

FEBRUARY 21, 2008

At 9:00 a.m. the Gallia County Board of Commissioners met on this date for the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous meeting and approving the current bills. Commissioners present: Mr. Justin L. Fallon, President; Mr. David K. Smith, Vice-President and Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, Member.

David Smith entertained a motion for approval of the February 14, 2008 minutes. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded a motion of approval as written. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Fallon was taking a phone call and absent for vote.

ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT

Week ending February 10, 2008: euthanized 14

TRAVEL**JOB & FAMILY SERVICES**

Cynde Kuhn	03/9/10/11/12/2008	ocowf training
Jamie Payne	03/9/10/11/12/2008	conference
Carol Belville	03/20/2008	quarterly fiscal
Dana Glassburn	03/20/2008	meeting
Kitty Griffith	03/20/2008	
Sue Barrick	04/6/7/8/9/2008	Ohio CSEA director's
Malena Phillips	04/6/7/8/9/2008	association 2008
Lynda Smith	04/6/7/8/9/2008	spring conference
Barb Wallen	04/6/7/8/9/2008	

Auditor

Steve Stinson, Weights and Measures department/Auditor's office, training, March 13, 2008, Reynoldsburg, OH

Commissioners

David K. Smith, Waverly, Ohio, February 21, 2008, OVRDC Executive Committee meeting

Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve the travel as requested. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

SUPPORT LETTER

Justin Fallon entertained a motion to sign and fax the following support letter as requested. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

The Honorable George Voinovich
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Fax: 202-224-5516

and

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Fax: 202-228-6321

and

The Honorable Charles Wilson
 Fax: 202-225-5907

February 13, 2008

Re: FY09 funding for the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program in
 Agriculture appropriations

Dear Mr. Voinovich/Mr. Brown/Mr. Wilson:

The Gallia County Commissioners are members of the Ohio Valley RC&D council located in Sardinia, Ohio. We urge you to oppose the President's 2009 budget request for the Resource Conservation and Development Council's across the United States. He proposes to eliminate all funding to the RC&D program. We need your help in restoring this funding to a minimum of \$56 million to continue our strong record of service on conservation and economic development issues in our community.

RC&D Councils, throughout the country, help plan and carry out activities that increase conservation of natural resources, support economic development and enhance the environment and standard of living in local communities. RC&D Council members are volunteers and include local, civic, appointed, and elected officials. RC&D Councils are non-profit entities that work in partnership with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service through a Federal Coordinator.

The RC&D program is one of the Federal Government's success stories with its ability to return \$7.50 for every dollar the Federal Government invests to support economic development and resource protection in rural areas.

We cannot allow funding to the RC&D program to be cut. If funding for this program is cut, the following services and projects can no longer be provided in our communities.

Ohio Valley RC&D has been very active throughout the ten-county region it serves in Southern Ohio. The most current initiative involves the development of the "Southern Ohio Conservation Easement Initiative" a program to provide direct technical assistance to landowners considering the donation of all or a portion of their land for a conservation and/or Agricultural Easement. The Council is also embarking on a project that provides foodstuffs, office supplies, and other goods to area non-profits organizations and social organizations such as food banks, schools, and churches. Other projects include the renovation of the Bell's Opera House in Hillsboro, grand writing, strategic planning and project development for area non-profits and community groups. The Council continues to provide leadership to area watershed projects and water quality initiatives.

I am writing to you to ask that you continue support for the Ohio Valley RC&D Council and all Councils nationwide by writing the Chairman and Ranking Members of the Agriculture appropriations Subcommittee and asking the \$56 million be provided to the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D). In your letter please request that they insert the following language into the Agriculture Appropriations bill:

"Resource, Conservation and Development Councils play an important role in rural development and natural resource conservation. USDA has indicated it takes an average of \$207,500 to fully support an RC&D Council. There are currently 375 existing Councils and 38 pending applications. The Committee provides \$56 million to move the existing Councils toward full funding.

*Sincerely,
 s/Justin L. Fallon
 s/David K. Smith
 s/Howard J. Foster*

RESOLUTION – SOACDF GRANT APPLICATION
EMS STATION PROJECT

County Administrator Karen Sprague met with the Commission to present the SOACDF grant application for the Gallia County EMS Station project. The various projects for the 2007-2008 round of funding were discussed and it was noted that Gallia County will request the funds remaining for this project after all private business projects have been funded to the levels requested by the business owners. Total project cost will be \$245,000. The application requests \$51,827 in SOACDF grant funding for this project. A second, backup application was also submitted for approval, requesting \$85,750 in SOACDF grant funding for this project just in case any of the other projects do not submit their applications. Also, presented for approval was a letter of commitment of the local match that will be \$43,173 (or \$9,250 for the backup application) (if the USDA RD

grant/loan funding is approved) to be paid from the County EMS fund. (It was noted that if Gallia County is not awarded the USDA RD Community Facilities grant and loan for this project, Gallia County will provide the local match of \$193,173 or \$159,250 for the backup project by a combination of County EMS Fund, County General Fund and loan from a local bank.)

Justin Fallon entertained a motion that the Commission lend it's full support to the Gallia County EMS Station project, approve the letter of support & commitment of cash match in the amount of \$43,173 or \$9,250 for the backup project at this time. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
FY 2005 CDBG EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (B-H-05-025-1)

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, presented the Commission with the Final Performance Report for the period February 1, 2006 to February 28, 2008 for the County's FY 2005 CDBG Emergency Shelter Grant (B-H-05-025-1) which must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development. Justin Fallon entertained a motion that the Final Performance Report be approved and signed as presented. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; David Smith, yea; Joe Foster, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

KANAUGA/ADDISON SEWER SYSTEM
EASEMENT POLICY

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, presented the final draft of the Kanauga/Addison Sewer System Easement Policy for approval by the Commission. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded a motion to approve the policy as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; David Smith, yea; Joe Foster, yea.

Whereas, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners will need to acquire certain easements from private property owners to allow for the construction of the Kanauga/Addison Sewer System; and

Whereas, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners wishes to adopt a policy for guidance in the negotiation of easements for this project.

Now, therefore, the Board of Gallia County Commissioners hereby resolves that the following constitute the Kanauga/Addison Sewer System Easement Policy.

Section 1. Gary Silcott, Project Engineer from Stantec Consulting Services Inc., and Karen Sprague, Gallia County Administrator, are granted authority to negotiate easements for the Kanauga/Addison Sewer System Project.

Section 2. Mr. Silcott and Ms. Sprague are hereby directed to obtain the necessary easements without cost to the county in order to keep the project costs, as well as the monthly user fees as low as possible

Section 3. Mr. Silcott and Ms. Sprague are hereby directed that in certain circumstances free taps may be offered to property owners in lieu of easements as follows:

1. Only for existing residential units or property with facilities used for government business such as county, township or village owned property (i.e. fire station, community center, town hall, etc.).
2. Only for existing residential units that are already connected to a county owned sewer system (i.e. Tara Estates Subdivision).
3. Only one per parcel of land with an existing residential unit or facility used for government business.
4. Free taps are not allowed for commercial properties.
5. Free taps are not allowed for future development (vacant property).

Section 4. Deviations from the above established requirements must be approved by the Board of Gallia County Commissioners on a case-by-case basis and in the event that it appears imminent domain will be required.

This policy is hereby adopted this 21st day of February, 2008.

Gallia County Commissioners
s/ Justin L. Fallon, President
s/ David K. Smith, Vice-Pres.
s/ Howard Joe Foster, Commission Member

LETTER OF SUPPORT
ACEIF GRANT – GALLIPOLIS CITY MAP DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, presented the Commission with a draft letter of support for Gallipolis City's ACEIF grant for a Map Digitization Project. David Smith moved and Joe Foster seconded a motion to approve the letter of support as presented. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; David Smith, yea; Joe Foster, yea.

2/21/08

Gallipolis City Commission
Attn: William Jenkins, City Manager
518 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

RE: Application for ACEIF Grant for Gallipolis City Map Digitization Project

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Please accept this as our letter of support for a grant application that you are submitting to the Governor's Office of Appalachia for an Appalachian Community Economic Impact Fund grant for the Gallipolis City Map Digitization Project.

Our office has been working with the City of Gallipolis, Gallia County Engineer, Gallia County Auditor, Gallia County 911 Department, Gallia County IT Department, Gallia County Planning Commission, Gallia County OSU Extension Office, Gallia County Soil & Water Conservation District and ILGARD towards the digitization of our county maps. This is a joint project county-wide that will benefit all county agencies and residents.

Gallipolis City's support of this much needed project, as well as the Governor's Office of Appalachia support will be very much appreciated by the Gallia County Engineer's Office and county our residents.

Thank you in advance for your favorable action in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,
Gallia County Commissioners
s/ Justin L. Fallon, President
s/ David K. Smith, President
s/ Howard Joe Foster, Commission Member

EXTENSION SERVICE

Richard Stephens and Amy Corbin met to discuss updates and meeting schedules.

JFS DIRECTOR

At 10:35 a.m., Justin Fallon entertained a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel with Director Dana Glassburn. David Smith made and Joe Foster

seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No action taken in executive session.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY CENTER
ROSALLIE DURBIN AND BARTLEY MULLEN

Rosalie Durbin presented a summary of outstanding change orders for the ECFC and project supervisor Bartley Mullen explained and updated the Commissioners on the new center. No action taken.

E-911 DIRECTOR

Director Wilson recommended the following promotion for employee Sherry Daines.

February 21, 2008

Gallia County Commission
18 Locust Street
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Sirs,

Sherry E. Daines has been employed with the Gallia County 911 Center for over ten years now. She was originally hired as a Training Officer/Secretary.

During Sherry's tenure with Gallia County 911 she became more involved in assisting me with management of the 911 facility and we changed her title (in-house) to Administrative Assistant.

I recently discovered that for this to be a proper title, the promotion needed to be sanctioned by the county board of commissioners.

I am in my twenty-ninth (29th) year of service in PERS and will reach my thirtieth (30th) year of service this October.

I am accruing vacation time at the rate of a twenty-five year employee. While I am not planning on leaving work

here with the county when I arrive at the thirty year mark, I do need to use more of my accrued vacation time so

when I eventually do retire, we won't break the 911 Center budget with a pay-out to me.

Currently in my absence, Sherry handles all administrative duties at the 911 Center. She is the 911 Center

"Alternate" on the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee, having attended all required training for that position.

In addition to handling administrative duties in my absence, Sherry still handles all new 911 Operator training as

well as any required in-service training for the entire staff. She handles payroll, inventory, and does our

bookkeeping for budgeting purposes and other necessary duties.

Working with our labor consultant we have developed a job description for 911 Center Administrative Assistant.

Please find attached a list of duties that are categorized through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services

that Sherry handles at 911.

At this time I would like for the Commission to "officially" promote Sherry E. Daines to the position of "911 Center

Administrative Assistant". With that promotion, I would like to establish her pay rate at \$16.55 per hour. This

rate is in line with similar positions in other area county agencies.

Doing so at this time will allow me to use vacation time as I can and still have a dedicated and knowledgeable

employee in place to handle the 911 Center in my absence.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen L. Wilson, Director

Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve the promotion request from Director Wilson for Sherry Daines to 911 Center Administrative Assistant. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

Justin Fallon entertained a motion to change 911 employee Ron Parcell from part time to full time as a 911 operator to fill the opening left by Alisha Meadows with start date February 28, 2008. Joe Foster made the motion and Justin Fallon seconded. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, abstained.

At 11:30 a.m., Director Steve Wilson requested an executive session to discuss personnel. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Returned to regular session at 11:56 a.m. No action taken in executive session.

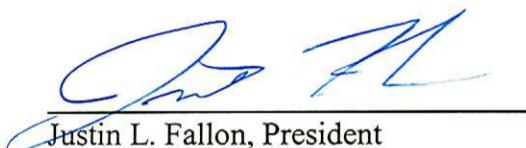
David Smith moved to give Steve Wilson authority at his discretion to meet personnel requirements needed for the 911 Center. Joe Foster seconded. Roll call: Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

ROAD VIEW: SHAVER ROAD IN ADDISON TOWNSHIP

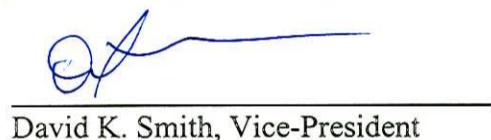
Commissioners Fallon and Foster traveled to Shaver Road for the 1:30 p.m. road view in Addison Township. Commissioner Smith traveled to Waverly at noon to attend the OVRDC meeting.

ADJOURN

At 2:55 p.m. Justin Fallon entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.


Justin L. Fallon, President


Barbara Unroe, Clerk


David K. Smith, Vice-President


Howard J. Foster, Member