**GUERNSEY COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC**

**PROPOSED POLICIES 2020-2021**

**Guernsey County Proposed Local Policies 2020-2021**

1. We continue to support expanded broadband coverage.
2. We support increased funding for local jails.
3. We support continued efforts for county recycling and litter prevention.
4. We encourage more citizens to become Emergency Medical Technicians and volunteer first responders.
5. We encourage increased funding for first responders due to increased demand for services.
6. We encourage the establishment of uniform fees for trucks hauling heavy loads on county and township roads.
7. We will work to educate residents regarding policies having to do with the auction of foreclosed properties and land bank issues.
8. We will work to educate farmers regarding the exemption of the LLC conveyance fee.
9. We encourage the development of some county/city policy to control squatters in abandoned properties.
10. We encourage the control or removal of all invasive species designated plants to reduce the spread in our county.
11. We support all local farms, including smaller farms in the county.
12. We encourage landowners to harvest deer and donate the venison to feed the needy through organizations like Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.
13. We encourage exploration of solar energy in the county as an alternate source of energy where efficient to do so.

**Guernsey County Proposed State Policies 2020-2021**

1. Give State of Ohio Division of Weights and Measures the right to audit oil and gas production records and gross receipts and transfer half of the severance and any other tax normally claimed by the state to the counties where the wells are located.
2. Require oil and gas operators to pay all royalties within a production unit with 120 days of first oil and gas sales by the operator, except for those royalty interests in a parcel or tract that do not have a clear title.
3. Require that those owning a mineral interest in parcels being force pooled into a drilling unit be paid a lease bonus per acre equal to the highest bonus paid for any other tract within the drilling unit.

**No National Policies were submitted.**