing. President Kroll entertained a motion to approve and sign the contract documents as presented. Tony Hughes made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded this motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

REVIEW RECORD – 25NR-1AY-25CDBG-
CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the paperwork for approval of the Environmental Review Record for the following project for which a certification of finding of no significant impact was determined for an environmental assessment project:

- Senior Center Hike & Bike Trail Reconstruction Project

Mr. Kroll entertained a motion to approve the forms as presented based upon no comments being received at the end of the local comment period ending 4 pm 9/16/2026. 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 after the comment period by Jeremy Kroll, as President of the Commission, and they are on file in the County's CDBG files.

CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT (25NR-1AY-25CDBG) 2ND STATUS REPORT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 2nd Status Report for the period March 1, 2026, thru August 31, 2026, for the County's FY 2025 CDBG Community Development Grant (25NR-1AY-25CDBG) which has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development before the 9/15/2025 due date. The following project/activities were noted:

- GC Senior Center Hike Bike Access Project – Grant award \$28,200; Drawn \$0.00; Expended \$0.00
 - o Senior Center matching funds - \$548.00; Expended \$0.00
- Huntington Township Durgan Road Street Impr Project – Grant award \$91,800; Drawn \$0.00; Expended \$0.00
 - o Huntington Twp matching funds - \$10,456.00; Expended \$0.00
- Fair Housing – Grant award \$5,000; Drawn \$1,848.72; Expended \$1,848.72
- Administration – Grant award \$25,000; Drawn \$14,349.72; Expended \$14,349.72
- Total Grant Award \$150,000.00; Grant Drawn \$16,198.44; Grant Expended \$16,198.44

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Ms. Sprague advised project status as follows:

- Huntington Durgan Road environmental review complete 7/23/2026; ODOD Release of Funds 7/27/2026; bid opening held 9/10/2026; bid award & contract signing scheduled for 9/17/2026; project completion estimates November 2026.

- Senior Center Hike & Bike Access Environmental Review complete 8/28/2026; local comment period ended 9/16/2026; Request for Release of Funds signed by County 9/17/2026; Estimate ODOD comment period ends and Release of Funds 10/2/2026; will be bid October 2026.

President Kroll entertained a motion that the 2nd Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD on 9/14/2026. 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. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grants files.

CDBG FLEX GRANT (25FLEX-1AY-25CDBG) 1st STATUS REPORT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 1st Status Report for the period March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, for the County's FY 2025 CDBG FLEX Grant (25FLEX-1AY-25CDBG) which has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development before the 9/15/2025 due date. The following project/activities were noted:

- Professional Fees – Grant award \$5,000; Drawn \$854.00; Expended \$854.00
- Outreach Center HVAC & Electric Project – Grant award \$77,400; Drawn \$0.00; Expended \$0.00
- Administration – Grant award \$7,600; Drawn \$3,512.24; Expended \$3,512.24
- Total Grant Award \$90,000.00; Grant Drawn \$4,366.24; Grant Expended \$4,366.24

Once ODOD approves release of funds then the county can bid on the projects. Ms. Sprague advised Environmental Review completed 7/23/2026, ODOD Release of Funds 7/27/2026, bid notice will be published 9/18/2026 and bid opening is scheduled for 10/1/2026.

President Kroll entertained a motion that the 1st Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD on 9/14/2026. 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. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grants files.

CDBG CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (25CI-1AY-25CDBG-11) 2ND STATUS REPORT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 2nd Status Report for the period March 1, 2026, thru August 31, 2026, for the County's FY 2025 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant (25CI-1AY-25CDBG-11) which has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development before the 9/15/2026 due date. The following project/activities were noted:

- Professional Fees – Clay Township Eblin Hollow Slip Repair Project – Grant award \$17,500; Drawn/Expended \$0.00
- Clay Township Eblin Hollow Slip Repair Project – Grant award \$174,600; Drawn/Expended \$0.00
- Administration – Grant award \$19,200; Drawn \$12,135.47; Expended \$12,135.47
- Total Grant Award \$211,300; Grant Drawn \$12,135.47; Grant Expended \$12,135.47

Ms. Sprague advised project status as follows:

- Environmental Review started 2/5/2026 & completed 6/11/2026; NOFONSI/NOIRROF published 6/16/2026; local comment period ended 7/1/2026; Submitted RROF to ODOD 7/2/2026; ODOD comment period ended & ROF approved 7/20/2026

- Project Bid notice published 8/7/2026; bid opening 8/27/2026; bid award 9/3/2026; contract signed by county & contractor 9/10/2026; precon meeting held 9/10/2026.

- Contractor plans to begin work during October 2026 as soon as materials are obtained and delivered to the site. Estimated completion date 12/31/2026 or before.

President Kroll entertained a motion that the 2nd Status Report be approved as submitted to ODOD on 9/14/2026. Tony Hughes made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grants files.

BID AWARD – HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP DURGAN ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague advised the Commission that the two (2) bids received for the Huntington Township Durgan Road Paving Project have been reviewed. The lowest bid was received from The Shelly Company. The bid is responsive, below the engineer's estimate and calculations within the bid have been checked and are accurate. The contractor meets all specifications and is qualified to perform the work. Therefore, it is my recommendation that the above-named project be awarded to The Shelly Company is the amount of \$103,916.00

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Ms. Sprague noted both the Excluded Parties search on www.sam.gov (Shelly Company has an active & valid sam.gov registration) and the Ohio Auditor of State website Certified Search for Unresolved Findings for Recovery reflect nothing negative for Shelly Company. Also, Ms. Sprague noted the bid submitted by Shelly Company included all the required fully executed documents. Therefore, she recommended the Commission award to The Shelly Company in the amount of \$103,916. Ms. Sprague noted the bid exceeds the grant amount of \$91,800 by \$12,116 and Huntington Township has been notified by email and they agree to cover any overages above the grant funding.

Mr. Kroll entertained a motion to award the bid as recommended. Q. Jay Stapleton made and Tony Hughes seconded this motion to award the bid to The Shelly Company in the amount of \$103,916 as recommended. Roll call votes: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

CONTRACT SIGNING
CDBG 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT
HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP DURGAN ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Grants Administrator Karen Sprague provided the Commission with the contract documents for the FY 2025 CDBG Community Development funded project titled Huntington Township Durgan Road Paving Project with bid awarded on 9/17/2026 as follows:

- The Shelly Company in the amount of \$103,916.00

President Kroll entertained a motion to approve and sign the contract documents as presented. Tony Hughes made and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded this motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

SHERIFF – GRANT

Sheriff Matt Champlin submitted the following grant award for approval. Tony Hughes moved to approve the grant, and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea

The office of Criminal Justice Services requires agencies receiving federal and state funding to ensure all actions taken by their employees, contractors, and volunteers meet professional standards as determined by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio Revised Code, and Ohio Administrative Code. These standards help recognize the minimum expertise necessary to perform professionally credible work. The standards are not designed to identify the best or ideal person for any position. The effective application of these standards will require the development of a detailed job description containing additional information to suit a particular situation and need.

Any professional facilitating behavioral health services to individuals residing in Ohio must have a current license/certification in good standing with the Board or State Agency statutorily responsible for oversight. OCJS must be notified immediately if the professional's status changes from good standing.

By signing the award, the subgrantee is bound by the guidelines and statements included in the Request for Proposals (RFP), the approved application, any authorized adjustments, the Subgrant Handbook and any Special Conditions including further terms and conditions of the subgrant that may be applicable or of particular interest to a particular grant program or project. Additionally, Subgrantees must comply with all applicable Federal/State laws and regulations.

By signing below, the project director, implementing agency authorized official and subgrantee authorized official acknowledge that they have read and understand the above information and attached forms.

The signatures must match the names on the title page.

/Jeremy Kroll

/Q. Jay Stapleton

/Tony Hughes

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s/Jeremy Kroll
s/Q. Jay Stapleton
s/Tony Hughes

2026 EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

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

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 163rd Annual Emancipation Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 & Sunday, September 20, 2026 at The University of Rio Grande

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Gallia County Commissioners proclaim September 19th & 20th, 2026 as the **2026 Annual Emancipation Celebration Weekend** in Gallia County and lend our full support to the efforts of the Emancipation Celebration Committee.

s/Jeremy Kroll
s/Q. Jay Stapleton
s/Tony Hughes

LINCOLN COLORED SCHOOL PROCLAMATION

President Kroll entertained a motion to approve the following Lincoln Colored School Proclamation. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

**HONORING THE LINCOLN COLORED SCHOOL
AND THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION IN GALLIA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Colored School stands as an important landmark in the history of African American education in Gallia County and represents the perseverance, determination, and commitment of generations of African American families who fought for educational opportunity and equality; and

WHEREAS, established in 1868, the Lincoln Colored School provided educational opportunities for African American children during a time when segregation and racial discrimination limited access to equal educational resources; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Colored School holds a significant place in Ohio's educational history, including its connection to the historic 1918 court-ordered integration of Gallipolis schools, an important moment in the continuing struggle for equal educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Colored School building remains a tangible reminder of the students, teachers, parents, and community members whose dedication and sacrifices helped advance education and opportunity for African Americans in Gallia County; and

WHEREAS, preserving the history of the Lincoln Colored School ensures that present and future generations understand the challenges overcome by those who came before us and recognize the courage, resilience, and accomplishments of the African American community in Gallia County; and

WHEREAS, the placement of an **Ohio Historical Marker** at the Lincoln Colored School formally recognizes and honors this important chapter of Gallia County and Ohio history and provides an opportunity for residents, students, visitors, and future generations to learn from this significant site; and

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners recognizes that preserving local history strengthens our communities, promotes education, encourages historical understanding, and ensures that the stories of those who helped shape Gallia County are not forgotten;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the Lincoln Colored School and celebrates the dedication of its Ohio Historical Marker as a lasting tribute to the students, educators, families, and community members who contributed to the advancement of education and equality in Gallia County.

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BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to learn about, preserve, and share the history of the Lincoln Colored School and the broader history of African Americans in Gallia County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that September 19, 2026, dedication of the Lincoln Colored School Ohio Historical Marker shall serve as a celebration of our shared history and a reminder that understanding the past helps us build a stronger and more inclusive future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Gallia County to be affixed this 19th day of September 2026.

/Chris Graber
/Matthew Champlin
/Jeremy Kroll

2026 POW/MIA PROCLAMATION

President Kroll entertained a motion to approve the following POW/MIA Proclamation. Tony Hughes moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

2026 POW/MIA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the freedoms enjoyed by the citizens of Gallia County and the United States of America have been secured and protected by the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces; and **WHEREAS**, throughout our nation's history, brave Americans have answered the call to serve, and some have endured captivity and unimaginable hardships as prisoners of war, while others have made the ultimate sacrifice and remain missing in action; and

WHEREAS, the families and loved ones of our prisoners of war and those missing in action have carried the burden of uncertainty and loss, often for generations, while continuing to hope for answers and honoring the service of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day provides an opportunity for Americans to remember and honor these who were prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action, and to reaffirm our nation's commitment to accounting for every service member who has not returned home; and

WHEREAS, Gallia County recognizes the profound debt of gratitude owed to our nation's veterans, active-duty service members, prisoners of war, those missing in action, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Commissioners encourage all citizens to pause and reflect upon the sacrifices made by these brave men and women and to keep their memory alive by displaying the POW/MIA flag and honoring their service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes National POW/MIA Recognition Day and honors all American prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action.

We call upon the citizens of Gallia County to remember these heroes and their families, to recognize their sacrifices, and to reaffirm that they are not forgotten.

Proclaimed this 18th day of September 2026.

/Chris Graber
/Matthew Champlin
/Jeremy Kroll

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Economic Development Director Taylor Stepp presented the following support letter for signing. Tony Hughes moved to sign the letter as presented, Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

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 Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Mineral Resources Management
 Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program
 2045 Morse Road, Building H2
 Columbus, Ohio 43229

Dear AMLER Program Review Committee:

On behalf of the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, we write in full support of the Community Improvement Corporation of Gallia County's AMLER application for infrastructure funding at the Dan Evans Industrial Park.

This county works every day to address two problems, a population that has been declining since the turn of the century, and a workforce that leaves the county to find work. A large share of our residents commutes well over an hour each way to jobs outside of Gallia County. That commute is lost time, lost quality of life, and eventually lost

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residents, as workers follow their jobs out of the county. Building the industrial capacity to keep those jobs here is the most direct way we have to change that pattern.

Gallia County's topography, floodplain, and limited utility access leave us with difficulties finding acreage for industrial development. The industrial park is on land that is unencumbered by those issues, which is precisely why finishing it, and finishing it quickly, matters. The demand for this park is real and it is current. What is missing is the internal infrastructure to let that demand reach much of the park, and that is the gap that this would fund.

Advanced energy investment at Piketon and in Meigs County, and a multi-billion steel mill across the river in West Virginia, are drawing supply chain activity to this part of the state on a timeline that is simply unprecedented. JWe believe by having the infrastructure at the park completed, we will be extremely well-positioned to win industrial investment.

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners fully supports this application, and we ask the committee to provide it serious consideration.

Sincerely,
s/Jeremy Kroll
s/Q. Jay Stapleton
s/Tony Hughes

2027 DEFENSE OF INDIGENT SERVICES – PROPOSAL OPENING

At 11:00 a.m. President Jeremy Kroll opened the following sealed Proposal:

Attorney	Proposal for services in 2027
Gallia County Defense Attorneys Corp.	\$496,600.00 510,000.00 AP

The proposal was turned over to the County Administrator's for review. No action taken.

KA SEWER RESIDENT

Terry Burnette, a resident of the KA Sewer District, met with the Commissioners to discuss water damage to her property resulting from recent flooding. Ms. Burnette reported that the flooding overwhelmed the sewer system, resulting in water backing up and flooding her basement. No action taken.

AUDITOR

Auditor Robert Jacks requested to go on record that any nonprofit entity present a resolution requesting a grant, financial assistance, or other form of support from the Board of Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners consult with the Auditor's Office prior to taking action on the request. No action taken.

DJFS

DJFS Director Dana Glassburn presented the Gallia-Meigs Mobility Management Title VI Plan and Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services Director, Dana Glassburn, recommended the approval of Gallia-Meigs Mobility Management Title VI Plan.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve and adopt the Gallia-Meigs Mobility Management Title VI Plan, affirming the Board's commitment to ensuring that the Mobility Management Program operates in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination requirements. The motion further authorized the Mobility Manager and other designated personnel to implement the Plan under the joint direction of the JFS Director of Gallia and Meigs County, maintain required records, process complaints, conduct periodic updates, and submit any required documentation to the Ohio Department of Transportation and other applicable funding agencies. Commissioner Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

*3 p.m. – The Commissioners attended the monthly Land Bank meeting.

SERVICE CENTER – ROOF

The Commissioners were in receipt of the following two estimates to replace the lower, back section of the roof of the Service Center:

Company	Total	Warranty
Hash's Construction Co.	\$23,360.00	20 Year
Diamond J. Roofing	\$21,300.00	25 Year

President Kroll entertained a motion to sign the contract with Diamond J. Roofing in the amount of \$21,300.00. Tony Hughes moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, abstain; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

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SERVICE CENTER – DRIP EDGE REPAIR

The Commissioners were in receipt of the following two estimates repair and restore the Drip Edge in the area above the mechanical room on the back side of the Service Center:

Company	Total
Hash's Construction Co.	\$6400.00
Diamond J. Roofing	\$3600.00

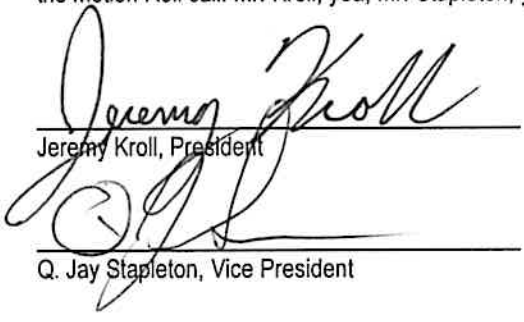
President Kroll entertained a motion to sign the contract with Diamond J. Roofing in the amount of \$3600.00. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, abstain; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

COMMISSIONERS – DUMPSTERS

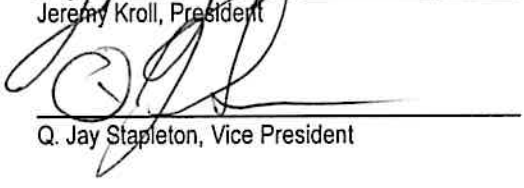
President Kroll entertained a motion to place 3 dumpsters at the Health Department to assist with the disposal of debris resulting from the recent flooding. Tony Hughes moved and Q. Jay Stapleton seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

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