

April 16, 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 April 9, 2009 minutes. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

President Fallon entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
JFS	Dana Glassburn Carol Belville Kitty Griffith	4/28/09	Jackson County	CFIS Reports Training
Commissioners	Karen Sprague	4/20 & 4/21	Columbus	COHHIO 09 Housing Conference
Auditor	Steve Stinson	4/21 - 4/23	Worthington, Oh	Wgts & Measures Conference
Commissioners	Joe Foster	4/23	Nelsonville, OH	American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Session

the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT

Week Ending	Adopted	Reclaimed	Euthanized	Died of natural causes	Rescued	Destroyed in field	Total Month
4/12	0	1	10	0	13	0	24

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The County Administrator reviewed the County Auditor's sales tax distribution report with the Commission for April 2009. No action taken.

The County Administrator presented the Commission with quotes from 3 local vendors for a new 60 inch finish mower for the County Maintenance Staff. Quotes were as follows:

- Jim's Farm Equipment of Gallipolis, Ohio - \$1,170.00
- Jividen's Farm Equipment of Gallipolis, Ohio - \$1,400.00
- Carmichael Farm Equipment of Gallipolis, Ohio - \$2,096.80

Commissioner Fallon entertained a motion to award the quote to Jim's Farm Equipment as the lowest quote presented. Ms. Snyder made and Mr. Foster seconded that motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

KANAUGA/ADDISON SEWER PROJECT

The County Administrator met with the Commission to provide notification that USDA Rural Development has approved Mr. Josh Starlin of Stantec Consulting to serve as the Resident Project Inspector for the Kanauga/Addison Sewer Project.

The County Administrator presented the Commission with an email from Gordon Parker of USDA-RD advising the county will need to secure interim financing during construction for the loan portion of USDA-RD's project funding, \$1,862,000. After the construction is complete and all users are hooked up then USDA-RD will pay off the lender and install permanent financing with the long term RD loan. Mr. Parker recommended that Gallia County secure interim financing with OWDA whose RD interim financing rate as of April 2009 is 1.63%, unless a local bank is willing to offer a better deal to the County. The Commission noted they did not feel the County could get a better rate locally. Mr. Foster moved and Ms. Snyder seconded that motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

CD/FCS EDUCATOR UPDATE

CD/FCS Educator Amy Corbin updated the Commissioners on the following:

- Renewal Energy Committee Meeting 5/28 @ 7pm at the Ag Center.
- As suggested by the USDA representative, we will be requesting \$99,000 for the loan grant because more points are given by staying under \$100,000 request.
- Loan Review Committee will be put in place and Joe Foster volunteered to represent the Commission.
- Landfill - Environmental Sanitarian Barb Bradley will research her annual operating index to get needed information for Ms. Corbin.
- Bob Condee requested that he and Amy meet with ODOT and other involved agencies regarding the SR 850; he will advise the date of this meeting when it is known.

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

Director Dana Glassburn presented a two week resignation from employee Lorri Straight that was submitted to him on 4/13/09 and becomes effective 4/24/09. Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion to accept the resignation as submitted. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

At 10:19 a.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 10:29 p.m.; no action taken.

**PALMER ENERGY COMPANY**

10:30 a.m. - CCAO Deputy Director of Operations Tom Strup gave an overview of the CCAO's Service Corporation Natural Gas Program. The original program started in 2001, with 30 counties involved. A bond was sold and they purchased 36 million dollars in gas. Things went smoothly, then, the original managers decided they wanted out. Axlon Energy then became the manager and supplier to the 30 counties. From 01-08 the counties saw a 7.4 million in savings during this period. As gas prices began to rise; the attorneys advised to enter into a prepaid program then the market fell and there were no purchaser and the program stalled.

Mr. Strup came into the program in 2007 and realized they were expending a large amount of money and the service corporation had to extend a line of credit. They now have gas in storage and several lines of credit. The Executive committee advised they find an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party to do an analysis. They found one in Ohio Palmer Energy and did the analysis and confirmed they were saving the counties money but it needed to be totally restructured. The old program would not allow any new counties into the program. The new program is open to all 88 counties; they have confirmation from 27 of the 30 that they will return. The new contract is currently being reviewed in the Prosecutors office.

There is a participation agreement that must be signed before a county can come into the group. This is a 5-yr participatory agreement with a one year advance notice on opting out. They are not able to tell you the exact percentages of savings at this time, but past experience has proven that there will be savings which will be based on the total number of counties entering into the program. Administration costs are 20 cents per MCF which is split between Palmer Energy and the Service Corporation, half to CCAO for royalties and the rest banked to develop more energy programs.

Palmer Energy is a complete independent company not connected to any gas supplier at all. Their president Mark Frye came from Libbey-Owens-Ford and Kirk Miserek came from Columbia Gas; they know the business inside out

Mr. Strup advised that the response form is needed in the CCAO office by May 1<sup>st</sup>; so they will know what consumption to expect. In the local area, Lawrence and Athens were one of the original 30 and they are returning to the new program. No action taken.

\* 11:00 a.m. Commissioners Joe Foster and Lois Snyder left for an Agriculture Awareness luncheon meeting.

**OHIO JOBS & GROWTH PLAN**

11:00 a.m. - Trevor Vessels gave a brief overview of the Casino Initiative Plan on fall ballot and answer any questions. He explained that the basic component is for Casinos in several of the larger cities in Ohio. The casinos will be taxed 33% and this will return to the counties and schools; this is a yearly tax. Once it passes, the legislature in Columbus will have 6 months to establish mandates. Mr. Vessels distributed information with the Commissioners. No action taken.

1:00 p.m. - All Commissioners returned and reconvened the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL FACILITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

Commissioners received the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facility Inspection Checklist from the Gallia County Health Department Sanitarian in training John Nesbitt. It was noted that the daily paperwork was in order and the facility is averaging 220 tons per day. There were no violations found during the inspection. This is in file in the Commissioners office.

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS & JOB POSTING**

Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion to approve the new job descriptions for Dog Warden and Deputy Dog Warden and to post the vacant dog warden position in the newspaper April 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> with an April 27 deadline for applications received. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

**VISION**

Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to approve the new vision rates and renewal period below:

Renewal period: 6/1/09 – 5/31/11

Single / Family

Current Rate: \$ 7.39 / \$16.73

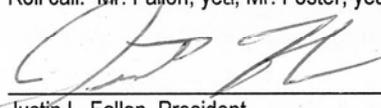
New Rate: \$ 7.73 / \$17.49

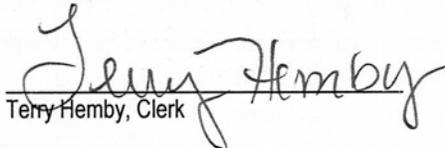
Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

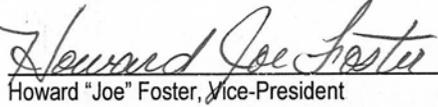
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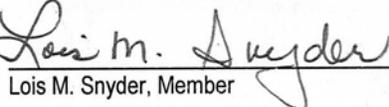
At 2:20 p.m. President Fallon entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion.

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