

# Interim director is named

## Gosbin will head county's water, sewer department up to six months

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STEUBENVILLE — Jefferson County commissioners named an interim director for the county water and sewer department on Thursday.

Shannon Gosbin, who has been the assistant director for the past two years, was named interim director for a maximum six-month period.



Gosbin

But county Commissioners Tom Gentile and David Maple said they want to again advertise for the position. The county only received 15 applications the last time the job was posted, with only five candidates interviewed.

County Commissioner Thomas Graham said he has "full confidence" in Gosbin, saying he is not in favor of readvertising for the job.

"In the years she has been there, she has demonstrated great skills. I hope she becomes the permanent director," Graham said.

Maple said the county didn't get as many responses to the original job posting as he thought would come.

"Naming an interim gives us a chance to see if there are more candidates and if she (Gosbin) can handle the full role," he said. "I'm not sure how high my expectations are we will find a better candidate. It is the right thing to do to show we did our job and looked for the right candidate."

Commissioners in June didn't renew

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the contract of Jack Gilmore, who has been the director since 2001. His contract expires in March.

Gosbin has a degree in civil and construction engineering technology. She grew up in Richmond and came back to the county after working for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Prior to that she worked in the construction industry.

Gosbin said she is excited about being named the interim director but admitted the county water and sewer department is entering a challenging time with upcoming projects, including the \$10 million Crestview-Belvedere sewer project.

"I'll have a full plate, but there is a good crew

out there (water and sewer department) that work hard and we'll get it done," she said.

In other matters, commissioners approved a resolution supporting the development of the Pittsburgh-Columbus corridor project.

The commissioners urged state officials to support the construction of about 28 miles of new highway between U.S. Route 22 in Cadiz to U.S. Route 36 in Dennison.

Commissioners said the development of the 160 miles of four-lane highway from Pittsburgh to Columbus would create economic development in the counties along the route linking two major economic markets and providing better access to

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other major markets, including Cleveland and Canton-Akron.

Gentile said he was optimistic something would have happened on the state level by now concerning the project, but it hasn't.

Maple said the road development can be political, citing the highway projects centered in the Columbus area.

"I just hope someone on the state level listens," Graham said.

Commissioners also agreed to advertise for a slip repair project on county Roads 6, 14 and 53 on behalf of the county engineer's department. The engineer's estimate is \$85,060.

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