

**JULY 17, 2014**

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 David K. Smith. Roll Call: President David K. Smith, present; Vice President Brent Saunders, present; Commissioner Harold G. Montgomery, present.

The President entertained a motion for approval of the July 10, 2014 minutes. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

2014 Canine Shelter 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
7/14	20	9	1	1	13	0	0	0	6	1	360	15	19

**COUNTY CANINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Commissioner Brent Saunders and County Administrator Karen Sprague gave an update on the County Canine Management Committee meeting held at 8:15 am on 7/17/14. The Committee discussed the following:

- The dog tag letter to the editor was published in the Tribune on 7/8/14
- A draft local adoption policy was discussed. Commissioner Saunders noted that Friends Group members voiced that they felt local adoption of dogs should be secondary to rescue. Commissioner Saunders advised he felt they were both equally important, because local residents should have the opportunity to adopt locally and not have to shop at puppy mills or from breeders for their family pets. Commissioner Saunders further noted that after discussion with Friends Group members he did not feel there was a need for a local adoption policy, that all parties were and would continue to work together for the best results for the dogs that end up at the County Canine Shelter. Ms. Sprague agreed that after discussions during the Canine meeting it was evident a policy was not needed, and although it had been tabled due to lack of a full committee being present, it would be removed from the next canine committee agenda. Commissioners Montgomery and Smith agreed noting that Gallia County fully intends to remain a rescue friendly county canine shelter, will continue to work with Friends Group members as there is no way the county can operate the shelter without rescue, the County does not want to go backwards and wants the euthanasia rates to remain as low as possible.
- The final topic discussed was the handling of dogs that had bitten and had been released by owner to the shelter after quarantine or were strays and as such were the property of the shelter. Ms. Sprague noted the counties liability should a dog known to have bitten be released for rescue, foster or adoption. Ms. Sprague reviewed County Dog Warden Wright's written policy with regard to biting dogs, which was shared with Friends Group members by email before the Canine Management Committee meeting. Ms. Sprague advised in order to protect rescue staff, foster families and members of the public, both herself and Dog Warden Wright felt it was not in the best interests of the public to allow dogs that are the property of Gallia County, known to have bitten and are vicious to be rescued, fostered or adopted. Therefore, Dog Warden Wright's policy stated these dogs would unfortunately need to be euthanized.

The Commission noted their goal that all parties work together to continue operation of our shelter so that the county is only euthanizing dogs that cannot be rescued, fostered or adopted because they have bitten, are vicious and as such are a threat to the public or because they have been injured or are in poor health to the point our local veterinarians feel they cannot be saved.

**SENIOR CENTER AMENDED TAX LEVY RESOLUTION # 2**

Gallia County Senior Citizens Center Executive Director Shirley Doss met with the Commission to present resolution # 2 for the Senior Center Tax Levy prepared by Gallia County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Adkins. David Smith entertained a motion to approve the resolution as submitted. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea.

**AMENDED RESOLUTION**  
(as to ORC Section 5705.19 only)

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Gallia County Council on Aging, Inc., Gallia County, Ohio, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County, Ohio with at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Gallia County for the purpose of the operation of the Gallia County Council on Aging, Inc., pursuant to Chapter 5126, in accordance with Section 5705.19(Y) of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding .5 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to five cents (\$.05) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years to be voted upon at the general election on November 4, 2014, and said levy to be a renewal levy. And be it further,

RESOLVED, that the question of levying such tax in excess of such limitation be submitted to the electors of said Gallia County at the general election at the usual place, in said County, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

RESOLVED, that said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners be and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Gallia County, Ohio and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election of the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Harold G. Montgomery moved for the adoption of the following resolution;

Mr. Brent Saunders seconded the Motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

- Mr. Montgomery     yea
- Mr. Saunders        yea
- Mr. Smith            yea

Adopted the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

*s/Lana J. Lane*  
Clerk of the Board

THE STATE OF OHIO, GALLIA COUNTY, SS:

I, Lana J. Lane, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copies from the Record of Proceedings of said Board; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 17<sup>th</sup>. day of July, 2014.

*s/Lana J. Lane*  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO**

*s/ Harold G. Montgomery*

*s/ David N. Smith*

*s/ Brent Saunders*

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**  
**FY 2008 CDBG SEWER GRANT (B-W-08-1AY-1)**

County Administrator Karen Sprague presented the Commission with the Certificate of Completion form for the County's FY 2008 CDBG Sewer Grant for the Kanauga-Addison Sewer Project (B-W-08-1AY-1) which must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development upon completion of the grant. David Smith entertained a motion that the Certificate of Completion be approved and signed as presented. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded that motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Brent Saunders, yea; Harold Montgomery, yea. The form is on file in the County's CDBG grant files.

**ENGINEER'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

County Engineer Brett Boothe was in attendance and submitted the following:

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Gallia County Board of Commissioners,  
Courthouse  
18 Locust Street  
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Commissioners,

Due to the ever aging dump truck fleet, the County Highway Department needs to replace one or two dump trucks every year in order to provide the level of service for Gallia County roads and bridges as per the Ohio Revised Code.

The last four years, the Gallia County Engineer's Office has not replaced any dump trucks. The Engineer's Office has planned and budgeted for the purchase of four new single axle dump trucks using M&R funds to catch up with the Engineer's Equipment Replacement Plan. The Engineer's Office has determined the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing contract to be the least expensive method for the purchase of the cab and chassis for the dump trucks. Buy purchasing multiple dump trucks every couple years as opposed to one every year, the Engineer's Office receives a discount on each cab and chassis by purchasing volume. The cost for each cab and chassis is \$82,127 plus delivery and finance fees, for a total of \$328,508 for all four plus fees. The dump trucks planned to be replaced with stated conditions by the mechanics are:

Truck Number	Condition	Comments
#263	Poor	Bed rusted out, Needs rear end replaced.
#264	Poor	Bed rusted out, Needs rear end replaced, Frame Broke.
#297	Junked	For parts only.
#300	Poor	Holes in bed, Motor going bad, Frame rusted out.

These existing dump trucks are planned to be sold in the next auction or junked for parts.

I request a resolution to authorize the County Engineer to purchase four cab and chassis from the cooperative purchasing contract (#044-14) (Kinstle Sterling/Western Star Truck Center) using M&R funds. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

*s/Brett A. Boothe*

Brett A. Boothe, P.E., P.S.  
Gallia County Engineer

Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the trucks. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONTRACTS**

At 9:52 a.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Engineer Brett Boothe to discuss contracts. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. Returned to regular session at 10:04 a.m.; no action taken.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALT STORAGE**

County Engineer Brett Boothe was in attendance and submitted the following:

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Commissioners,

Currently, the Gallia County Highway Department forces address road/bridge needs by pulling material from the Gallia County Highway Department. In order to increase response time to snow and ice, address needed increase in salt storage for entire winter, reduce material costs, reduce fuel, truck wear and tear, and overtime costs, the Gallia County Engineer recommends placing outposts in needed areas to meet operational needs.

I request a resolution to authorize the Gallia County Engineer to negotiate, and purchase or lease property on the county's behalf using M&R funds and place outposts for the Engineer's Road and Bridge needs using M&R funds. The county has budgeted M&R funds for this project accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,  
s/Brett A. Boothe  
Brett A. Boothe, P.E., P.S.  
Gallia County Engineer

Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to authorize the County Engineer to negotiate and purchase or lease property on the County's behalf using M&R funds. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT GEORGES CREEK ROAD & HONEYSUCKLE DRIVE REPAIRS**

County Engineer Brett Boothe was in attendance and advised the Commission the repair of Georges Creek Road and Honeysuckle Drive have been completed. Original project cost estimate was \$60,137.00, final repair cost was \$47,597.50, leaving a balance of \$12,539.50 to be returned to the County Commissioners. Commission discussed the County Engineer assisting with a paving project for the Davis Hall Parking Lot. No action taken.

**GREEN TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT**

Ronnie Hutchins was in attendance to discuss the upcoming Green Township sewer project. He asked the Commission to not let what happened with the Kanauga Addison Sewer project happen in Green Township. The Commissioners stated they are aware of what happened with the Kanauga Addison sewer project and will follow the law with the upcoming project and will do everything they can not to go down the same path. Mr. Hutchins also asked if there is anything the Commissioners can do about some of the properties in the County that need cleaned up. Commissioners stated the Health Department is the office to handle those matters.

**911**

911 Director Sherry Daines and Assistant Director Keith Wilson were in attendance to update the Commission on the Everbridge project. Everything is moving on the project and should be up and running by August 12. They will have pamphlets and sign-up sheets available at their fair booth. They will also have the I.T. Director put something on the County website with info on the project and instructions on how to sign up.

**KA SEWER SETTLEMENT FUND REIMBURSEMENT**

Commission discussed the return of \$12,539.50 from the Georges Creek Road & Honeysuckle Drive Repair Project. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to instruct the County Engineer to voucher reimbursement of the balance remaining from the repair project to the Gallia County Commissioners for deposit into the KA Sewer Settlement Fund #170, the original source of the funds. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. Commission instructed County Administrator Karen Sprague to notify County Engineer Boothe of this action.

**DAVIS HALL PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT**

Commission discussed the Davis Hall Parking Lot Paving Project, noting the completion of the stone prep work by Davis Brothers Construction. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to have County Administrator Karen Sprague proceed with obtaining quotes from local paving contractors for paving the parking lot, with the quotes to be presented to the Commission at the next meeting. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

**ELECTRICITY PURCHASE CONTRACT**

Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to grant County Administrator Karen Sprague the authority to enter into agreement for the purchase of electricity. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

At 11:02 a.m. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Karen Sprague to discuss personnel issue regarding the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. Returned to regular session at 11:13 a.m.; no action taken.

**INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gallia County Treasurer, Steve McGhee, Chair of the Investment Committee, presented the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Quarter 2014 investment report for review. The Investment reports are submitted monthly; with meetings held quarterly. Members present were the Commissioners and Steve McGhee, County Treasurer.

The Investment Report is on file in the Treasurer's office and in the Commissioner's office for review.

**DOG WARDEN**

Dog Warden Brenda Wright spoke to the Commission regarding various issues at the Dog Shelter. No action taken. Calvin Wright and County Administrator Karen Sprague were also in attendance.

CASTO & HARRIS, INC. — RE-ORDER NO. 11596-13

**RESIGNATION – AMANDA SAXON**

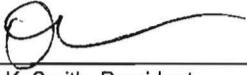
The President entertained a motion to accept the submitted resignation by Amanda Saxon of the Maintenance Department effective July 31, 2104. Harold G. Montgomery made and Brent Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

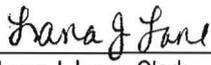
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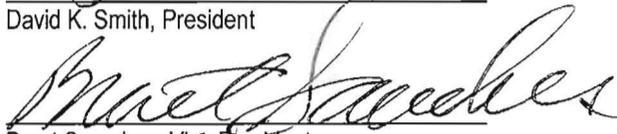
At 1:58 p.m. the President entertained a motion to enter into executive session with County Administrator Karen Sprague to discuss contracts. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea. Returned to regular session at 2:02 p.m.; no action taken.

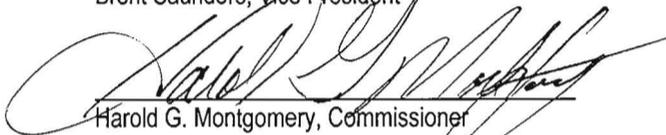
**ADJOURN**

At 4:00 p.m. the President entertained a motion for adjournment. Brent Saunders made and Harold G. Montgomery seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Montgomery, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Saunders, yea.

  
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David K. Smith, President

  
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Lana J. Lane, Clerk

  
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Brent Saunders, Vice President

  
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Harold G. Montgomery, Commissioner