

**OCTOBER 15, 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 October 8, 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	Kitty Griffith Summer Martyn	11/10	Columbus	Fiscal PET User Group
	Dana Glassburn Kitty Griffith Summer Martyn	10/20	Attwood Lodge	Fiscal Training Session

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

Animal Shelter Canine Weekly Report										
Week Ending	# IN	Adopted	Reclaimed	Euthanized	Died (Natural Causes)	Rescued	Destroyed (in field)	# Out	In Foster Care	Remaining at Shelter
10/12	31	1	2	7	3	16	0	29	5	39

**MAINTENANCE STAFF MEETING**

The Commissioners met with the Courthouse Maintenance staff to discuss the recent shift change. The night shift has been moved to 4 a.m. to noon shift. This will allow them 4 hours to take care of the floors with no traffic and 4 hours to assist with the day time job duties. It is important that we continue to work together as a team to maintain our structures as well as improve the overall appearance.

Building Superintendent Halfhill also advised that they are going to be replacing two heaters in the jail that have gone bad and he has ordered them from Grainger at an approximate cost of \$300 each.

**EMS STATION PROJECT**

The County Administrator reported the completion of the final paperwork documentation for the EMS Station Project. Final payment can now be released to the contractor on this project.

**OEPA NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

The County Administrator advised the Commission of receipt of a notice of violation from OEPA for the Meadowlook Subdivision Sewer Plant for the months of April thru June 2009. The notice requires a response detailing a reason for the violations as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent further violations. The notice has been sent to the County's Sewer Operator for drafting a response. No action taken.

**MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO NOTICE**

The County Administrator advised the Commission of receipt of notification from Medical Mutual of Ohio on a new Federal Mental Health Parity law that impacts group health plans with more than 50 employees. The new law requires our group to offer employees mental health and/or substance abuse benefits on the same terms as the medical-surgical benefits. Law requirements are effective for plan years beginning 10/3/2009 or after. There is no additional cost to the county for this to be added to our plan and it will take effect 1/1/2010.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:00 a.m. Justin Fallon entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Karen Sprague for legal 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 10:11 p.m.; no action taken.

**JFS EMPLOYEE PROMOTION**

Director Dana Glassburn recommended the promotion of employee Pam Williams to Income Maintenance Worker 2 position # 21007.5, with start date of 10/26/09 as per Article 10 Section 10.5 A of the union agreement. This is to fill a position left vacant by a retiree. Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

Glassburn also informed them that the final allocations for GRF monies should be received this Friday. He has also received word that the final allocation for child support has been decreased from \$7 to \$3 million. They are also passing down a requirement for TANF, by federal regulations allowing 15% for admin, now they are passing the 15% down to all counties. If it stays at 15% it will effects them all. The majority of their work is processing paperwork so this will really limit them.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD VACATION  
OLIVER R RD**

At 11:00 AM, President Justin Fallon opened the road hearing for the following road petition for Oliver R Rd as described:

*The undersigned petitioners, freeholders of said county residing in the vicinity of the proposed improvement hereinafter described, respectfully represent that the public convenience and welfare require the VACATION of a part of OLIVER R ROAD a Public Roads*

on the line hereinafter described, and make application to you to institute and order proper proceedings in the premises for vacating such roads, the same not being a road on the State Highway System.

The following is a general route and termini of said roads:

Being a **part of Oliver R Road (T.R. 329)** located in Addison Township, Sections 12 and 18 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of said Oliver R Road and Little Kyger Road (C.R. 15); thence leaving said Little Kyger Road and with the meanderings of the centerline of said Oliver R Road (as traveled on this date) in a westerly direction 6,257 feet (1.185 miles) to a point in the centerline of said Oliver R Road, said point being the terminus of the road vacation herein described.

Note: All of the vacated above becomes the taxable property of the adjacent property owners at the time of the granted vacation.

The Commissioners viewed the road on **Thursday, October 8th, 2009 at 1:00 PM**. The public hearing was advertised on September 24 and October 1, 2009 and was also on the Gallia County website [www.gallianet.net](http://www.gallianet.net) from September 24<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The Public Hearing is to give testimony upon the necessity of vacating said road (s) and whether the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. Engineer Brett Boothe was in agreement with the petition.

Following a complete explanation of the petition, and hearing no objections to the vacation, Commissioner Fallon entertained a motion that the vacation as described be granted. Lois Snyder made the motion to vacate as petitioned pending the approved easement through the Planning Commission and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

The following were in attendance: OVEC Representatives Steve Bryant and Gabriel Conell; Dave Walker, Kyger Creek Plant; Cheshire Village Representatives Keith Handley and April Stinson.

#### ENGINEER

Engineer Boothe advised the status of the SR 850 and SR 775 Connector; and has talked with Lawrence County and Fred Deel. Deel advised that they could only come up with between \$10-12,000 to assist with the study, so that would increase the amount the counties need to come up with, being between \$8-10 thousand additional monies. Total for study is \$35,000. Boothe offered to make contact with Lawrence County to see if they would share the increase of the costs. Commissioners agreed that we should put together some hard numbers and present it to Lawrence County to increase our shares.

Boothe advised that the TRAC presentation is scheduled for November and stated that he would like to enter into the contract to get things moving on that project. Commissioners were in agreement to proceed with the contract; he will make contact with Lawrence County and get back with the Commissioners next week.

#### WORK RELEASE CENTER

The following individuals met with the Commissioner to discuss the proposed Work Release Center. Sheriff Joe Browning, Chief Deputy J.D. Taylor, City Chief Probation officer Mike Smith and Cheshire Village representatives Keith Handley and April Stinson. Sheriff advised that they had prepared and submitted a grant to Community Corrections to obtain funding for the project and that it was necessary that a location be defined. They submitted for a six month pilot project, if funded, they will not be able to fund the full amount every year, but perhaps a portion of it. The grant will be reviewed tomorrow. Commissioners suggested that the Sheriff meet with the MRDD board to determine structure costs.

The Sheriff advised that they had already met with the Cheshire Village regarding the MRDD location. They suggested that a meeting be held with the local property owners to answer any questions or concerns they may have. Stinson stated that they have requested to hold a meeting at the GALLCO facility on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and are waiting to hear back from MRDD. The only residents that have concerns are those that sit right in the back door and we are hoping to further explain the entire concept to them to be sure they fully understand the project. The Sheriff stated that the goal was to operate a cost effective facility without sacrificing safety and his department fully understood their concerns and will communicate and address their issues.

#### CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD UPDATE

Children's Services Board President Kent Shawver, Executive Director Russ Moore, Fiscal Officer Summer Martyn and JFS Director Dana Glassburn met with the Commissioners to update them on the status of the agency. They ended September about \$50,000 in the red. They have received about \$97,000 the first of October and are currently in the black. They will have a positive cash flow on hand but will not receive any additional monies until Dec 1. They have reduced payroll down \$7600; and they are currently up to date on everything. The current staff is doing a wonderful job, doubling up on duties and serving the children as best they can. Shawver stated that things are working very well between the JFS and Children Services for the fiscal responsibilities.

They are working on the school workers and have run into some issues. Glassburn stated that the board ran bids and the best bidder was Woodland Centers and received the original contract, two weeks into it they were informed by the state that the revenues they had could not be matched with grants. With the ceiling we have locally, they will not be able to do the full contract, which were 4 employees in each district which will now be reduced to one and a half employees. They are working with the school districts right now and will be moving forward. They are hoping to come up with other revenues to cover these areas, through grants etc. Overall the project is moving forward with positive effects on the children, we just won't have the impact we had originally planned for.

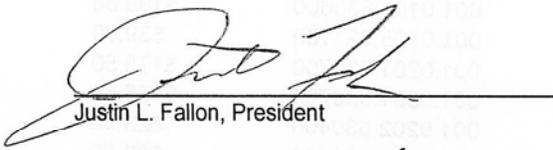
Moore advised that the Southern Ohio Behavioral Health (SOBH) works with their agency and when they make a referral, they begin working with the children immediately. They have been loaning out space for to them and they are interested in working out something more formal by renting space from Children Services. Moore suggested a month to month rental that within 30 days either party could end the arrangement which keeps us from being locked into a long term agreement. This space would involve two offices, restrooms, a common area, kitchen and furniture for possibly \$1200 per month. They anticipate about 3-4 employees that would be doing case management and work out in the field. SOBH receives money through a Medicaid bill with their parent company being located in Ironton. Since the structure is owned by the County, they requested the approval of the Commission. Commissioners didn't see any problems with an arrangement of this type.

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to hire Melissa Clark as Gallia County's Director of Economic & Community Development with a tentative starting date of 10/26/09. This position will be an unclassified under ORC Section 124.11 (A) (9), salary position, full time, minimum 40 hour week, with base salary of \$43,000 and a single plan health insurance. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

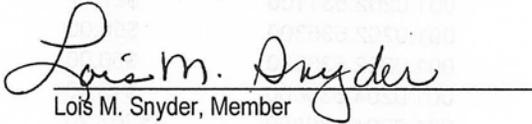
**ADJOURN**

At 1:50 p.m. President Fallon entertained a motion for adjournment. Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

  
Justin L. Fallon, President

  
Terry Hemby, Clerk

  
Howard J. Foster, Vice-President

  
Lois M. Snyder, Member