

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
December 9, 2021
Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing), Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, Joel Shinkle and M. J Haddix. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the Special ARPA November 9, 2021 Meeting, Special Fiscal Court Meeting of November 9, 2021, and Special Fiscal Court meeting of November 22, 2021 were approved by Donnie Sullivan. M.J. Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes. The question was asked regarding the language covering 70.03 Vehicles in Violation on Knox Lillard. Attorney Wright said the language in number 1 will suffice. If they have specific business or delivery on Knox Lillard that is legitimate. If they are using it as a pass through, then they would be in violation.

Recognition of Audience: A resident of Knox Lillard raised concerns regarding the speed limit. She stated the speed limit is good and works if the people using the road would abide by the posted signs.

Captain Brent McDonald and Sheriff Josh Neale introduced the new School Resource Officers, David Boggs with 20 years of service with Covington Police Department and Kelley Kinman with 24 years of service with Covington Police Department. Judge Morris welcomed both officers to Gallatin County.

Approval of Agenda: Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ross Sinclair – Letter of Engagement and Closed Session 1F 61.810. M.J. Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval. Magistrate M.J. Haddix moved to pay the bills as presented. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

October 2021 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending November 30, 2021. Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the report and Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of November. M.J. Haddix seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve interfund cash transfers. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

KENTUCKY AMERICAN WATER

Attorney Gary Edmondson with the City of Glencoe will be holding a zoom call meeting with Kentucky American Water Monday afternoon for a resolution.

HARTIG PARK PROPERTY

No bids were received to tear the barn down. Joel Shinkle asked to table this as he has another idea and would bring to the court in January. Motion was made by Joel Shinkle to table. M.J. Haddix seconded. All ayes

SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD

Judge Morris received a response from the Kentucky Speedway in regards to maintaining the road as a pass way for locals to use while U.S. 42 is closed and they responded they have no plans to do any repairs, pot hole repairs or

painting of any lines. With that response, the Judge asked where does Fiscal Court stand with plowing and salting? The deed states this road is a public pass way and not maintained by the county. Judge asked would we want to do something on a temporary bases to relieve the number of cars using Knox Lillard? Attorney Wright stated legally the statue is clear; no public dollars shall be spent on private roads. Salt, Cinders, Line Painting is considered spending dollars on a private road and not allowed. The deed states it is a pass way. The road is owned by the Kentucky Speedway but is open to the public for use. Discussion was if we vote to add the road on the county road list as temporary because 42 is closed can we do this; do we want to do this? Attorney Wright reiterated that legally a road must be voted on and be on the county-maintained road list to spend taxpayer dollars. The Judge will check with Rich Ornstein, KACO Legal Counsel to see if we add the road to the county-maintained list can we make it contingent because of an emergency situation. Are there guidelines if we add the road to county-maintained list and then remove it later once U.S. 42 reopens? M.J. Haddix and Joel Shinkle both asked can we actually take in a private road and then take it off later? Donnie Sullivan said if we take it in and use it, tear it up, maintain it then give it back when US 42 opens would that be okay? Could we use Flex dollars to maintain temporary if the road is on the county-maintained road list? It was suggested to speak with Rich Ornstein with KACO for guidelines. Table until we have more information. There are many what ifs. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to table. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously. Magistrate Haddix asked if the landing zone at the Kentucky Speedway was taken off the list since it is no longer accessible and the reason it was removed is the Kentucky Speedway has no security to monitor the property.

SHERIFF'S BUILDING RENOVATION-ELECTRIC

The Judge said we need to complete the electrical work that is much needed at the Sheriff's office. Sheriff said there were numerous places that were hazards to the staff and visitors and they need to be repaired or replaced. Sheriff said there is lighting hanging down and the frames can no longer hold lights. There are outlets with no covers and the lighting is very dim. It was asked if ARPA monies could be used and that would have to be a listed item for Ross Sinclair to determine if it fits the guidelines as part of the renovation. Right now, the electric is the main concern as it poses a danger to the employees. Judge stated we have prepaid for electrical items and need to move forward to complete. We know there is a need for ventilation and plumbing but for now let's get the electric finished. Magistrate Shinkle said let's get the electric fixed. Judge does not like the drop ceiling idea as did the Sheriff. They talked about tearing it out and doing it right. Magistrate Haddix asked if placing all offices in one building is still on the table or out the window? Judge said it is still on the table but electric hazards need to be addressed. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to repair/replace electric. Motion was seconded by Magistrate Haddix. Motion passed unanimously All ayes.

KNOX LILLARD

There is now an ordinance in place against commercial vehicles. Citations have been and will continue to be written for any violations with this ordinance. We have some issues with shoulders and need to come back and address with new gravel. Judge called to get pricing for asphalt shoulders; this would run the county \$100,000 that would be two foot each side. The concerns the paving company had was that it would push out and not hold. We had our first snow of the season and experienced issues with people trying to access the road and our road crew trying to plow and salt. We may need the Sheriff's department to help with delaying traffic until the road crew has time to treat and plow to make the road passable. Magistrate Sullivan asked if we have issued any speeding tickets. Captain McDonald said not at this time but warnings have been given and we flash our blue lights for those exceeding the speed limit. Attorney Wright said issuing citations will be the only way to slow drivers but issue the citations as unsafe driving verses speeding; this situation would hold up better as opposed to a person going 31 in a 25 mile per hour zone. Residents are having issues backing safely out of their driveways because of the increased traffic. Judge will reach out to concrete companies and Beelman to remind them about the posted speed limit.

NEW BUSINESS

ROSS SINCLAIRE ENGAGEMENT LETTER

A motion was made by Joel Shinkle to approve a Letter of Engagement with the financial advisors, Ross Sinclair & Associates and Frost Brown Attorney Group to help advise the Fiscal Court on ARPA funds use. Donald Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GALLATIN COUNTY WATER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Motion to reappoint Vic Satchwell to the Gallatin County Water Board made by Ethan Moore. M.J. Haddix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CARROLL COUNTY WATER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Ethan Moore to reappoint Doug Terry and Barry Brown to the Carroll County Water Board. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GALLATIN COUNTY LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

The Library board submitted two names for appointment to the board. The first name James Shinkle and the second name Ann Coester. Motion to appoint James Shinkle to the Gallatin County Library Board made by M.J. Haddix. Ethan Moore seconded. Joel Shinkle abstained. Motion passed. Janet McGaha's term is expiring and she is retiring. We want to thank Janet McGaha for her service.

COUNTY CLERK BUDGET 2022

Motion to accept the County Clerk's budget for 2022 as submitted made by Joel Shinkle. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY CLERK MAXIMUM SALARIES 2022

Motion to set the maximum salaries for the County Clerk's budget as presented made by M.J. Haddix. Donnie Sullivan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY CLERK – PROGRAM SUPPORT

Motion made by Joel Shinkle to provide \$10,000.00 program support for the County Clerk. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION EQUIPMENT-COUNTY CLERK

Motion to approve the purchase of eight new voting machines made by Donnie Sullivan. Joel Shinkle seconded. M.J. Haddix voted no. Motion passed. The fiscal court will pay for the machines over two fiscal years with HARP. The cost of the machines will be \$102935.00 with an estimated \$17,600 coming back from the State Board of Elections as a reimbursement. This reimbursement could possibly be more but we won't know that exact figure until all counties apply. M.J. asked if there would be multiple precincts for voting and the Judge replied yes.

SHERIFF BUDGET – 2022

Motion made by M.J. Haddix to approve the Gallatin County Sheriff's budget for 2022. Joel Shinkle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF MAXIMUM SALARIES 2022

Motion made by M.J. Haddix to approve the maximum salaries that align with the 2022 budget approval. Donnie Sullivan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSTABLE POLICY

The Judge, County Attorney, Assistant County Attorney, Sheriff, and Chief of Police worked collectively to draft a Constable policy that will be added to our Administrative policy (12.7C) book allowing Constables to purchase blue lights for their vehicles at their expense. This policy aligns with the KRS statute for Constables. This is an issue as there was a Circuit Court Judge ruling involving a Constable and this is why we need to add this policy to our Administrative Code.

CHRISTMAS PARADE 2021

On December 11th at 5:00 p.m. there will be a lighting on the Courthouse Square and at 5:30 p.m. there will be a parade. During the day, Santa will be visiting the City of Sparta, City of Glencoe and City of Warsaw. There will be live music on the courthouse square and a live Nativity Scene. This is our 1st annual in hopes of this becoming a tradition.

HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL

The Judge stated there have been numerous attempts to help the homeless individual. They were taken to the First Love Church in Dry Ridge, KY where they open their doors beginning at 4p.m till 9 a.m. allowing for a meal, shower and warm shelter. The Welcome House has offered to help our individual with six months of emergency housing but the person must agree to the assistance. If these efforts are declined by the individual, we will need the County Attorney's assistance to pursue other alternatives.

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Judge presented the Holiday schedule for 2022. There are 11 paid holidays and there have been no changes to the holidays, the same as last year. A motion was made by Joel Shinkle to approve the holiday schedule. M.J. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING/ZONING-WARSAW NORTH EVENT CENTER

Motion was made by M.J. Haddix to accept the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for the Warsaw North LLC Event Center. The Planning and Zoning board has requested a set of drawings that show specific parcels from PVA before construction begins. Donnie Sullivan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION-ENTER

Motion for closed session made by M.J. Haddix per KRS 61.810 1F – Personnel. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION - EXIT

Motion to exit closed session made by M.J. Haddix. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Magistrate M.J. Haddix made a motion to adjourn. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes