

April 7, 2011

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners met on this date for the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous meeting and current transfers, appropriations and bills. At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by President Lois M. Snyder. Roll Call: Lois M. Snyder, present; Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, present; Harold G. Montgomery, present.

President Snyder entertained a motion for approval of the March 31, 2011 minutes. Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Treasurer	Steve McGhee	5/10-5/12	Sandusky	2011 Spring Conference
Commissioner	Lois Snyder	4/12	Columbus	SB5 Seminar
		4/13	Columbus	State Budget Workshop
		4/14	Wellston	GJMV Solid Waste
	Joe Foster	4/14	Wellston	GJMV Solid Waste
	Harold Montgomery	4/14	Wellston	GJMV Solid Waste
	Karen Sprague	4/11	Columbus	CDBG Training

President Snyder entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, 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
4/4/11	14	1	2	2	1	27	0	33	2	29

#### BID OPENING - ENGINEERS OFFICE

At 9:45 a.m. President Lois Snyder opened the following bid for the County Engineer Mowing, submitted by Quickmow Inc, Millersburg OH.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ROUND</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Contract Mowing	1	455	<u>137.<sup>36</sup></u>	<u>62,498.<sup>80</sup></u>
	2	455	<u>137.<sup>36</sup></u>	<u>62,498.<sup>80</sup></u>
	3	455	<u>137.<sup>36</sup></u>	<u>62,498.<sup>80</sup></u>
	4	455	<u>137.<sup>36</sup></u>	<u>62,498.<sup>80</sup></u>
TOTAL BID FOR CONTRACT				<u>\$ 249,995.<sup>20</sup></u>

The bid was turned over to the County Engineer for review and recommendation.

The following were in attendance: Rod Tennant and Ian Tennant, Quickmow Inc.; Lana Lane, Engineers Office; Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION - DJFS

At 9:50 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with DFJS Director Dana Glassburn to discuss IV-D Contract issues with the prosecutor's office. Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m.; no action taken.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:20 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a land contractual issue. Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m.; no action taken.

#### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board of Election Directors Jeff Halley and Dale Whitt along with Board Member Robert Jenkins were present to propose the purchase of additional voting machines from Cuyahoga County. The proposed machines, which have seen minimal use, can be acquired for \$100.00 each. The Board of Elections has proposed to purchase 100 machines for \$10,000.00 which would be used as back up. With the purchase of the machines, combined with current machines, Jeff Halley stated he believed Gallia County would be solvent for next 10-12 years.

Commissioner Snyder inquired if they had available funds in the BOE budget for the purchase. Halley stated that with the current budget BOE does expect to have enough funds to purchase the machines. Purchase of proposed machines would eliminate need for maintenance costs which is currently \$50 per machines per year. BOE agreed to check current maintenance contract for an opportunity for early release from contract.

#### CHILDRENS SERVICES

Russ Moore and his staff were present as the Gallia County Commissioners recognized April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Russ Moore thanked the Commissioners for allowing the agency to display their banner in the Courthouse lobby. Joe Foster expressed his appreciation for what their agency does for the community. Harold

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

**A Resolution  
BY  
The Gallia County Board of Commissioners  
Recognizing April 2011  
as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month**

**WHEREAS,** The members of the Gallia County Commissioners are pleased to recognize Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio and Gallia County, April 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** In an effort to increase public knowledge and understanding of the issues surrounding the abuse and neglect of minors, the month of April was first designated by the U.S. Congress as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in 1983, with commemorative legislation passed each year since. Affecting youth of all races and socio-economic backgrounds, child abuse and neglect has long-lasting repercussions, not only for the victims and their families but also for communities and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** Childhood is a formative time, and family members as well as communities, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations play important roles in helping ensure that children grow up in a safe and stable environment, one that provides nurturing love and support. According to the American Humane Association, as many as 2,463 children are victims of abuse and neglect across the country every day. Young people of all ages are denied a loving home experience due to the ever-increasing prevalence of this heinous crime. In order to prevent the escalation of these events in the future, it is vital for all concerned citizens to join in educating the general public, including potential offenders, about the effects of this injustice and in developing a general consciousness regarding its far reaching devastation; and

**Whereas,** All residents of Gallia County share the responsibility of protecting our youth, and during Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, we renew our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect so that all children can realize their full potential. In addition, we urge all citizens to mark this observance by working to build safe communities, promote strong families, and raise healthy children by supporting those who are striving to end the tragic abuse and neglect of children;

**Therefore be it resolved,** That we, the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, in adopting this Resolution, recognize April 2011 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Gallia County; and

**Be it further resolved,** That the Clerk of the Board make available copies of this resolution to all interested persons and to the news media of Gallia County.

- s/ Lois Snyder, President*
- s/ Howard J. Foster, Vice President*
- s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Member*

Date Adopted: 4/7/11

**THOMAS PRESTON - RESIDENT**

Huntington Township resident Thomas Preston inquired about the closing of (Sherman) Hartsook Rd. Harold Montgomery explained to Mr. Preston the process for a road closing and reopening procedure including petitioning, public notices, and public hearings. Mr. Preston again expressed concerns about roads within the township and county need to be widened, and there are telephone lines under the roads. Harold Montgomery advised that utilities, including telephone lines, follow along right-a-ways. Harold Montgomery advised that several issues expressed to the County Commissioners must be directed to the property authority, specifically, the county engineer. Ms. Snyder advised the Commission will further investigate the (Sherman) Hartsook Rd closing brought before the commission, and will provide follow up.

**CONNECT OHIO – EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE (ECO)**

Economic Development Director Melissa Clark presented to the Commission information of a grant opportunity through Connect Ohio's, Every Citizen Online (ECO). The project would provide free computer training and teach new users how to access the internet. The project goal is to showcase the educational, healthcare, economic, and communication benefits of broadband use, and to encourage adoption by residents.

With consideration of additional grant funds, Ms. Clark recommended to the Commission for authority to move forward with the creation and filling of a staff position to provide the ECO trainings. Other focus areas of position include broadband expansion and renewable energy. Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND - RBEG**

Economic Development Director Melissa Clark presented to the Commission a recommendation for loan funding from the Loan Review Committee for the Gallia County Revolving Loan Fund. The loan fund was established through grant funds provided from the USDA RD Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) in order to assist small business and foster job creation in Gallia County. The loan application, submitted by Lorraine Walker of Silver Bridge Coffee LLC, requested \$75,000.00 for equipment purchase. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

**RESOLUTION  
FOR DISTRIBUTING GALLIA COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS**

**WHEREAS,** Gallia County has established a Revolving Loan Fund through grant funds provided from the USDA RD Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) called the Gallia County Revolving Loan Fund in order to assist small businesses and foster job creation in Gallia County, Ohio.

**WHEREAS,** the Loan Review Committee for the Gallia County Revolving Loan Fund has recommended to the Gallia County Commissioners to distribute funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 to Lorraine Walker, owner of Silver Bridge Coffee Company.

**WHEREAS,** the Gallia County Board of Commissioners concur with the recommendation of the Loan Review Committee to distribute said funds.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Gallia County Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio, hereby authorizes Gallia County Economic Development to distribute the sum of \$75,000.00 to Lorraine Walker, owner of Silver Bridge Coffee Company.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gallia County Revolving Loan Fund shall establish terms and conditions pursuant to a written loan agreement as to repayment of the funds, and the Gallia County Board of Commissioners authorizes Gallia County Economic Development to enter into said loan agreement prior to distributing the funds.

SO RESOLVED

s/Lois Snyder, President

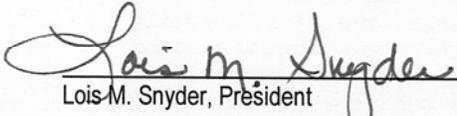
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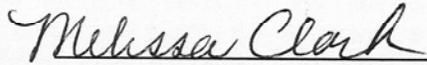
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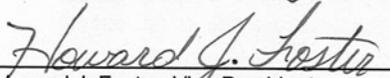
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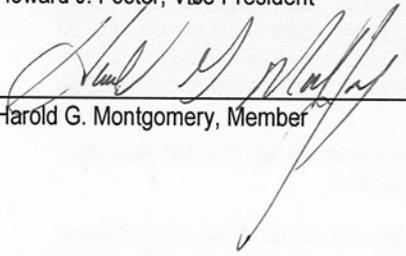
**ADJOURN**

At 2:06 p.m. President Snyder entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconds the motion to adjourn; roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

  
Lois M. Snyder, President

  
Minutes recorded by Melissa Clark, Temp Clerk

  
Howard J. Foster, Vice President

  
Harold G. Montgomery, Member