

The Gallia County Board of Commissioners met for the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous meeting and current transfers, appropriations. The meeting was called to order by President Harold G. Montgomery. Roll Call. President Harold G. Montgomery, present; Vice President David K. Smith, present; Commissioner Brent Saunders, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the March 26, 2013 minutes. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call. Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

TRAVEL REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	NAME	DATE	TO	RE:
Commissioners	Karen Sprague	4/11	Columbus, OH	Mandatory CD Grant training
Clerk of Courts	Noreen Saunders	4/16 & 17	Columbus, OH	Assoc. meeting
JFS	Dana Glassburn	4/10	Jackson, OH	Northwood's server meeting
		4/11	Jackson, OH	OJFSDA Exec. Comm.
		4/17	Columbus, OH	AREA7 meeting
		4/24	Circleville, OH	Columbus District meeting
Commissioners	Karen Sprague	4/5	Columbus, OH	Deliver CHIP grant to ODSA

The President entertained a motion to approve travel requests as submitted. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

Animal Shelter Canine Weekly Report													
Week Ending	Came in	Adopted	Reclaimed	Euthanized	Rescued	MIA	Died (Natural Causes)	Destroyed (in field)	To Foster Care	Back from Foster	Foster Care Total	Total Out	Shelter Total
4/1	18	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	48	0	29

#### VETERANS – MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES

Commissioners received the following requests in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 307.66 for funds to defray the Memorial Day expenses for 2013:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War \$500.00

David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to approve the funds as requested. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

#### 2013 HOMELESS POINT IN TIME COUNT RESULTS

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the 2013 Homeless Point in Time Count results:

- The number of respondents who fit the HUD definition of homeless is 18, up from 15 in 2012.
- The number of respondents who self-identify as homeless is 55, down from 89 in 2012.
- Number of respondents who are chronically homeless is 29, up from 10 in 2012.
- The top three reasons for homelessness (Note that evictions have fallen out of the top 3 for the first time):
  - Lost job – 28 (32 in 2012)
  - Drug/alcohol problem has taken over second place in the reasons for homelessness – 20
  - Behind in rent/mortgage payments – 18 (compared to 40 in 2012)
  - Eviction – 11 / tied with overcrowding (compared to 33 in 2012)
- The top five service needs for FY 2011/2012/2013:
  - Finding a job 111/96/54
  - Help with utilities 124/107/58
  - Mental health services/health care 61/83/51
  - Transportation 63/50/93
  - Finding a place to live 73/79/44
  - Note: Transportation has increased significantly since last year, perhaps reflecting increasing gas prices. The lower numbers for 2013 represent a drop overall in the number of people responding to the survey. The top five service needs remained the same as prior years.

#### WOODLAND CENTERS – LETTER OF SUPPORT ARC GRANT

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with a draft letter of support for Woodland Centers ARC grant application for capital improvements to the Gallipolis Clinic Building for increased energy efficiency and upgrade interior space. Mr. Montgomery entertained a motion to approve and sign the letter of support as presented. David K. Smith moved and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

4/4/2013

Mary Jo Frank, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Woodland Centers, Inc.  
3086 State Route 160  
Gallipolis, OH 45631

RE: Letter of Support – Woodland Centers ARC Grant

Dear Director Frank:

The Board of Gallia County Commissioners fully supports Woodland Centers application for an Appalachian Regional Commission grant for capital improvements to the Gallipolis Clinic Building for increased energy efficiency and upgrade interior space.

As we understand, the clinic building in Gallipolis was built in 1974 for the purpose of housing a community mental health center and it includes outpatient offices, administrative offices, and a 13-bed crisis stabilization unit. Woodland Centers, Inc. employs 90 full-time and part-time staff and serves over 1,000 patients each month. Woodland is under contract with the Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board (a county agency) to provide 24-hour crisis emergency evaluations and pre-hospital screenings for all three counties. Further, Woodland Centers, Inc. is a critical component of the overall healthcare of the community, and the building in Gallipolis is its central location.

Therefore, Woodland Centers, Inc. is a major employer in Gallia County and plays a key role in the delivery of health care in the region. We have been advised that in July 2013, Woodland Centers will begin delivering integrated behavioral and primary health care as part of the new Medicaid Health Home strategy from Ohio's Office of Health Transformation. Thus, maintaining the Woodland Centers' facility is a necessary part of continuing both of those roles.

Gallia County is economically distressed with a high incidence rate of families that are low income and living in poverty. The Board of Gallia County Commissioners believes that Woodland Centers mental health services have a positive effect on the families, young adults and children and increases their ability to provide safe, healthy and positive family environments. It is our hope with receipt of ARC funding Woodland Centers will be able to continue mental health service to the residents of Gallia County for many years to come.

If you would like additional comments or information please contact us at 1-740-446-4374.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gallia County Commissioners  
s/ Harold G. Montgomery, Pres.  
s/ David K. Smith, Vice-Pres.  
s/ Brent Saunders, Commission Member

#### MARCH 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with:

- The March 2013 Financial Reports for comparison with the March 2012 Financial Reports. The following was noted during the review:
  - 1/1/2012 beginning cash balance was \$259,796.89 (It was noted that \$160,000 of this balance is for Davis Hall Lot Purchase Bond, which means the true cash balance was \$99,769.98)
  - 1/1/2013 beginning cash balance was \$902,133.75
  - Difference of \$642,336.86
  - 3/31/2012 ending cash balance was (\$481,990.23)
  - 2/28/2013 ending cash balance was (\$59,673.46)
  - Difference of \$422,316.77
  - Also reviewed the 2013 8<sup>TH</sup> Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

#### STATUS REPORT FY 2012 CDBG FORMULA GRANT (B-F-12-1AY-1)

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the Status Report for the period September 1, 2012 thru March 2, 2013 for the County's FY 2012 CDBG Formula Grant (B-F-12-1AY-1), which must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion that the Status Report be approved and signed as presented. Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

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

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the Status Report for the period September 4, 2012 thru March 5, 2013 for the County's FY 2008 CDBG Water/Sewer Grant (B-W-08-1AY-1), which must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development. Harold Montgomery entertained a motion that the Status Report be approved and signed as presented. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David K. Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

#### DJFS

Director Dana Glassburn updated the Commission on various agency programs.

#### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Executive Director Russ Moore was present with his staff for the following proclamation:

#### PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, child abuse and neglect are recognized as one of our most pressing social problems, affecting many of Ohio's children each year; and

**Whereas**, each child has the right to live and grow in a safe, secure and supportive environment; and

**Whereas**, high quality child protection, foster care, and adoption represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

**Whereas**, since it takes a community to protect a child, county action is needed to break the cycle of abuse and improve family life; and

**Whereas**, the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services support and promote the partnership between state, county and local public and private agencies to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

*Whereas, April has been designated "Child Abuse Prevention Month" nationwide by the National Center of Child Abuse and Neglect;*

*Now therefore, we the Gallia County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse and Prevention Month in the County of Gallia, State of Ohio, and this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.*

*Harold G. Montgomery, President*

*David K. Smith, Vice President*

*Brent Saunders, Commissioner*

Brent Saunders made and David K. Smith seconded the motion to adopt the proclamation; Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. Children Services staff present: Cynthia Dailey, Emily Fultz, Kristi Smith, and Charlotte McGuire.

**2012 GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL COURT ANNUAL REPORT**

The Commission was in receipt of the 2012 Gallipolis Municipal Court Annual Report.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Chief Deputy Richard Grau and Kevin Werry were in attendance to discuss jail issues. Mr. Grau stated he had researched and found a Guardian RFID Corrections system. The system allows the Sheriff's Office to have a digital trail of activity in the jail and the Work Release Center and can monitor both inmates and corrections officers. It is a tag system that goes on the walls by the cells and can be placed inside a cell, if needed. Additionally, it has a medication manager and should tie in with the current phone system. The initial cost is \$29,473.70 and there is a yearly renewal cost of \$3,732.30 for the software. The cost can be deferred over a three year period. Commissioner Smith stated he feels they need to wait on the impending approval of the union contract before considering this purchase.

**ROBERT GILLENWATER**

Mr. Gillenwater spoke to the Commission regarding septic tanks on his properties and sewer hook ups in the Kanauga area. President Montgomery stated the Commission has put in a sewer collection system and advised Mr. Gillenwater to check with the Health Department to discuss the hook up procedures. No action taken.

**PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

The County Administrator presented the Commission with an email from ODOD-OCD requesting all counties proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. The President entertained a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Brent Saunders moved and David K. Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: Harold Montgomery, yea; David K. Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea.

*WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and*

*WHEREAS, April 2013 is the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passage of the federal Fair Housing Act; and*

*WHEREAS, April has traditionally been designated as FAIR HOUSING MONTH by the President of the United States and by the Governor of the state of Ohio; and*

*WHEREAS, the mission of fair housing in Ohio is to improve the quality of life for all residents and celebrate Ohio's fair housing law which is substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act; and*

*WHEREAS, this is a time to remember where we started, to celebrate 45 years of successes, and to march toward the future in ensuring justice and housing opportunities for all Americans*

*NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio wish to acknowledge the County's endorsement and commitment to celebrate 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passage of the federal Fair Housing Act and the policy of Fair and Equal Access to Housing and do hereby proclaim the month of April as*

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

*and encourage citizens to acquaint themselves with their rights that are protected under the law, and join in reaffirming a commitment to Fair Housing for all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, familial or disability status.*

*Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013*

*s/ Harold G. Montgomery, President*

*s/ David K. Smith, Vice-President*

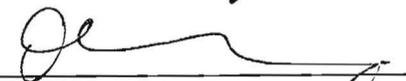
*s/ Brent Saunders, Commission Member*

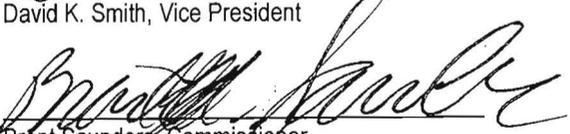
**ADJOURN**

At 3:05 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. David K. Smith made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

  
Harold G. Montgomery, President

  
Lana J. Lane, Clerk

  
David K. Smith, Vice President

  
Brent Saunders, Commissioner