

DECEMBER 22, 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; Vice President Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, present; Member Harold G. Montgomery, present.

President Snyder entertained a motion for approval of the December 15, 2011 minutes. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

JUVENILE BLOCK GRANT SUBGRANT AWARD

The President entertained a motion to approve a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Sub-grant Award letter through the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

Federal Award Amount	\$ 10,000
Cash Match	\$ 1,111
Project Total	\$ 11,111

Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

LEAVE DONATION APPLICATION

Commissioners received the following leave donation application:

Department	Donating Employee	Receiving Employee	Hours Donated	Pay Period
Sheriff	Richard Harrison	Shelia Northup	20	12/30/11
	Anthony K Werry		60	

The President entertained a motion to approve the leave donation application as requested. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

County Engineer Boothe submitted the following for adoption:

A resolution authorizing Brett Boothe, Gallia County Engineer, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement Program (s) and to execute contracts as required

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivision for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the County of Gallia is planning to make capital improvements to Up Creek Slip Repair, and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is qualified project under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Gallia County:

Section 1: The Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: The Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Passed: December 22, 2011

Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

s/Lois M. Snyder, President

s/Howard J. Foster, Vice President

s/Harold G. Montgomery, Member

BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT

Commissioners received the following correspondence:

Oh behalf of the Gallia County District Library Board of Trustees and Library Administration, I sincerely thank you for your continued support of the Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library. Both the Board and Administration kindly request that you reappoint Mrs. Leanna Martin to the Board for another term, as Mrs. Martin's current term will expire in March 2012.

Mrs. Martin serves the community well as a library trustee. Please consider re-appointing her to the Library Board for another term to commence in 2012. The Board and I greatly appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*s/ Deborah Saunders
Library Director*

Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded the motion to reappoint as recommended. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

HARDWARE EQUIPMENT

Chief Deputy Grau met with the Commissioners to discuss the disposal of old equipment. He advised that the University of Rio Grande have a program that accepts surplus equipment which is reused in county and encouraged the Commissioners to look at this as an option to dispose of unused equipment. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - DJFS

At 10:00 the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with JFS Director Dana Glassburn to discuss personnel issues. 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 10:18 a.m.; no action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING – WEDEMEYER RD

At 10:30 AM, the President opened the road hearing for Wedemeyer Road in Walnut Township with the following attendees: Tony Gallagher and Amber Gillenwater.

Following an explanation of the petition there were no objections to the vacation. The Engineer's recommendation had not been received at the time of the hearing therefore; the President entertained a motion to table the decision until the report was received. Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECOGNITION

The following were present for the American FFA Degree Recognition: Educator Harold Benson, Student Recipient Kody Roberts, Laura Baker, Nick Pryor, Steven Pryor, Tony Gallagher and Amber Gillenwater. Vice President Joe Foster presented the following recognition award:

**American FFA Degree
Recognition**

Whereas, the FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of food, fiber, and natural resources systems; and

Whereas, the FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth and career success among its members; and

Whereas, agricultural education and the FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in science, business and technology of agriculture; and

Whereas, the FFA Motto- "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve" gives direction of purpose to those students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

Whereas, the American FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed to an FFA member who accomplishes an outstanding FFA career,

Whereas,

KODY ROBERTS

Is the 2011 recipient of the American FFA Degree, as a member of the Gallipolis FFA Chapter.

Now therefore we, the Gallia County Commissioners hereby recognize his outstanding accomplishments.

Presented on this 22nd day of December 2011.

s/ Lois M. Snyder, President

s/ Howard "Joe" Foster, Vice-President

s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Board Member

Harold Montgomery made and Lois Snyder seconded the motion to present the recognition award as described. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea

At Commissioner Montgomery's request, Mr. Benson explained that this is national honor which began when first chartered in 1929. From then to 1991 there were 2 degrees awarded; since then there has been a total of 14 awards presented. The decision to work toward this goal must be made in their freshman year and is an accumulation of their years in FFA. Obtaining this award exemplifies the students desire to do this, and cannot be accomplished until they have been out of high school for one year. One percent of the FFA membership receives this degree, which is the exception rather than the rule.

President Snyder commented that it is refreshing to have the young people in attendance for the proclamations year after year and expressed the Commissions appreciation for their leadership and the training being provided for the next generation.

Commissioner Foster also shared his appreciation for Kody's work as well as his parents. He also commended Mr. Benson for his effort, leadership and the overall interaction the group has in the community; as well as the other chapters represented here today.

MERCERVILLE SEWER ARRA-WPCLF GRANT-LOAN

The County Administrator presented the Commission with revised Exhibit 1-A for the Mercerville Sewer ARRA/WPCLF Grant/Loan Program to change the project budget to include change orders 1, 2 and 3. President Snyder entertained a motion to approve; Joe Foster moved and Harold Montgomery second. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.

AMEND JOURNAL MOTION

President Snyder entertained a motion to amend action dated 12/23/10 Commissioners Journal Volume 45, Page 334 to transfer \$14,000 from 001.1203.535900 to 123.4000.400100 and amend this motion to read advance \$14,000 from 001.1203.535900 to 123.4000.400100. Joe Foster moved and Harold Montgomery second to make the amendment as recommended; roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea. Note - Due to being a prior year adjustment, the repayment of these funds to the general fund will have to be made by voucher.

APPROPRIATE - \$14,000.00 INTO 123.0123.531100

HEALTH CARE DISCUSSIONS

Insurance Agent John Saunders met to discuss health insurance issues. Commissioners expressed concern over the increase in dental insurance premiums. Saunders said this was an oversight on their part; they did not think about those premiums increasing. Through the first 9 months of 2011, we are paying out \$10,000 per month and premiums are \$142,000 for year. So they are paying out 93% for premiums versus paid claims, so UHC provided a renewal with 15.7% increase which equates to \$22,000 for 2012. United cannot do anymore on the rate; after discussions with the County Administrator, Saunders took a current census and sent it to another company; Oasis Trust to quote a more competitive premium. It is in underwriting right now; we anticipate having the quote back in another week. If we get a better deal we could move the dental away from United Health Care. The County Administrator and I also decided that if we don't get a lower rate, you may consider buying down the renewal with the 105 plan. Montgomery explained that we are already funding Quick Care costs from the 105 Plan fund as well. Saunders also advised that the Life insurance is at a 24 month rate and we are in the year which is firm along with the Vision plan.

INVENTORY MEETING

County Auditor Larry Betz and Deputy Auditors Terri Short, Anette Brown and Steve Stinson scheduled this meeting with all departments to discuss the new vendor for inventory submissions and their requirements. Also attending Jack Webb and Michelle Allen with State Auditor's Office; John Thomas, Loretta Atha, Jeff Adkins, Jennifer Brown, Larry Boyer, Dana Glassburn, Roger Walker, Angie Burns, Greg Shrader, Noreen Saunders and Heather Casto representing the various departments.

Auditor Betz started the meeting advising recent issues with past audits due to the fact that information is not being received from the departments. He stressed the importance of getting the requests to the responsible person in your department and returning the information timely. Webb and Allen will be performing the GAAP conversion for LGS.

Allen advised they anticipate starting in February and suggested sending out questionnaires prior to the start up. IPA's in the past have sent these forms to the Auditor which has been forwarded to the departments, then returned to the Auditor. Stinson advised a letter is sent out Dec 1 with the current inventory list requesting an update in 30 days. They also noted that a list of significant consumable supplies should be totaled at the end of each year. This is based on materiality and reasonableness.

Deputy Auditor Short also stressed the importance of the departments checking their revenues and appropriations. With the shortages in revenues it is extremely important to monitor and keep deadlines. Various line items are in the red and not being monitored by the departments. This delays end of year close outs and we need turnaround time in order to finish this work. The departments must take the responsibility of monitoring their funds and keeping them in the black and submitting transfers and appropriations in a timely manner.

Deputy Auditor Brown stated we are here to help you pay your bills; this year has gotten way out of hand. Notices for deadlines were sent out Oct 24, Nov 17 and Nov 22! If these notices aren't getting to the right person, please let us know so we can smoothly end the year and begin the New Year.

Noreen Saunders expressed her appreciation for all they do in the Auditor's Office and suggested that they set deadlines and enforce them and stop enabling the departments. Short advised that would be ok but the county CANNOT end the year in the RED, so adjustments must be made.

The County Administrator also advised those present that any PO's encumbered in the general fund will not be permitted because there is no cash to cover the encumbrances; County General has to cover those funds in the red. Therefore, these encumbered PO's will be voided and any anticipated invoices will have to be paid from their 2012 budgets.

Short and Brown also discussed the differences in all the policies for the various departments and how time consuming it was for them to police each voucher/reimbursements against the many different policies. Commissioner Foster advised that many hours were spent in writing a new Personnel Policy Manual for County Employees. This plan was submitted to all Elected Officials and Department Heads for their review and comments. Once completed, the approved plan was then distributed to all departments for acceptance and signature by the Elected Officials; to this date, no departments have done so. This plan offers protection to the departments and employees by meeting the Ohio Revised Code and state requirements. This would also bring everyone under the same uniform policies; but the departments must get on board and accept the manual.

With no further comments, Auditor Betz expressed his appreciation for everyone's attendance and cooperation with the above mentioned issues.

WEDEMEYER ROAD VACATION

Commissioners received the following report from the County Engineer:

Dear Commission:

The proposed road vacation consists of vacating all of Wedemeyer Road (T-742), beginning at the intersection of German Ridge Road (C-126), thence at a northerly direction 0.41 miles to the existing terminus of said Wedemeyer Road.

Wedemeyer Road does not conform with the Ohio Revised Code 5553.02. Since all lands adjacent to said Wedemeyer Road are owned by the same owner, and said owner is for said vacation, no easements are needed.

Therefore, as Gallia County Engineer, I recommend said road vacation.

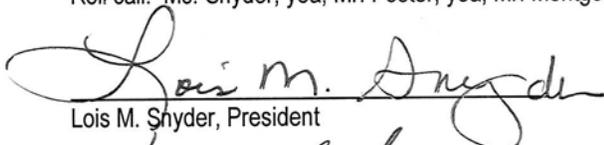
Respectfully,

sl Brett A. Boothe, P.E.-P.S., County Engineer

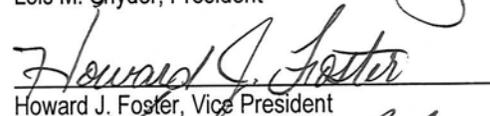
Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, Joe Foster moved Harold Montgomery seconded the motion to vacate Wedemeyer Rd. as petitioned. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

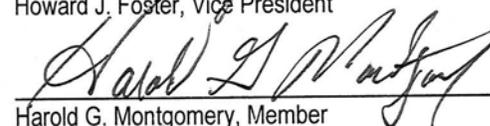
ADJOURN

At 3:48 p.m. President Snyder entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster moved Harold Montgomery seconded; Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.


Lois M. Snyder, President


Terry Hemby, Clerk


Howard J. Foster, Vice President


Harold G. Montgomery, Member

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

DECEMBER 21, 2011

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse on this date as advertised for 2012 budget work session. At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Lois M. Snyder. Roll Call: Lois M. Snyder, present; Vice President Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, present; Member Harold G. Montgomery, present. Also attending was County Administrator Karen Sprague. Commissioners traveled to the 911 Facility to meet with EMS Director Larry Boyer and Union Representatives regarding the 2012 budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - EMS BUDGET

At 6:10 p.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with the EMS Director and Union Representatives Allen Waugh, Mike Van Meter to discuss contracts. Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. Executive Session ended at 6:45 p.m.; no action taken.

2012 BUDGET WORK SESSION

7:00 pm, Commissioners returned to the Courthouse to continue 2012 Budget Work Session with County Administrator Karen Sprague.

ADJOURN

At 10:10 p.m. President Snyder entertained a motion for adjournment. Harold Montgomery made and Joe Foster seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.



DECEMBER 27, 2011

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse on this date as advertised for 2012 budget work session. At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Lois M. Snyder. Roll Call: Lois M. Snyder, present; Vice President Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, present; Member Harold G. Montgomery, present. Also attending was County Administrator Karen Sprague.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - EMS BUDGET

At 7:20 p.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with the EMS Director Larry Boyer to discuss personnel & contracts. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea. Executive Session ended at 8:37 p.m.; no action taken.

2012 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Commissioners continued the session working on various departmental budgets with County Administrator Karen Sprague.

ADJOURN

At 8:30 p.m. President Snyder entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.



DECEMBER 28, 2011

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse on this date as advertised for 2012 budget work session. At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Lois M. Snyder. Roll Call: Lois M. Snyder, present; Vice President Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, present; Member Harold G. Montgomery, present. Also attending was County Administrator Karen Sprague.

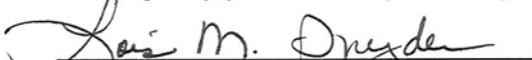
2012 BUDGET WORK SESSION

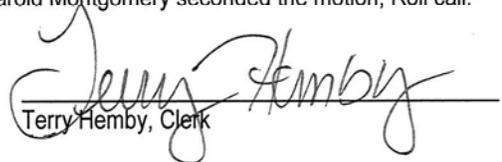
President Snyder reported that she had met with Sheriff Browning earlier in the afternoon regarding his budget. Commissioners continued the session working on various departmental budgets with County Administrator Karen Sprague.

ADJOURN

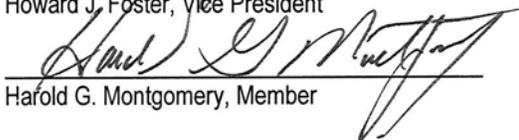
At 8:40 p.m. President Snyder entertained a motion for adjournment. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded the motion; Roll call: Ms. Snyder, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Mr. Montgomery, yea.

On this 29th day of December 2011; President Snyder entertained a motion to approve the budget work session minutes of December 21, 27 & 28th, 2011. Joe Foster made and Harold Montgomery seconded the motion; Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Foster, yea; Ms. Snyder, yea.


Lois M. Snyder, President


Terry Hemby, Clerk


Howard J. Foster, Vice President


Harold G. Montgomery, Member