October 8, 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 October 1, 2026, minutes. Q. Jay Stapleton moved 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
10/4	20	1	0	0	10	0	0	0	11	14	0	0	0	23

AMERICA 250-OHIO HERITAGE TREE RESOLUTION

County Administrator Amanda Phillips presented the following resolution for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve the resolution as presented and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND PLANTING AN AMERICA 250-OHIO HERITAGE TREE IN GALLIA COUNTY

WHEREAS America 250-Ohio is coordinating statewide efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and to recognize Ohio's important role in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS the **Heritage Trees: Planting History** initiative provides each of Ohio's 88 counties with a native Ohio white oak tree to be planted as a living symbol of Ohio's history, heritage, and commitment to future generations; and

WHEREAS the Gallia County Board of Commissioners desires to participate in the Heritage Trees: Planting History initiative and recognizes the significance of establishing a lasting living landmark within Gallia County; and

WHEREAS, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners has designated **186 Shawnee Lane, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631**, as the location for the planting of Gallia County's Heritage Tree; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Tree will serve as a lasting reminder of Gallia County's participation in the commemoration of America's 250th anniversary and will provide an opportunity for future generations to learn about and appreciate Ohio's natural and cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, that the Board hereby:

1. **Accepts** the Heritage Tree provided through the America 250-Ohio **Heritage Trees: Planting History** initiative;
2. **Approves the planting** of the Heritage Tree at **186 Shawnee Lane, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631**;
3. **Commits to the care and maintenance** of the Heritage Tree so that it may remain a lasting symbol of Gallia County's participation in the commemoration of America's 250th anniversary; and
4. **Authorizes the appropriate county personnel** to coordinate the planting and necessary care of the Heritage Tree in accordance with the requirements and recommendations of the America 250-Ohio program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Heritage Tree as a living tribute to the history, heritage, and future of Gallia County and the State of Ohio.

Adopted this 8th day of October 2026.

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

JUVENILE PROBATE

Brian Rutherford and Judge Moulton from Juvenile/Probate Court met with the Commissioners to discuss funding for detention. No action taken.

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS – OAKRIDGE REALTY AND AUCTION CO. RESOLUTION

County Administrator Amanda Phillips presented the following Resolution for approval: moved to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

WHEREAS, The Board of Gallia County Commissioners has resolved that, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 307.09, the interests of the County require that it sell the attached described real property, which is not needed for public use by public auction.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, is record title owner of the described real property attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" pursuant to deed of record in Volume 318, Page 381, Deed Records of Gallia County, Ohio.

WHEREAS, Gallia County will offer the attached described real property, pursuant to O.R.C. Sections 307.09 and 307.10, for sale at public auction on October 20th at 2 p.m., after giving at least thirty days' notice of the auction by publication on the Gallia County Website.

WHEREAS The Board of Gallia County Commissioners may reject any and all bids.

WHEREAS, the successful bidder must not have delinquent taxes on any parcel in Gallia County, Ohio

WHEREAS, The Board of Gallia County Commissioners has approved and authorized entering into a Listing Agreement with OAKRIDGE REALTY AND AUCTION CO. to sell the attached described real property and hereby authorizes said OAKRIDGE REALTY AND AUCTION CO. to conduct the public auction pursuant to the terms of said listing agreement regarding said attached described real property.

NOW THERFORE WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO, DO HEREBY AGREE TO THIS RESOLUTION BY SIGNING BELOW, on this 8th day of October 2026.

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

ENGINEER – PURCHASING TRUCKS

Engineer Brett Boothe proposed to purchase four (3) vehicles (pickup trucks) estimated $220,000.00 using county M&R funds. President Jeremy Kroll entertained a motion to allow Mr. Boothe permission to proceed with the bid process. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea

ENGINEER – AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

President Kroll entertained a motion to approve the following Authorizing Legislation. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRETT A. BOOTHE, P.E., P.S., GALLIA COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S)

WHEREAS the State Capital Improvement Program and the local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS the Gallia County is planning to make capital improvements to Mill Creek Culvert Replacement, and

WHEREAS the infrastructure improvements herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and are qualified projects under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Gallia County:

Section 1: The Gallia County Engineer Brett A. Boothe, P.E., P.S. is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for emergency funds as described above.

Section 2: The Gallia County Commission President Jeremy Kroll is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance and executing contracts for said projects.

Passed: 10/8/2026

Approved by:

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

OCTOBER 8, 2026

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WHEREAS the State Capital Improvement Program and the local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, Gallia County is planning to make capital improvements to Dan Jones Rd. Slip Repair, and

WHEREAS the infrastructure improvements herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and are qualified projects under the OPWC programs,

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Approved by:

/Jeremy Kroll
e/Q. Jay Stapleton
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WHEREAS the State Capital Improvement Program and the local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Gallia County is planning to make capital improvements to Maple Grove Rd. Slip Repair, and

WHEREAS the infrastructure improvements herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and are qualified projects under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Gallia County:

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Passed: 10/8/2026

Approved by:

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

D&K – AWARD

Alonna Grimm, County Dog Warden was in receipt of a no-kill award from Best Friends Animal Society for the 2025 calendar year. The award represents dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and motivated supporters. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Ms. Grimm and her staff. No action taken.

1 p.m. – The Commissioners attended the America 250-Ohio Heritage Tree planting ceremony at 186 Shawnee Lane Gallipolis, Ohio.

RECESS

At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion to recess today's meeting and reconvene on October 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and review the 2027 County Budget. Q. Jay Stapleton moved and Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

October 13, 2026

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners reconvened on this date for the purpose of reviewing the 2027 County Budget with the County Administrator's. At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Kroll. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ODNR LETTER

Economic Development Director Taylor Stepp submitted the following letter to ODNR for approval. Q. Jay Stapleton moved to approve and sign the letter as submitted by Mr. Stepp, Tony Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Kroll, yea; Mr. Stapleton, yea; Mr. Hughes, yea.

ADJOURN

At 1:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Tony Hughes made and Q. Jay Stapleton 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