

**MARCH 6, 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 28, 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 24, 2008: euthanized 7

**TRAVEL****Recorder**

Roger Walker, March 14, 2008, Ohio Recorder's Association meeting, Chillicothe, OH

**Commissioners**

Justin Fallon, Columbus, March 3, 2008

Karen Sprague, Piketon, March 12, 2008, SOACDF 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.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded a motion to publicly thank the Gallia County Board of Elections, the election office staff both full and part-time, our Gallia County IT staff and all the poll workers for all their hard work and a job well done on the recent primary election. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

**LEAVE DONATION APPLICATION**

Rosalie Walker, 30.8 sick leave hours to Denise Martin, both employees of the GJM Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services office. Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve the leave donation application request. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

**FY 2008 CDBG FORMULA PROGRAM**

Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the FY 2008 CDBG Formula Program Packets which will be distributed at this First Public Meeting to be held as follows: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Gallia County Courthouse, second floor meeting room. Karen Sprague also asked that the Packet contents be approved as presented, including the 2008 Project Rating Sheet. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded a motion to set the date as stated above and approve the 2008 packets. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; David K. Smith, yea; Joe Foster, yea.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT****OVRDC SR32/US50/US35 HIGHWAY CORRIDOR APPROPRIATION**

David Smith moved and Joe Foster seconded a motion to approve a letter of support for Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's appropriation request for \$500,000 to conduct a comprehensive transportation study of the SR32/US50/US35 Appalachian highway corridor in southern Ohio. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; David K. Smith, yea; Joe Foster, yea.

*March 6, 2008*

Honorable Charlie Wilson  
6th Ohio Congressional District  
Room 226 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wilson:

This letter is to inform you that we are in support of the request from the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC) for \$500,000 in appropriations request funds to conduct a comprehensive transportation study of the SR32/US50/35 Appalachian highway corridor in southern Ohio.

This study will complement the currently ongoing economic development study of the corridor being undertaken by OVRDC, which will map all major employers, industrial sites and infrastructure along the corridor.

The completion of these two studies, the economic and transportation studies, will provide a growth management plan for the corridor, which will allow the region to intelligently plan for future development along the corridor. In addition, the detailed information provided by the study will provide the state and region important information to market the region for further development.

In summary, this transportation study will allow the region to maximize the potential for future orderly growth along this key Appalachian Ohio development corridor and will minimize future congestion.

Thank you for your support of this important regional project.

Sincerely,

s/ Justin L. Fallon, President

s/ David K. Smith, Vice-Pres.

s/ Howard Joe Foster, Commission Member

#### **RIO GRANDE VILLAGE 2008 JAIL CONTRACT**

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, advised the Commission the Rio Grande Village jail contract will expire 4/14/08 and she would like direction on how to proceed with a 2008 contract with the village. Commissioners advised since they made no changes to the Gallipolis City jail contract for 2008 they were agreeable to extend the same contract to Rio Grande Village, however making the term to expire at year end, 12/31/08. Ms. Sprague advised she would get the new contract to the village so they can sign and return to the county in time to be adopted before 4/15/08. No action taken at this time.

#### **RESOLUTION – FAIR BOOTH APPROVAL**

Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 2008 Gallia County Junior Fair Commercial Exhibitor contract for rental of a fair booth for the counties fair housing program. Cost is \$200 (includes the needed passes for GMCAA staff that helps with booth). This amount is paid for from the counties FY 2007 Formula grant. Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve the contract as presented. David Smith moved and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

#### **GREEN SEWER PROJECT TOPO MAPS**

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, discussed with the Commission the need for flying the Green Township Sewer Project service area for topo maps. Commission want more info on why the topo mapping that was recently done by the County Engineer's Office cannot be used for this project. Ms. Sprague will contact Stantec to get these answers. No action taken.

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW**

Commission reviewed and discussed the Feb 2008 monthly financial report from the County Auditor's Office in comparison with the Feb 2007 report. No action taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:51 a.m., Justin Fallon entertained a motion to move into executive session to discuss legal contracts with GC Prosecutor Jeff Adkins. David Smith made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion. At 10:23 a.m., Amy Corbin and Richard Stephens of the Extension office and JFS Director Dana Glassburn entered the executive session. Returned to regular session at 10:22 a.m. No action taken in executive session.

**ENGINEER GLENN SMITH: PROJECT AWARDS**

At 10:30 a.m., GC Engineer Glenn Smith recommended award for the Beaver Creek bridge project to R&R Construction of Jackson, OH, \$41,370. David Smith moved to award the project based upon Engineer Smith's recommendation. Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

Engineer Smith then recommended an award for the CDBG project for slip repair in Gallipolis Township to the Hall Family from Wheelersburg, OH, \$41,494. David Smith moved to award the project based upon Engineer Smith's recommendation. Joe Foster seconded. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

**AUDITOR LARRY BETZ**

GC Auditor Larry Betz presented amendment #1 to the 2008 Triennial Update from the Department of Taxation. There are 3 issues corrected and he has presented the corrected contract with amendments. Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve the amendments as presented. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea. The document has been approved as to form by GC Prosecutor, Jeff Adkins.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:53 a.m., Justin Fallon entertained a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel issues with JFS Director Dana Glassburn. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:44. No action taken in executive session.

\*The Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 11:49 a.m. and returned to session at 1:08 p.m.

**LETTER TO CITY OF GALLIPOLIS**  
**RE: SEWER US35/SR850 AREA**

Commissioner David Smith moved and Justin Fallon seconded a motion to approve a letter to the Gallipolis City Commission regarding sewer service for future development in the US35/SR850 area. Roll call votes: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, abstained.

3/6/08

*Gallipolis City Commission  
518 Second Avenue  
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631*

*RE: US 35/SR 850 Development Project*

*Dear Commissioners:*

*Gallia County has been contacted by developers regarding future commercial and residential development of 750 acres in the US 35/SR 850 area. In working on a master plan one of the issues they are going to face is sewer service in the area.*

*As commercial and residential development are of the utmost importance to Gallia County, we would like to meet with the Gallipolis City Commission to discuss your consideration of serving the area of US35/SR 850 with sewer service for future development. Gallipolis City currently has sewer service from the Kerr Road/SR 850 intersection to the Dan Evans Industrial Park.*

*We know this is a major decision and we would like to discuss the potential of working together in this regard at your earliest convenience. We are willing to attend a City Commission meeting or you are more than welcome to attend any of our County Commission meetings held every Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.*

*Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request and we hope we will be able to partner with the City of Gallipolis on this much needed project.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Gallia County Commissioners  
s/ Justin L. Fallon, Pres.*

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**ENGINEER FOR GALLIA-MEIGS AIRPORT PROJECTS**

Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a draft evaluation of the two RFQ responses submitted by firms wanting to serve as Engineer for the Gallia-Meigs Airport Projects as follows:

- Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. of Rocky River, Ohio
- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio

Commissioners reviewed the draft evaluations and proposals and requested they be sent to the Airport Authority Board for a recommendation. No action taken.

**MOTION TO RESCIND PROJECT AWARD**

Based upon GC Prosecutor Jeff Adkin’s opinion, David Smith made a motion to rescind the 10:30 a.m. motion to award the Gallipolis Township slip repair project awarded to Hall Excavating (\$41,370) because there was no bid bond included with the bid, making that bid incomplete. Justin Fallon seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, Mr. Foster, yea.

**GALLIPOLIS TOWNSHIP SLIP REPAIR PROJECT AWARD**

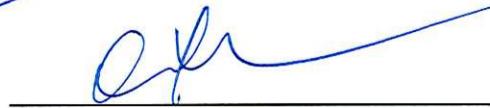
David Smith moved to award the Gallipolis Township Slip Repair project to Ohio Bridge Corporation (\$44,577) as the next lowest bidder. Joe Foster seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

**ADJOURN**

At 1:45 p.m. Justin Fallon entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

  
Justin L. Fallon, President

  
Barbara Unroe, Clerk

  
David K. Smith, Vice-President

  
Howard J. Foster, Member