# Gallia County
# Planning Commission

## Minutes

**May 29, 2025**

The Gallia County Planning Commission met on Thursday, May 29, 2025, with the following members in attendance: County Commissioner Jay Stapleton, County Commissioner Leslie Henry, and County Commissioner Jeremy Kroll, Tom White, Josh Sherwood, Jacob Morris, Carolyn Wasch-Brown, Nick Mills and Shari Hill. Members absent: John McKean. Guests were Garrett Fulk, Heidi Easley, and County Auditor Robert Jacks

Chairman White brought the meeting to order and established a quorum at 2:03pm.

**April 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes**: Chairman White asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. He asked if there was a copy in the meeting packets. Nick stated that there was no and asked if he wanted them to be included with the packets for future meetings. Tom replied yes. With no corrections or comments, Josh Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by John White. All members voting yea.

**Business Discussed:**

**Appointment of New Members:** Nick stated that with Cole Massie resigning as the Economic Development Director, his spot will need to be filled. Tom asked the Commissioners when the new Economic Development Director will start. Commissioner Henry stated that their start date is July 18, 2025. Tom stated that Heidi Easley from the County Auditor's Office will serve on the Board. He added that she is familiar with parcels and the split process. Carolyn Wasch-Brown made a motion to accept the appointment of Heidi to the Planning Commission Board, seconded by John White. All members voting yea.

**Financial Report:** Nick directed the members to their packets with the financial report. He read the balance as of April 31, 2025. He stated that there were invoices from April that were paid in May; and the May Financial Report will reflect that. Commissioner Stapleton asked if Nick had heard any complaints about the charge. Nick stated that he was not heard of any from the public. Commissioner Henry stated that she has not heard of any complaints either.

Before adjourning the meeting Tom asked if anyone knew about new development in the county. Josh stated that he heard Hoon Engineering is relocating their offices from Athens to Gallia County. He added that they were intending to move to Centerville and were wanting to hook up to the Rio Grande sewer system. Josh added that they are

unable to hook up to the Rio Grande sewer system due logistical issues. Commissioner Henry stated that that she spoke with Rio Grande and it's her understanding that they have additional sewer system capacity. There was discussion on the actual usage of the sewer and who utilizes it (Buckeye Hills, the University, etc.). Josh stated that as of now, the development on Watson Road is on hold. There was discussion on the plans for the Starbucks being constructed next to the Taco Bell in Gallipolis.

Tom then asked Nick about having Garrett Fulk become a member of the Planning Commission. Nick brought up making Garrett Fulk a member of the Planning Commission. He stated that he is volunteering and is familiar with drainage issue, development, reading plans etc. Nick added that it also helps to ensure we will have meetings, since the additional member will help to ensure a meeting quorum. Commission Henry asked about the number of people who can serve on the Planning Commission Board. Nick replied that the information regarding Planning Commissions don't reference a maximum number of members; it only references a minimum number. Commissioner Henry replied that she is asking in the event that it effects a vote. Josh Sherwood made a motion to appoint Garrett Fulk to the Planning Commission Board, seconded by Jacob Morris. All members voting yea.

At 2:18pm Commissioner Stapleton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Sherwood. All members voting yea.