

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

At 9:00 a.m. 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. Commissioners present: Mr. Justin L. Fallon, President; Mr. David K. Smith, Vice-President and Mr. Howard J. "Joe" Foster, Member.

Justin Fallon entertained a motion for approval of the February 7, 2008 minutes. David Smith made and Joe Foster seconded a motion of approval as written. Roll call: Mr. Fallon, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

TRAVELCommissioners

Commissioner Justin Fallon, Columbus, OH, February 14, 2008, Household Sewage and Small Flow on-site Sewage Treatment System Study Commission, representing the CCAO on the Science and Technology subcommittee

Commissioner Justin Fallon, Columbus, OH, March 3, 2008, Broadband Council meeting

EMA

I respectfully request permission to attend a "Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents" workshop in Jackson, Ohio on March 11-13, 2008 in conjunction with several other counties. The workshop will be taught by Louisiana State University.

s/Mike Null

Justin Fallon entertained a motion to approve travel as requested. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Fallon left the meeting to travel to Columbus to attend a Household Sewage meeting. Vice President David Smith then presided over the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER: GJM BOARD OF ALCOHOL/DRUG
ADDICTION/MENTAL HEALTH

Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded a motion to appoint James W. Howard, to the Gallia Jackson Vinton Meigs Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services, as recommended by Executive Director, Ron Adkins. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea. Mr. Howard will be filling the unexpired term of Corliss Miller who resigned December 4, 2008, through June 30, 2010.

AMENDMENT TO PROGRAM BUDGET/JUVENILE COURT

David Smith entertained a motion to approve the amendment submitted by Greg Shrader, Probate/Juvenile Court, for an amendment increase in FY 2008 Youth Services grant and FY 2008 Tentative Variable for of \$75,850. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

KANUAGA/ADDISON SEWER SYSTEM EASEMENT POLICY

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, presented the Commission with a draft easement policy for the Kanauga/Addison Sewer System. The draft was reviewed and changes requested by the Commission. Corrected easement policy will be presented to the Commission at the next meeting. No action taken.

FAA GRANT 2007 DRAW #3 APPROVAL
GALLIA-MEIGS REGIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, presented the Commission with FAA grant 2007

draw #3 forms requesting \$25,295.00 from the County's FAA grant for Jess Howard Electric Company for construction for the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport AWOS Project to date. David Smith entertained a motion to approve and sign the grant draw #3 forms for payment of engineering invoices as presented.

Joe Foster moved and David Smith seconded this motion. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Howard Joe Foster, yea.

SOACDF GRANT APPLICATION
STATE ROUTE 850 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Karen Sprague, County Administrator, presented the Commission with the SOACDF grant application for the State Route 850 Improvement Project. The grant application requests \$100,000 in Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation Economic Development funding for this project that will upgrade State Route 850 from the US 35 / State Route 850 interchange to Denney Cemetery Road a length of 1.4 miles. The project will include widening State Route 850 to include turn lanes into the Industrial Park as well as turn lanes onto Kerr Road. The widening and turn lanes will provide better access for the semi-trucks that frequent three of the four businesses in the Industrial Park and the Bob Evans Sausage Plant located off of Kerr Road on Green Valley Drive (adjacent to the Industrial Park). It was noted this \$100,000 will serve as the County's local match that is required by the ARC Access Road funding (\$500,000) that is also going towards this project. The ARC grant requires a 20% or \$100,000 local match. Joe Foster moved and David Smith seconded a motion to approve and sign the grant application and the letter of support. Upon roll call votes were as follows: David Smith, yea; Howard Joe Foster, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:39 a.m., David Smith entertained a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel with Director Steve Wilson, 911 Center and CA Karen Sprague. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea. Returned to regular session at 9:59 a.m. No action taken in executive session

RECORDS COMMISSION

The first annual meeting of the Records Commission was held. The second of the two annual meetings will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

EXTENSION SERVICES: RICHARD STEPHENS/AMY CORBIN

Commissioner Smith and Foster discussed the position for a County Extension Educator with Richard Stephens and Amy Corbin. Deadline for applications is March 9, 2008.

JFS DIRECTOR

Director Dana Glassburn presented the newly created Employment Services Interviewer Position #31009.0 that has been filled by reassigning Carolyn Holley from IMW 3 Position #21002.0 to ESI Position #31009.0 effective January 31, 2008. David Smith entertained a motion to approve the request. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster yea.

SPIT OUT PROCLAMATION

Representing Holzer's Tobacco Use Prevention program, Todd Tucker presented the following proclamation. David Smith entertained a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Joe Foster seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster yea.

Whereas, the use of chewing tobacco and snuff is one of the nation's least publicized health problems; and,

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Whereas, people who consume 8 to 10 dips or chews per day receive the same amount of nicotine as a heavy smoker who smokes 30 to 40 cigarettes a day; and,

Whereas, spit tobacco contains 28 known carcinogens including formaldehyde, nickel, polonium-210 (a radioactive compound) and can contain up to 100 times the level of nitrosamines lawfully permitted in regulated products like bacon or beer; and,

Whereas, spit tobacco increases a person's risk of cancers of the lip, tongue, cheeks, gums, floor and roof of the mouth, throat, larynx and esophagus; and,

Whereas, it is illegal in Ohio to sell or give tobacco to any child under age 18; and,

Whereas, as a result of massive advertising, peer pressure, ineffective warning labels and the search by some for an alternative to cigarettes, thousands of young people are taking up a new habit that can lead to life-threatening cancer; and,

Whereas, the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Foundation, the American Cancer Society, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Dentistry Association, Oral Health American, the National Cancer Institute, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have distributed information and materials to schools and communities to discourage smokeless tobacco use by young people;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, Justin L. Fallon, H. Joe Foster, and David K. Smith, of the Gallia County Commission, do hereby proclaim February 17 – 23, 2008, as

Through with Chew Week and Thursday, February 21, 2008, as the day of the ***Great American Spit Out***.

All users of smokeless tobacco are urged to take the pledge to quit the habit and live a healthy life.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed

Justin L. Fallon

H. Joe Foster

David K. Smith

SHERIFF

Captain Joe Browning of the Sheriff's department met to discuss installing the FIRE Panel product (Fire Suppression Systems) to the County owned Crown Victoria cruisers. The insert fits between the gas tank and fire plate on the car and can be installed for approximately \$460.00 for each unit. He will return with a firm quote for installation on the road fleet.

CAREER TECHNICAL WEEK PROCLAMATION

David Smith entertained a motion to

Career-Technical Education Month

WHEREAS: February, 2008, has been designated Career-Technical Education Month by the American Career-Technical Education Association; and

WHEREAS: profound economic and technological changes in our society are being rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: career-technical education provides Americans with a School-to-Work Transition and is the backbone of a strong, well educated work force, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: career-technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: career-technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and personal satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career-technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that by preparing workers for the occupations forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

NOW *THEREFORE*
I/WE-----
name *title*
of----- *hereby proclaim February,*
2008 as
town/county
CAREER-TECHNICAL *EDUCATION* *MONTH* *in*
----- *and* *town/county*

urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career-technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused to be affixed the Great
Seal of the*

*{City/County} of

this ----- day of
-----, 2008.*

FFA PROCLAMATION

Mr. Harold Benson presented the following proclamation for signature. David Smith entertained a motion to sign the proclamation. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

Whereas, the FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of the 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 the 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 these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

Whereas, the FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation.

Therefore, I do hereby designate the week of February 16 through 23, 2008, as FFA Week.

(Signature)

The FFA Mission: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The Agricultural Education Mission: Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

The National FFA Organization is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise state association, local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

The National FFA Organization affirms its belief in the value of all human beings and seeks diversity in its membership, leadership and staff as an equal opportunity employer.

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE

BOE members Patty Sprague, Dan Davies and Director, Jeff Halley, requested that the 2nd floor be closed on March 4 for the election. David Smith entertained a motion based upon the recommendation of the Board of Elections board and director to close the 2nd floor to the general public on March 4, election night. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:56 p.m., JFS Director Dana Glassburn requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues with Commissioner Smith and Foster. David Smith entertained a motion to go into executive session with Director Glassburn for personnel. Joe Foster made and David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea. Returned to regular session at 3:04 p.m. No action taken in executive session.

CRA ENTERPRISE ZONE MEETING TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

Attending:

GC Auditor, Larry Betz

GC Treasurer, Steve McGhee

Commissioner David Smith and Commissioner Joe Foster

Gallipolis Township clerk/trustees, Dean Brownell, Dick Bane; Jim Allen

CIC, Mary Ann Campbell and Lynne Crow

Gallipolis Tribune reporter, Liz Rigel

Gallia County Local Schools, Charla Evans

Gallipolis City Manager, Bill Jenkins

City Commissioners, Jim Cozza, Carroll Snowden, Jon Lynch

Gallipolis City Schools, Ellen Marple

Southern Cabinetry, Don Strieter

John Hoback, GKN

At 3:00 p.m. the Larry Betz brought the Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) meeting to order. The Committee must decide today on renewing the 10 year agreement with GKN Sinter Metals, Inc. for tax exemption rates and terms which expired at the end of 2007. The agreement lends tax exemption rates and terms to GKN and in return the company would employ some 254 workers. At the end of the term, GKN had only 169 full time employees retained. In order to retain jobs, Bill Jenkins made a motion to continue the agreement with GKN a term of one year. David Smith seconded. No further discussion. All yea.

Next on the agenda is whether to approve the tax exemption rates and terms to the Southern Hills Cabinetry. Don Strieter gave a brief account of the number of jobs and payroll. Steve McGhee moved to approve. David Smith seconded. No further discussion All yea

Finally, Carroll Snowden made a motion to approve the Eastern Avenue TIF project. Jim Allen seconded. No further discussion All yea.

At 3:40 p.m., Bill Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Smith seconded. All yea

ADJOURN

At 4:07 p.m. David Smith entertained a motion for adjournment at Joe Foster made the motion. David Smith seconded. Roll call: Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Foster, yea.

ABSENT FOR VOTE

Justin L. Fallon, President


Barbara Unroe, Clerk


David K. Smith, Vice-President


Howard J. Foster, Member