

June 5, 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.

Justin Fallon entertained a motion for approval of the May 29, 2008 minutes. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded a motion of approval as written. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea.

TRAVEL

JFS

Cynde Kuhn	7-4	fraud meeting	Athens
Jamie Payne	"	"	"
Dana Glassburn	7-14&15	Quic+user group	Newark
Carol Belville	"	"	"
Kitty Griffith	"	"	"
Belinda Jones	5-29	Adult protective services mtg	Meigs Co.
Barb Wallen	6-17	interstate case record review	Lancaster
Belinda Jones	6-18	area agency on district 7 mtg	Portsmouth
Belinda Jones	6-11	advisory committee mtg	Portsmouth

EMA

EMA Director Mike Null requesting to attend the following:

- o June 24th 2008 Meigs County Haz-Mat drill.
- o ICS 300-400 "Train-the-Trainer" course at the Ohio EMA in Columbus, Ohio on August 12-15th, 2008

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Shawn Huston - June 23 – 25, to SOS conference in Columbus with Board of Elections.

COMMISSIONERS

6/4/08 - Justin Fallon to Athens for 21st Century Transportation Task Force meeting with ODOT.

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

ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT

Week Ending	Adopted	Reclaimed	Euthanized	Died of natural causes	Rescued	Destroyed in field	Total Month
June 1	1	0	12	0	0	0	13

JUVENILE COURT – ANNUAL REPORT

Juvenile Court submitted the 2007 Annual Report to the Commissioner for review. David Smith made a motion to accept submitted report and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Copy is kept on file in the Commissioners office.

OHIO VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded the motion to send the following letters of support for the Resource Conservation and Development Program and the Farm Bill. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

To: Senator Sherrod Brown
 Senator George Voinovich
 Congressman Charlie Wilson

As volunteers to The Ohio Valley RC&D Council and supporters of the Resource Conservation and Development Program, we would like to thank you for your support of the recently authorized Farm Bill. While there are many opinions on individual programs and the scope of the legislation, moving ahead for the good of our agricultural industry, conservation, safety and nutrition programs are very positive steps.

The important language included in this legislation was critical to the health and future of the Resource Conservation and Development Program. The Farm Bill includes language that:

- 1) Reaffirms that the Area (long-term) planning for councils should be "locally-led" and not dominated from Washington,
- 2) directs USDA to provide assistance that involve the resources of the Department in local communities and for the implementation of those "locally developed" area plans,
- 3) improves the provision of technical assistance to councils under this subtitle, by directing

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that the Secretary **shall** designate for each council an individual to be the coordinator for the council, and 4) it states that that designated Coordinator Shall be directly responsible for the provisions of technical assistance to the Council

While these affirmations are important, it is essential that the House and Senate appropriators set funding support at levels that will maintain the current or improve the assistance to these Councils. To fully fund the program's 375 Councils at the necessary \$207,500 would require \$77,800,500 annually. The leaders of the RC&D are asking congress to set FY'09 funding at \$56,000,000 to point the program toward the goal of full funding in the future.

We would ask that you make known to the members and chairs of the Agriculture appropriations committee your support for this \$56,000,000 level of funding for the RC&D Program.

The Ohio Valley RC&D Council is undertaking many important projects in Southern Ohio that include, but are not limited to, such projects as:

- o OVRC&D Revolving Loan Fund, designed to provide low interest business loans for the purpose of creating or preserving jobs in Natural Resource based businesses.
- o The renovation of Bell's Opera House in Hillsboro,
- o The Southern Ohio Conservation Easement Initiative – which provides technical assistance to landowners considering permanent protection of their property,
- o Project sharing - which brings foodstuffs, drinks, household items and office supplies to area non-profits and needy individuals through social support programs,
- o Support for the activities of the Raccoon Creek and White Oak Creek watershed projects,
- o Grant writing services to units of government, non-profits and other conservation organizations, and
- o Strategic planning and Project development services to help projects groups to organize their efforts

Thank you again for your support. If there are any issues that come to the attention of yourself or your staff that the Council might be able to assist, please contact their office at (937) 695-1293.

Respectfully yours,

s/Justin L. Fallon
President

s/David K. Smith
Vice President

s/Howard "Joe" Foster
Member

FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

Commissioners reviewed and compared May '08 Financial Fund report as submitted by Auditor Larry Betz, with the May '07 report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - DOG & KENNEL

9:27 AM - Joe Foster made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel and David Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

Dog Warden Paul Williams and Assistant Dog Warden Jason Harris joined the session at 9:45 AM.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:55 AM and took the following action. Joe Foster made a motion to give a 5-day paid working suspension from 6/9/08 through 6/13/08 to Dog Warden Paul Williams and Assistant Dog Warden Jason Harris for prior performance issues and David Smith seconded the motion. Commissioners expressed their support of the Dog & Kennel staff and the importance of their job and that public safety is their number one priority. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

DJFS

10:00 AM - Director Dana Glassburn presented for approval a one time PRC payment to *Once Again* for back to school clothing voucher. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded a motion to approve the one time payment request as presented. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

Director Glassburn also informed the Commissioners of his negotiations with Northwoods on a continuance maintenance agreement for the Digital Imaging software.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:24 AM Justin Fallon entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Dana Glassburn for personnel issues. Joe Foster made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:42 p.m.; no action taken.

LEAVE DONATIONS

JFS Director Dana Glassburn submitted the following interdepartmental leave donations to employee Michelle Miller for approval as indicated:

Brenda Dyer	up to 8 hrs	6/8 thru 6/21
Belinda Jones	up to 8 hrs	6/8 thru 6/21
Belinda Jones	up to 8 hrs	6/22 thru 7/5
Debbie Belville	up to 8 hrs	as needed
Kitty Griffith	up to 8 hrs	as needed

Carol Belville up to 8 hrs 6/8 thru 6/21
 Carol Belville up to 8 hrs as needed

Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded the motion to approve the submitted leave donations. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.

SHERIFF

11:00 AM – Sheriff Dave Martin and Major John Perry met to inform the Commissioners of budget expenditures for the year. Fuel and other cost have risen drastically over the past several months and are affecting their budget. Commissioners encouraged the Sheriff to continue serving the public while being prudent and conservative with the remaining funds within the Sheriff's law enforcement and jail budgets throughout the remainder of 2008.

AT&T

11:15 AM – AT&T representatives met with the Commissioners to discuss billing issues. IT Director John Grubb explained the situation with recently installed T-1 lines. The county understood that there would be no monthly charges until we started using the lines, yet we continue to be billed. AT&T representatives explained that when renegotiating a 36-month contract last fall they were able to incorporate the costs of the T-1 lines in the contract with no increase in the overall monthly charges. Once routers and equipment is purchased and installed the T-1 lines are ready to be utilized at no increased costs over the old contract. As an added benefit, any analog services can be discontinued at that time for additional costs savings.

Commissioners requested Mr. Grubb to contact those agencies that would be contributing towards the purchase of the installation equipment and pursue purchase so we can begin utilizing these services. They also requested Mr. Grubb submit the future cost savings from disconnecting the analog services. The following were in attendance: AT&T representatives: Dave Schneider, Dave Ginn and Brian Rusnak; County Information Technology Director John Grubb, Assistant County Clerk Connie Johnson; JFS Director Dana Glassburn and via conference call 911 Director Steve Wilson.

OPTICAL BROADBAND INITIATIVES

The AT&T representatives also updated the Commission regarding optical broadband initiatives. They advised AT&T is currently expanding their service to anchor tenants i.e. city, county, medical and educational facilities. Residential homes in rural areas around those anchor facilities can be provided DSL services as they continue to expand.

WORKSHOP – OSU STAFF

12:15 PM – Commissioners left for a luncheon workshop with OSU staff.

ADJOURN

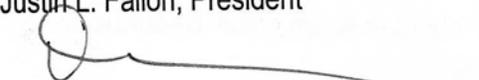
At 2:30 p.m. Justin Fallon entertained a motion for adjournment. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Smith, yea.



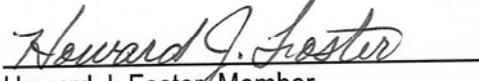
Justin L. Fallon, President



Terry Hemby, Clerk



David K. Smith, Vice-President



Howard J. Foster, Member