

OCTOBER 29, 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 22, 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:
EMA	Mike Null Jill Simpkins	1/28/2010	Jackson, OH	Foreign Animal Disease Response Course
Commissioners	Lois Snyder Melissa Clark	1/30	New Haven WV	Mountaineer Plant
		11/3	OSU South Center	Business Development Mgrs Luncheon

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.

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
10/26	14	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	0	38

PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

The Planning Director requested the following re-appointments to the Planning Commissioner Board which expire 10/31/09; the new term of office is as follows: **10/31/09 to 10/31/12**

Craig Barnes (public)
Gregg Spear (Health Dept.) John Nesbitt (alternate)
Terry Hemby (Planning Commission Secretary)

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

GALLIA-MEIGS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC. AUDIT REPORT

Commissioners received a copy of the Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency Audit Report dated February 28, 2009 for review. The copy is on file in the Commissioners office.

ARC CONFERENCE UPDATE

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with an update regarding the ARC Conference recently held in Athens, Ohio. All speaker presentations will be available online by next week at www.arc.gov and a new brochure entitled Enterprise Appalachia was released during the conference which will also be available online at www.development.ohio.gov/goal. Ms. Sprague noted there are new funding programs for green energy that may be useful in business development and expansion in Gallia County. All documents will be shared with the Gallia County Economic and Community Development Director.

USDA 2007 AUDIT REPORT

The County Administrator presented the Commission with a letter from USDA advising the County that it's 2007 audit report completed by the Auditor of State is acceptable for compliance with USDA regulations for the BP sewer project.

**FAA ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
GALLIA-MEIGS REGIONAL AIRPORT PROJECTS**

Commission President Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve the FAA Environmental Finding of Categorical Exclusion for proposed projects to be completed in 2010. Lois Snyder moved and Joe Foster seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; Joe Foster, yea; Lois Snyder, yea.

**STATUS REPORT
FY 2008 CDBG FORMULA GRANT (B-F-08-025-1)**

The County Administrator presented the Commission with the Status Report for the period March 3, 2009 thru September 1, 2009 for the County's FY 2008 CDBG Formula Grant (B-F-08-025-1), which must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development. Justin Fallon entertained a motion that the Status Report be approved and signed as presented. Joe Foster made 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.

**STATUS REPORT
FY 2008 CDBG WATER/SEWER GRANT (B-W-08-025-1)**

The County Administrator presented the Commission with the Status Report for the period March 3, 2009 thru September 1, 2009 for the County's FY 2008 CDBG Water/Sewer Grant (B-W-08-025-1), which must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development. Justin Fallon entertained a motion that the Status Report be approved and signed as presented. Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster 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.

**GOAR 08-023 DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #1 APPROVAL
COUNTY MAP DIGITIZATION PROJECT**

The County Administrator presented the Commission with GOAR 08-023 disbursement request #1 forms requesting \$2,500.00 from the County's GOAR 08-023 grant for ILGARD's services for the County Map Digitization project. Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve and sign the grant disbursement request #1 forms for payment of ILGARD invoice as presented. Joe Foster moved and Lois Snyder's seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Justin Fallon, yea; Howard Joe Foster, yea; Lois Snyder, yea.

DJFS – BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Director Dana Glassburn met with the Commissioners to discuss 2010 proposed budget. Glassburn explained the proposed budget in detail answering any questions the Commission had. He advised that the State JFS has no solid figures on what the allocations will be for this budgeting period. They are trying to enforce federal regulation which is a huge guess as to how this will all come out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - DJFS

At 10:18 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 10:46 a.m.; no action taken.

ENGINEER-BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Engineer Brett Boothe and Assistant Engineer Jennifer Brown met to review their proposed 2010 budget. The projected M&R budget is \$4.5 million, which is down \$130 thousand from last year. Gas tax makes up approximately 60% and Motor Vehicles about 40% of the M&R budget. The tax map department request is for \$158,000. Boothe also updated them on the 2-township Digital Mapping project through ILGARD. To finish the digital work for the entire county would be approximately \$85,000.

Boothe discussed the future projects for 2010: (1) Location Base Response System (LBRS); this project will provide accident data location on his system. 911 has agreed to help fund the system since it will assist them with response and the County Auditor will also help because they can utilize it with taxation. They hope to have it completed by next year. The estimated cost is \$40,000, which will be split 3 ways with these departments.

TRAC Project – ODOT still can present the project but will not be decided until February. Feasibility study should be ready by January. Boothe is currently gathering support letters for this project.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Engineer Boothe requested a letter of support for the Gallia-Lawrence SR850/775 Connector Feasibility/Safety Study. Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion to approve the following support letter. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

To whom it may concern:

The Gallia County Commissioners are participating in the Gallia-Lawrence SR 850/SR 7 Connector – Feasibility/Safety Study and have set aside \$2,500 for the project. The Gallia County Commissioners fully support and deem this project to be beneficial to all Gallia County residents and businesses by increasing access to the tri-state region.

*Sincerely,
Gallia County Commissioners
s/Justin L. Fallon
President*

SOIL & WATER

Program Director Jennifer Harrison, Board Members Bob Woodward & Dave Carter and Floodplain Administrator Nick Mills met to discuss the proposed 2010 budget requests. It remains the same as previous years; no additional funds are being requested. The state match is estimated at 50% plus \$5,000 as of right now; they wanted to increase tipping fees to give the S&W more funds, but this failed. SB 155 was introduced for possible funding and this is being pursued. Salary line item request was increased because they have requested a 25 cents increase and also they did not consistently have 4 employees for the entire year as they currently have in place.

2010 projects: Pond Clinic in June, equip projects, education dept have added some new things, groundwater flow tank and enviroscape for the sweet team; to educate them on clean water, water quality and water pollution. Wildlife specialist – ODNR will fund up to the initial start with a 7yr grant position up to \$32,000 which declines each year; Division of Wildlife will give 25% per year, with a county buy in of 10%. It consist of tracking crop damage and writing nuisance permits which they already do so, they are checking to see if the funds can be received without the county buy in. The proposal is due November 16th.

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

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS FUNDING

SPONSORED BY Gallia County Commissioners

BRIEF BACKGROUND DESCRIBING ISSUE

As a result of the passage House Bill 1, State Match Funding for Ohio's Soil and Water Conservation Districts was severely reduced. With this reduction, SWCDs will be forced to reduce hours of operation, reduce staff, and many offices could possibly close. As a result, landowners (farmers, businesses, developers, property owners, communities and others) will be negatively impacted with reduction of service, available technical assistance, and critical conservation programs designed to positively impact the economy, the environment and community.

RESOLUTION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSING NEED FOR IMMEDIATE FUNDING SUPPORT TO OHIO'S 88 COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners recognize the economic challenges facing Gallia County and the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners seek to increase economic growth and job development in Gallia County and the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners recognize that conservation programs are a critical component to the sustainability of economic development, food development, the environment, and our quality of life;

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners value the technical assistance, services and programs the Gallia SWCD provides to Gallia County and the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners recognize that strong funding is necessary to enhance urban, suburban, and rural environmental quality; provide for productive soils and clean waters; forestry and wildlife management; improve public health; build sustainable economies and attractive communities; protect fertile farmland and important open spaces; create and maintain adequate recreational opportunities and accompanying infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners believes the Gallia SWCD is a cost-effective and efficient intergovernmental partnership which leverages local, state and federal funding for the purpose keeping our county viable, and protecting a way of life;

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners appreciates that the Ohio Legislature has had a 50 year partnership with local governments in matching up to one to one. Even with local funding issues districts only experienced a 5% reduction in local support. The Gallia Co. Commissioners are concerned that State support dropped a disproportional amount with 84% match for fiscal year 2009, 72% in 2010, and 54% in 2011 accompanied with a transition into fee based funding resulting in a 35% match for some districts in calendar year 2010 leading to panic by districts about a massive layoffs.

WHEREAS, the Gallia Co. Commissioners financially support the Gallia SWCD;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gallia Co. Commissioners supports and urges an immediate funding resolution be approved by the Ohio General Assembly that fully funds the state match appropriation so that Ohio's 88 County SWCDs can continue providing critical conservation programs and practices needed to keep Ohio's soils productive and waters clean, aiding our economy; and enhancing our environment for the quality of life for all Ohioans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gallia Co. Commissioners forward this resolution and any other supporting documents to the Ohio General Assembly.

S/Justin L. Fallon, President

S/Howard "Joe" Foster, Vice-President

S/Lois M. Snyder, Member

EMS – BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

EMS Director Larry Boyer and Administrative Assistant Lori Waugh met to discuss their proposed 2010 budget. They reviewed their billing collections. Boyer reminded the Commission that they have operated on the same budgeted amount for the past few years and he fully expects to come up short this year. They anticipated \$800,000 in fees and will receive approximately \$600,000 which he relates to the dropped economy. The current collections company charges 7% of total collections for past due accounts; 2009 total was \$1.4 million collected. As an example, they turned in a total of 71 for collections in the month of October.

HB 1 – CLASS PLAN RESOLUTION

Labor Consultant Ken Edsall with Clemans & Nelson informed them that the association with Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will cease as of 10/16/09 and the county must adopt a position Class Plan resolution. In the event any county agency has to do a lay off, you must fall back on the classification. We must either adopt the state policy or create our own. Edsall prepared a sample resolution, which is patterned after the state classification system and submitted it for review and suggested the Prosecutor review the document. When an employee is hired, they should be put in one of these classifications. When employees are dismissed, we need to identify the classification they are in, if not it could be overturned on an appeal. You must comply with Civil Service although; DAS will not be looking over your shoulder anymore. In Ohio law there are 3 sets of classification, 1. county, 2. state/county/university, 3. JFS. He spoke to JFS Director Glassburn and recommended that the Commissioners adopt for his agency as well. They have changed probationary periods from 120 to 180 days and changed the way they deal with short term time suspensions. A furlough policy has been adopted by the state, you have the option of reducing hours or reducing rates of pay to avoid layoffs. He recommended the Commissioners include the furlough policy as well. This would give the Elected Officials a mechanism to avoid layoff should it become necessary.

Edsall also advised that the House budget bill combined two state agencies, State Personnel Board of Review (SPBR) which oversees employee appeals and State Employment Relations Board (SERB), which oversees collective bargaining issues.

GOVERNOR'S REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Elizabeth Scott, Director of the Governor's Regional office for Economic Development stopped to introduce herself to the Commission. She is the Governor's regional representative as well as Economic Development Director for the region. She inquired about local projects that she could assist with. The commissioners described the projects they currently have on the table and encouraged Ms. Scott to follow up with our county ED Director Melissa Clark for details.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The new county Economic & Community Development Director Melissa Clark met with the Commissioners to discuss their goals and expectations for her position. She also asked for an update on the open projects and sought direction from the Commissioners in those areas. Commissioners discussed each project in detail and gave her guidance and suggestions. She reviewed her upcoming engagements/appointments.

LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to appoint our Economic and Community Development Director Melissa Clark as Chairperson to the Local Review Committee. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea. A letter will be sent to SOACDF to inform them of the appointment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROSECUTOR

At 3:08 p.m. Justin Fallon entertained a motion to enter into executive session with Prosecutor Jeff Adkins 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 3:20 p.m.; no action taken.

ELECTRIC SERVICE INSTALLATION PROPOSAL

County Building Superintendent Tom Halfhill submitted a proposal and acceptance from Crisenbery Electric, LLC for the installation of a new wiring circuit, necessary for the installation of a new 3 phase heater in the jail area as follows:

Estimate includes the rental of a jack hammer to make entry thru concrete floor, installation of #8 HHN and #10 ground wire in ¾" EMT conduit from heater location to panel located in basement. Estimate includes installation of new 30 amp, 3ph/208 Siemens Bolt on breaker, a new 30 amp 3 ph disconnect and a whip. Estimate includes a required special State inspection permit where sealed plans are not required. All installation will be in accordance with the 2008 NEC regulations for a commercial building. Upon completion the new circuit will be connected. Summary of estimate includes: Material-\$480.00; Jack Hammer Rental-\$60.00; Special permit - \$293.25; Labor - \$1,280.00.

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor – complete in accordance with above specifications, for the estimated sum of: Two thousand one hundred thirteen dollars and 25 cents. (\$2,113.25)

Joe Foster made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to accept the proposal as submitted. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

MAINTENANCE SNOW PLOW

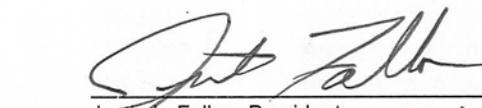
County Building Superintendent Tom Halfhill submitted a quote from Southeastern Equipment Co. for a snow plow to be used on the Maintenance Ford truck in the amount of \$7,209.05. This includes the following items:

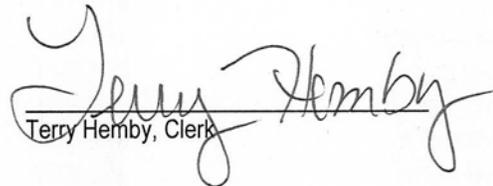
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MTG FORD	\$ 428.14
Clevis E	\$ 976.03
SAF EZ P	\$1,169.86
HYD E58H	\$2,269.03
Light SE	\$ 364.43
ADAPT HR	\$ 59.54
TOTAL	\$7,209.05

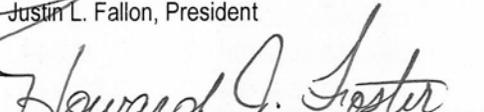
Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the above equipment. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

ADJOURN

At 4:17 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 J. Foster, Vice-President


Lois M. Snyder, Member