# Gallia County
# Planning Commission

## Minutes

**August 28, 2025**

The Gallia County Planning Commission met on Thursday, August 28, 2025, with the following members in attendance: County Commissioner Leslie Henry, and County Commissioner Jeremy Kroll, Tom White, Josh Sherwood, Jacob Morris, Carolyn Wasch-Brown, Nick Mills, John White, Garrett Fulk, Hedi Easley, and Shari Hill. Members absent: County Commissioner Jay Stapleton, John McKean. Guests were Scott Howell (Springfield Township Trustee).

Chairman White brought the meeting to order and established a quorum at 2:06pm.

**May 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes**: Chairman White asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. With no corrections or comments, Josh Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Carolyn Wasch-Brown. All members voting yea.

**Business Discussed:**

**Financial Report:** Nick directed the members to their packets with the financial report. He read the balance as of July 31, 2025. He stated that there are quite a few payments and invoices that will be reflected in the August financial report.

**Warehouse Road Proposed Development:** Nick began by explaining his conversations with the project manager and the information he sent to the Board via email prior to the meeting. Nick stated that the company they like someone to review the proposed sanitary plan. Josh Sherwood replied that he should speak with Gary Myers to see if he wanted to do the review or have the Health Department conduct the review. Nick also stated that the project manager has indicated a desire to eventually petition the road to become public. He stated that he invited the Springfield Township Trustees and the County Engineer's Office to the meeting. Nick stated that he spoke with Rob Massie and Vaughn Taylor (the other 2 Springfield Township Trustees) prior to the meeting as well. Scott Howell stated that he also spoke with Rob and Vaughn prior to the meeting. Scott asked what the timeline for this project is. Commissioner Henry replied that they would like to break ground in October of this year (2025). She stated that she thinks the goal is to eventually extend the road (off the new one) for additional development in the future. Scott stated that he understands the public road process as the commissioners/engineer's office makes it public and their job is to maintain the road. He stated that they will work together on this. Scott then asked if there will be a widening of State Route 850, due to increased traffic potential. He also wanted to know why they were not going to use the Bidwell Sewer System (as opposed to the Gallipolis City sewer sys-

tem), since the industrial park is in their back yard (Bidwell). He added that he knows this group of commissioners did not make the decision on where to stop the county sewer line. Commissioner Henry stated that she wasn't sure if the lift station in Bidwell would even be able to handle it. Scott added that the Bidwell lift station is about ¾ of a mile from this site and he felt the Bidwell sewer system could have jest been upgraded to handle the industrial park instead of having the Gallipolis City sewer system ran out to the area. Tom added that we are still paying for this decision. Tom also stated that the Ohio Department of Transportation needs to be contacted. Nick replied that the project manager stated they have contacted them and that they have also been in contact with the Engineer's Office to get the process to petition to make a road public. There was much discussion on the benefits and logistics of new businesses locating in the industrial park area. Scott also asked if local builders or a company out of town will be conducting the work? Commissioner Henry replied that this is a private project, so she is unsure. Tom stated that there was only 1 bid submitted for the new senior center, and it was from a company out of Kent, Ohio. Scott asked about the cost for the sewer hook-up. He added that he heard that it could be $3,000-$4,000. Josh said the fee shouldn't be that high, but it will depend on the distance the water/sewer will need to travel. There was discussion on who is required to install the sewer infrastructure to the site. The discussion then turned to sewer construction in Rodney. Soctt asked about the re-paving in Rodney and if this will fall all on the township. Commissioners Henry and Kroll replied that they have done all that is required for their office to do. All agreed that this project was needed and that the construction turned out very well.

Before adjourning the meeting Josh Sherwood stated that he will be resigning from the Planning Commission Board due to him tendering his resignation with the Gallia County Health Department. Commission Kroll asked him about this. Josh replied that he is taking a job in Pike County. The Board congratulated and thanked him for his service.

At 2:35pm Nick Mills made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Sherwood. All members voting yea.