

February 5, 2009

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. At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by President Justin L. Fallon. Roll Call: Mr. Justin L. Fallon present; Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster Vice-President, present; and Ms. Lois M. Snyder, Member, present.

President Fallon entertained a motion for approval of the January 29, 2009 minutes. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
JFS	Dana Glassburn	2/4/09	Lancaster	Regional Directors Mtg
		2/11/09	Columbus	Directors Assoc General Session
		2/9/09	Columbus	Anti-poverty Work Group
	Theresa Hash	3/10 & 3/11	Columbus	WIA Training
	Belinda Jones Tande Rose	3/11/09	Meigs County	APS Core: basic legal framework for APS
Commissioners	Lois Snyder	2/6/09	Waverly	Ohio Valley Resource Conservation & Development
	Justin Fallon Lois Snyder Joe Foster	2/12	Wellston	Solid Waste District Mtg

President Fallon entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to award the following certificate of recognition to outgoing Library Board of Trustees member Jim Morrison. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

With deepest appreciation

The Board of Gallia County Commissioners

Presents this

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

to

James E. Morrison

For twenty years of exemplary service on the Gallia County District Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Morrison has contributed a considerable investment of time and energy to the Library, always respecting the role of the Library in Gallia County. He has always brought a wide range of knowledge to the table at each board meeting, particularly in the areas of finance and business.

Presented on this 10th day of February 2009.

s/Justin L. Fallon, President

s/Howard "Joe" Foster, Vice-Pres.

s/Lois M. Snyder, Board Member

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT2 NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a letter from USDA Rural Development advising of 2 new programs to assist communities with economic development.

1. The Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) provides funds to non-profit corporations, public bodies and cooperatives. A loan is made to the applicant with a typical amount of \$500,000 at an interest rate of 1% and a term of 30 years. The loan allows the county to establish a revolving loan fund that will serve primarily small to medium sized businesses in a service area that you designate. Loans to the ultimate recipient can be used for the purchase of equipment, real estate or working capital purposes. This IRP is handled out of the Columbus Office.
2. The Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG) can also be used to establish a revolving loan fund but can be used for other purposes as well. Examples of other uses include technical assistance and training programs for small businesses and entrepreneurs, purchase of equipment, land and buildings, job training, etc. Eligible applicants for the RBEG program are non-profit corporations and public bodies. The grant funds must be used to support small businesses and create jobs but funds cannot be passed directly to the small business except in the form of a loan. The typical grant is \$99,000. The RBEG is handled out of the Marietta USDA RD Office.

Commissioners presented the letter to Amy Corbin, OSU Ext. Community Development Coordinator, for follow-up.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTCDBG ED REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The County Administrator presented the Commission with the Semi-Annual Report for the CDBG ED Revolving Loan Fund for the period of June 30, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 as completed and presented to the County by Enterprise Development Corporation. Justin Fallon entertained a motion that the report be approved and signed as presented. Joe Foster moved and Lois Snyder seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; Joe Foster, yea; Lois Snyder, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The County Administrator presented the Commission with the Jan 2009 monthly financial reports from the County Auditor's Office for review and comparison with the Jan 2008 reports. The Commission also reviewed the 3rd and 4th Amended Certificates of Appropriation as provided by the County Budget Commission.

GREEN SEWER PROJECT

The County Administrator presented the Commission an email and spreadsheet from Sewer Engineer Gary Silcott requesting guidance on proceeding with the engineering for the Green Sewer Project. Specifically, does the county wish to only sewer the 2 residential subdivisions under findings and orders or proceed with plans for Green Sewer Phase 1 which is the Rodney area of Green and Springfield Townships. The spreadsheet with estimated project costs and costs to the residents was discussed. Commissioners determine they need to know if the 2 residential subdivisions have 51% low-to-moderate income residents or not before making any further decisions. If the subdivisions are LMI they qualify for CDBG grant funding that makes the option of only sewerage the subdivisions economical. They instructed the County Administrator to get the LMI survey started as soon as possible for the 2 subdivisions.

OEPA WATER QUALITY PROJECT FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS ASSISTANCE IN 2009

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a letter from OEPA advising they need lists of potential Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) funding applicants for distribution of Ohio stimulus funds to projects such as wastewater, storm water, green infrastructure, stream restoration and other. Ms. Sprague advised she forwarded the letter to Sewer Engineer Gary Silcott and requested he prepare the list for Gallia County and submit as requested by OEPA. Projects discussed in this regard were Green Sewer and Mercerville Sewer. Also, Vinton Village has cost estimates for storm water projects in the village that have been prepared by Gary Silcott and those should also be submitted.

EMERGENCY POLICY

The County Administrator presented a draft Emergency Policy for the Commissioners review and comment. No action taken.

SOACDF SR 850 UPGRADE PROJECT

The County Administrator presented the Commission with the finalized agreement for the SOACDF SR 850 Upgrade Project giving the County the authority to cut a check to ODOT for the \$100,000 SOACDF grant funds so that ODOT will be responsible for expending the funds for easement acquisitions for this project. It was noted the project should proceed very soon now that this has been resolved.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM
NSP REGION 21 - JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The County Administrator presented the Commission with the following Joint Cooperation Agreement for the Region 21 Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant for approval and signing. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded a motion to approve and sign the cooperation agreement as presented. Roll call votes: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM
JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to approve and sign the following agreement. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

This AGREEMENT is hereby entered into this 5th day of February, 2009, by and between the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF VINTON COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEigs COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLIANCE COUNTY, OHIO, the CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO, and the CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, OHIO, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", for the purpose of applying for, obtaining and administering the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 and as administered by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD/OHCP).

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) to provide funding through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) to develop and stabilize residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has allocated funding through the NSP to implement NSP activities; and

WHEREAS, said NSP allocation for the Lead Entity includes the communities of Vinton County, Meigs County, Gallia County, City of Ironton and the City of Portsmouth;

WHEREAS, the community representatives of the Lead Entity for the purposes of applying for and administering the NSP are the Board of County Commissioners of Vinton County, Ohio, the Board of County Commissioners of Meigs County, Ohio, the Board of County Commissioners of Lawrence County, Ohio, the Board of County Commissioners of Scioto County, Ohio, the City of Ironton, Ohio, and the City of Portsmouth, Ohio;

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio requires that the Lead Entity of Region 21 enter into a Joint Cooperation Agreement with Vinton County, Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, and above named parties do hereby mutually agree:

Section 1: That the Lead Entity shall prepare and submit an application to the Ohio Department of Development for a grant under the terms of the NSP and that the NSP will be implemented in compliance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements as modified by the HERA, the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development, and the Ohio Department of Development.

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JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT
OHIO NSP REGION 21**

Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to approve the following agreement. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

This AGREEMENT is hereby entered into the 5th day of February, 2009 by and between the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF VINTON COUNTY, OHIO, hereinafter called "Lead Entity" and the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEIGS COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO, the CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO, and the CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, OHIO, hereinafter called "Cooperating Entities" for the purpose of applying for, obtaining and administering the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) as funded under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 and as administered by the Ohio Department of Development/Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (ODOD/OHCP).

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) to provide funding through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the redevelopment of residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has allocated funds for local communities to implement NSP activities; and

WHEREAS, said NSP allocation for the Lead Entity and Cooperating Entities is included in the Ohio NSP Region 21 total allocation, which includes the communities of Vinton County, Meigs County, Jackson County, Lawrence County, Scioto County, Gallia County, City of Ironton and the City of Portsmouth.

WHEREAS, the community representatives of Ohio NSP Region 21 voted to appoint Vinton County to serve as the Lead Entity for the purposes of applying for and administering the Ohio NSP Region 21 NSP funds; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio requires that each Cooperating Entity of Region 21 enter into a "Joint Cooperation Agreement" with Vinton County, Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, and above named parties do hereby mutually agree:

Section I: That the Lead Entity shall prepare and submit an application to the Ohio Department of Development for a grant under the terms of the NSP and that the NSP will be implemented in compliance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements as modified by the HERA, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development NSP Notice, the State of Ohio's amended Consolidated Plan, and the NSP application guidelines.

Section II: That the Lead Entity and each Cooperating Entity has authorized its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute this Agreement.

Section III: That this Agreement covers the Ohio NSP Region 21 funds awarded from the State of Ohio's NSP allocation. Further, this Agreement remains in effect until the NSP funds and any program income received are expended and the funded activities completed and closed out, and the Lead Entity and Cooperating Entities cannot terminate or withdraw from this Agreement while it remains in effect.

PUBLIC HEARING – PREECE ROAD

11:00 a.m. – Vice President Joe Foster brought the hearing to order with the following in attendance for the advertised public hearing of Preece Road petition for vacation: Property owners – James Weaver, Robert Cray, Nadine Cray, Rella Tackett, Frank Tackett, Crystal McElhane, Paul McElhane, John Beers Sr., Rose M. Beers, Wesley C. Hill Jr., Robert Beers, Riggs Beers, Richard Phillip, Jason R. Cain, John Beers Jr., Darlene Beers. Huntington Township Trustees Dick Neal, Rodney Alderman and Roger Shadwick.

Commissioner Foster asks the Huntington Township Trustee's for their opinion on the petition: Trustee Dick Neal stated that they will remain neutral on the petition.

Commissioner Foster then opened the hearing for public comments:

For the closure: Petitioners Robert & Nadine Cray: Mr. Cray explained that he was only requesting to close the end of the road where his house is located not the entire road and also claimed that the road is never used and never maintained. Commissioners explained that the submitted petition defined the entire length of the road. The Cray's advised that was not their intention and they would begin the process over and petition for closure only the portion that runs by their house.

Against the closure: All other property owners present adamantly expressed their opposition to the road closure in a very heated discussion stating that the road is used and needed and that the road has been maintained. They would not be in favor of any portion of the road being closed.

*** 11:35 a.m. – President Fallon returned to the meeting.**

Commissioners ask the Trustees if there had been any public funds expended on this road, and they replied yes. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to not close Preece Rd as described on the submitted petition. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

UTILITY ANALYSIS RESULTS

Rick Anderson and Alan Lindeman with the Perfection Group returned to submit the results of their recent utility analysis. Perfection Group is a facility services energy conservation company. They have completed the validation study which tells you if it is feasible to continue with the assessment. They went through the study and explained the facility information to the Commissioners. There are opportunities in 4 of the 5 buildings to reduce costs a total of 14% reduction, with the Courthouse being the number one facility. They suggested a walkthrough of the buildings to see what type of things could be done to capture the savings and return with part two of this report with the list of things that could be done to see these savings. There is no cost involved until the Commissioners decide to move forward with the actual implementation of the project. HB 295 allows you to get a loan with money that is set aside to fund the project for 1-30 years based on the retrofits you complete. As long as the project pays for itself, you can go ahead and do the project. It is not your standard bid process it allows the contractors to come in and advise you of several things that would help make the buildings more efficient. Commissioners advised they will consider the next step and encouraged them to call back in two weeks.

City Commissioner Jim Cozza updated the Commissioners on the City's Energy Saving project that was implemented.

HEART MONTH PROCLAMATION

The following Holzer representatives were in attendance for the American Heart Month Proclamation: Bryan Long, Matt Johnson, Krista Smith and Bonnie McFarland.

President Justin Fallon entertained a motion to proclaim February as American Heart Month with the following proclamation: Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

American Heart Month Proclamation

We recognize the month of February as American Heart Month and encourage all citizens to wear red to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease.

whereas, heart disease and stroke are the number one and number four killer of women over the age of 25, and are largely preventable with early detection and prevention, and

whereas, each year, 53 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, as compared to 47 percent in men, and about 32,800 more females than males die from a stroke,

whereas, cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, remains the leading cause of death in the United States and greatly increases disability among Americans and claims the lives of close to half a million women in our country,

whereas, the total direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular disease and stroke in the United States for 2009 is estimated at \$475.3 billion and total hospital costs projected for the year 2009 are estimated to be \$150.1 billion, more than any other diagnostic group,

whereas, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women Heart Check-Up* and by talking to their healthcare provider,

whereas, The American Heart Association and Holzer Medical Center are committed to public and professional education about the risk factors for heart disease and stroke and to take action to reduce, control or prevent as many risk factors as possible;

Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion to approve the contracts as recommended by Director Glassburn. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Contract For Purchase of Publicly Funded Child Care Services (Provider Contract) current form # JFS 01224 is used by the Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services (GCDJFS) for establishing a contract between a child care provider and the GCDJFS for child care services. The Provider Contracts are affective based on a start date established by the GCDJFS and run through the end of a fiscal year. Each Provider Contract is renewed at the beginning of each fiscal year. The Provider Contract reflects the cost, delivery requirements, billing requirements, etc., of purchased services as established by ODJFS. The Provider Contract provided by ODJFS requires the GCDJFS Authorized Representative's signature as well as the Child Care Providers signature. In addition, the provider contract has a space for Optional Signature which has historically been signed by the Board of County Commissioners and approved as part of the minute record of the board.

Joe Foster made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion to approve the Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services Director/Administrator to review/approve the Provider Contracts on behalf of the Gallia County Board of County Commissioners due to the additional signatures/approval not specifically required by ODJFS. As a result of this motion, the GCDJFS Director/Administrator will no longer need to present and obtain approval for each provider contract entered into by the GCDJFS. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

At 2:03 p.m. Justin Fallon entertained a motion to enter into executive session with JFS Director Dana Glassburn for personnel issues. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea. Returned to regular session at 2:25 p.m.; no action taken.

LANDFILL REPORT

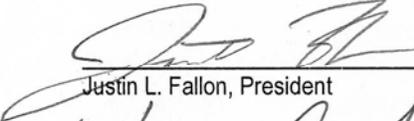
The Commissioners received the January monthly landfill report which includes the County Royalties, Morgan Township fees, District Tax Sheet, EPA Log and County Health Department Fees. This report is kept on file in the Commissioner's office.

2008 PERFORMANCE REPORT

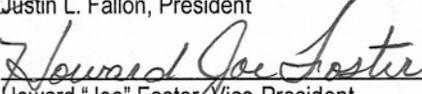
Commissioners received the 2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Performance Report from the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission. It is on file in the Commissioners office.

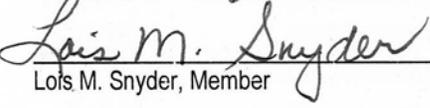
ADJOURN

At 2:50 p.m. President Fallon entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.


Justin L. Fallon, President


Terry Hemby, Clerk


Howard "Joe" Foster, Vice-President


Lois M. Snyder, Member