

**FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

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 Howard "Joe" Foster. Roll Call: President Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, present; Vice-President Mr. Justin L. Fallon present and Member Ms. Lois M. Snyder, present.

President Foster entertained a motion for approval of the January 28, 2010 minutes. Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Fallon, yes; Ms. Snyder, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Commissioners	Melissa Clark Lois Snyder	2/19	Ironton	Seminar

President Foster entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Lois Snyder made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Fallon, 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
2/1/2010	22	2	2	14	1	19	0	38	0	22

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – FARM ROAD PHASE 2**

The County Administrator presented the Commission with the following letter of support for Gallipolis City's Farm Road Phase 2 project. Lois Snyder moved and Justin Fallon seconded a motion to approve payment resolution # 3 as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Joe Foster, yea; Justin Fallon, yea; Lois Snyder, yea.

2/4/2010

Gallipolis City Commission  
Attn: Randall Finney, City Manager  
518 Second Avenue  
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

RE: Letter of Support – Gallipolis Farm Road Phase II

Dear Mr. Finney:

*We wish to declare our full support for the proposed Gallipolis Farm Road Phase II Project.*

*The completion of the final section of Farm Road is very significant for the future economic growth and retention of existing businesses along the SR 7 corridor in Gallipolis and Gallia County.*

*The project will include construction of a two-lane road from the existing terminus of GKN Sinter Avenue, southwest on the existing railroad bed, through the junction with Mill Creek Road to the intersection at Second Avenue. The project is Phase II of a Flood Mitigation Route Project (1.1 miles). Phase I was completed as of January 8, 2003. The road was originally to be finished as one project. Lack of funds and higher than expected costs would not allow the entire road to be constructed at that time.*

*It is essential that this flood mitigation project be completed. The road would provide emergency flood escape access for residents, businesses, commuters and tourists on State Route 7 North and South. When floods cut off access, this will make it possible to provide fire protection and EMS services, and exportation of goods produced by two industrial plants located in this section of Gallipolis.*

*Therefore, we agree that this project is crucial and we lend our full support to Gallipolis City in their efforts to secure funding for this much needed project.*

Respectfully submitted,

Gallia County Commissioners  
s/ Howard Joe Foster, President  
s/ Justin L. Fallon, Vice-Pres.  
s/ Lois M. Snyder, Commission Member

**FY ' 2010 FAA VISION-100 FINAL GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The County Administrator presented the Commission, on behalf of the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport consultants Delta Airport Consultants Inc., with FY 2010 FAA VISION-100 Final Grant application for approval. The application reflects \$98,123.00 total project cost broken down as follows:

1. \$36,848 Fuel System Rehabilitation plans & Specs = \$35,006 Federal + \$1,842 local
2. \$60,275 Runway 5-23 Grading & Drainage Improvements Phase 1 = \$57,261 Federal + \$3,014 local
3. \$1,000 administration = \$950 Federal + \$50 local
- \$98,123 TOTAL = \$93,217 Federal + \$4,906 local

The application reflects a 95% federal grant with a 5% local match. The matching funds are from the County's General Fund and were transferred to the Airport Fund #036 at the beginning of 2010. They were appropriated into the FAA grant local match line item under the 2010 Appropriation Resolution.

Lois Snyder made and Justin Fallon seconded a motion to approve the application as submitted. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Joe Foster, yea; Justin Fallon, yea; and Lois Snyder, yea. Howard Joe Foster, Pres, signed all signature blocks for the grant.

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**  
**CDBG 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, 2009 thru December 30, 2009 as completed and presented to the County by Enterprise Development Corporation. Joe Foster entertained a motion that the report be approved and signed as presented. Justin Fallon moved and Lois Snyder seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Joe Foster, yea; Justin Fallon, yea; Lois Snyder, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

**FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW**

Commissioners reviewed and compared January '09 Financial Fund report as submitted by Auditor Larry Betz, with the January '10 report with the County Administrator.

**10:00 a.m. – Commissioners attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Round Caucus Meeting held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Courthouse returning to their meeting at 11:23 a.m.**

**GUARDRAIL CONSTRUCTION PLANS**

Assistant County Engineer Jennifer Brown submitted the following letter:

*Dear Commissioners:*

*The Gallia County Engineer's Office applied for and was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant in the amount of \$300,000 for new guardrail construction on various county roads. This grant will pay 100% of the costs associated with this construction.*

*Our office designed the plans for this project in-house. We will be letting it out to bid in the near future, and our plans require your signature.*

*We hereby request the signatures of the Commissioners for the GAL-CR63-0.00, Guardrail Construction Plans.*

*s/Jennifer Brown  
Assistant Engineer*

Lois Snyder made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - DJFS**

At 11:30 a.m. Joe Foster entertained a motion to enter into executive session with DJFS Director Dana Glassburn for personnel issues. Lois Snyder made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:37 a.m., no action taken.

**AIRPORT TRACTOR**

Chief Deputy J.D. Taylor informed the Commissioners that the Ford 2000 Tractor being utilized for mowing at the airport has mechanical issues. He advised it was taken to BHCC and it appears to need over \$2,000 in repair. They will need something to mow at the airport but didn't know if the Commissioners wanted to put that much money into the tractor or purchase another one. Commissioners will take this under advisement.

**911 AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

Lois Snyder made and Justin Fallon seconded the motion to amend the motion on 1/21/2010 Volume 44 Page 401. Sherry Daines will start her duties as 911 Director beginning **January 22, 2010**. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

**DOG WARDEN**

Dog Warden Jean Daniels updated the Commissioners on the Animal Shelter. There is an issue with the Veterinarians regarding the spay/neuter vouchers. One local Veterinarian does not honor the cost of the voucher for the entire payment of the surgery. Other Veterinarians honor the voucher costs and have threatened to pull out if this is not resolved. Commissioners told Ms. Daniels that she needed to work things out with all veterinarians to communicate with them and keep a good working relationship with each other. They encouraged her to develop a questionnaire for the veterinarians to gather information to perhaps revarn the voucher program to accommodate everyone's needs.

Daniels also advised that she currently has several volunteers working on a regular basis and many that are fostering dogs.

**CITY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The County and City Commissions came together today for joint meeting. Introductions were made; the following were in attendance: City Commissioners: Matt Johnson, Jim Cozza, Jay Cremeens, Steve Wallis and Lori Bailey. City Manager Randy Finney; Randy Breech, Adam Salisbury, Joe Moore, Lance Clifford, Herman Sprague, Steve McGhee, Gary Silcott, Jon Lynch, Caroll Snowden, Bob Woodward, C'inton Patterson, Keith Dans, Michelle Miller, Tammi Brabham, Annette Landers, Karen Sprague, Barbara Bradley, Ryan Smith, Troy Johnson, John O'Brien, Melissa Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Cornett.

County President Foster welcomed all in attendance stating this was a first step of many to mutually work together to identify needs of Gallia County and the City of Gallipolis. We welcome all input and look forward to working together.

City President Cozza thanked the County for the invitation to sit and talk. A number of issues that affect both city and county and the sense of the current commission are those things that benefit city, also benefit county and vice-versa. The end result is improvements in Gallia County, whatever it does to further growth, those are issues the City wants to discuss and where feasible work with the County.

Commissions discussed the following possible cooperative projects:

**Davis Hall Building**

President Cozza stated they had determined that it was not economically feasible to remodel, cheaper to demolish and re-build, then the bids for demo was a lot more than anticipated. So they then went into neutral and discussions have

since been held with the county. County Economic Development Director Melissa Clark stated that she had been researching available monies for refurbishing when she learned of Brownfields. This is an ODOD Clean Ohio Fund, and there is funding for environmental concerns of structures similar to the Davis Hall structure. She is willing to work with the City in any way to apply for these funds if they would be interested. Commissioner Fallon stated that by working together we would also be able to apply for joint appropriations from Senate to rehab the structure.

#### Airport Fuel Farm Replacement Project & Farm Road

The County Commissioners have endorsed an updated letter of support to the City for the Farm Road Phase II and would appreciate the support of the City for the Airport Fuel Farm. The City being in agreement, took appropriate action to support the Airport Fuel Farm Replacement project

#### Veterans Administration Clinic

Commissioner Fallon moved to draft a letter to officials with a joint resolution from both Commissions requesting a status update of the VA Clinic to be located in our area; Lois Snyder second. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea. The City was in agreement with the joint letter of support.

#### Sanitary Sewer Treatment

Both Commissions discussed the **Phase I** (Rodney area to Fairfield Acres Subdivision) and **Phase II** (Centenary area, part of Neighborhood Rd, LeGrande Blvd and SR 141) county sewer projects. Stantec Engineer Gary Silcott gave a brief outline of the projects. The goal of the County Commissioners is to provide the most affordable service to the residents, keep rates down and address EPA concerns. The County's perspective of sanitary sewerage is a conceptual agreement to take a comprehensive approach to sewerage Gallia County. An agreement similar to Kanauga-Addison, would be a good starting point, we are open to any input the City would have.

The City stated there were also discussions of the county assisting the city with plant expansion. We want to be proactive and keep it maintained and/or expanded if we want to work together to sewer the county. The City is willing to discuss things relative to sewer that are outside the city and if feasible we will give proper consideration. We do not want to overload our system with no future assistance. Commissioner Fallon stated this is something that needs to be in a written agreement because even though current commissions agree, it may not always be so. The big focus is we are all one in the same city/county; we need take care of them in an affordable fashion. In the end we all prosper. This will not go away; hopefully we can control our own destiny instead of EPA stepping in and telling us what we must do. Commissioner Foster agreed this was a starting point; if we take the KA agreement and changed the title to Green Phase I we would have a place to start.

Silcott explained the current plans and potential funding. Maps were distributed designating the two phases, information detailing preliminary income to the City for the projects, which would allow substantial revenue to the City. Nearly 4 million dollars would be saved in capital costs, if city treats rather than county building a plant. The additional revenue can be used as match for additional funds to continue with upgrades and expansions.

Realtor David Wiseman encouraged both Commissions to allow room for expansion for areas not covered in this map and to make room for future growth. Commissioner Foster stated, they will allow 20% of future growth for oversights; we want to overbuild as much as granting agencies will allow. County Administrator Sprague stated that if there are specific areas needing developed, keep us informed and we can put larger lines in those areas and still achieve the 20% overall.

#### Mill Creek Rd.

Commissioner Steve Wallis discussed the Mill Creek tributary into the Ohio River, past Engineers have had damage to culverts with flows through the Golf course which flows into the Park front and city shoreline and may cause future issues. This area needs to be captured and make a priority in the County area. There needs to be further research to address these issues.

#### How to achieve 10% population growth in next 5 years.

Commissioner Matt Johnson stated, to prosper we must grow and encourage people to live in Gallia County and sewerage is a large part of this. The County and City working together will be a big help; we can work together to generate ideas of items that would possibly be built to be a draw. We need to be more proactive and masters of our own destiny, and suggested joint sessions to throw out ideas. Fallon stated there is to be a 23-27% increase in traffic on 35; those people will pass through our county. Joint sessions are a great idea; communication is the only way.

Commissioner Foster stated this is the beginning. We will disagree from time to time and we can do so respectfully. This is a big step today and we want to continue together to address these things. Commissioner Lori Bailey stated this opens the door for things to happen and this is the beginning; we are open to having these discussions. Commissioner Jay Cremeens also stated he appreciates having the realtors and school board representatives with their opinions. Commissioner Wallis agreed, we wanted to pen this dialog and we have made the biggest step that has been made in a decade. Joint working will be the best thing that happens and wants to see this continue. We have made great strides today. Cozza closed out the meeting by saying; we have some work to do based on discussion held today. We need to be up to speed on the water treatment plant. If we want to work together on projects we need to start looking today at what we can do with our plant. We as a group need to look at what we can do to keep from being maxed out. Our concern, what's the impact on the plant and what do we need to do to keep it going. We must look into the future to keep the plant operating to provide services into the future; we all appreciate being here. Foster thanked all present.

#### ARRA RE-DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS KA & MV SEWER PROJECTS

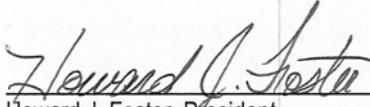
County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with notification from DEFA that Gallia County has been authorized for the re-distribution of ARRA funds for the Kanauga/Addison Sewer Project and the Mercerville Sewer Project making the loans for these two projects now grants as follows:

- Kanauga/Addison Sewer Project originally received a \$360,000 0% interest loan that will now become a grant

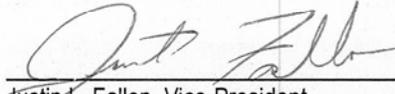
- Mercerville Sewer Project originally received a \$119,778.86 0% interest loan that will now become a grant Ms. Sprague noted this will mean so much to the residents of these two low income areas as it will definitely reduce their monthly rates by keeping the project loan costs down. It was also noted that with this change the Mercerville Sewer Project is now 100% funded with grant money. Commission President Joe Foster entertained a motion to request to approve the ARRA grant forms that were provided to the County to accept the grant offer from DEFA. Lois Snyder made and Justin Fallon seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Howard Joe Foster, yea; Justin L. Fallon, yea; Lois Snyder, yea.

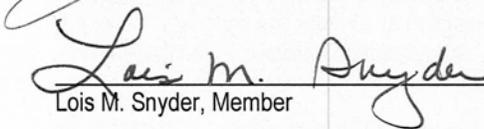
**ADJOURN**

At 2:53 p.m. President Foster entertained a motion for adjournment. Lois Snyder made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Fallon, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

  
Howard J. Foster, President

  
Terry Hemby, Clerk

  
Justin L. Fallon, Vice-President

  
Lois M. Snyder, Member