

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
October 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on October 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office Annex, Warsaw, Kentucky. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live. Magistrates present were Joel Shinkle, Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan and M. J Haddix. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Magistrate Haddix wants the mention of the fire hydrants in the KY American Water discussion removed from the minutes. He indicated that was not what he said. Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2021 with the correction and the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 7, 2021 was made by Ethan Moore and seconded by M.J Haddix. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Agenda: Judge Morris presented the meeting agenda for approval with the addition of KY American Water and Appointment of officers to Gallatin County Extension Council. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

September 2021 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending September 30, 2021. M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfer Journal Reserve – Air Packs for GC Fire Department. M.J Haddix moved to approve and Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
3. Budget Amendment #090921 #5 – 2nd Reading of Nucor donation and EMS Grant for Air Packs for GC Fire Department. M.J Haddix moved to approve the budget amendment. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Interfund Cash Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of September. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
5. Quarterly Financial Statement – Treasurer Bullard presented the Quarterly Financial Statement for July through September 2021 and reported that it was in balance and has been uploaded to the Department for Local Government. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the quarterly financial statement. M.J Haddix seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Budget Amendment #101421 #6 – W/C Master Claim – 2017 Dodge Durango. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the budget amendment. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

INTRODUCE SHERIFF DEPUTIES

Captain Brent McDonald introduced two new deputies with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Brian Cooper will go to the academy on November 8th. Deputy Jacob Stewart, former Marine, will go to the academy February 6th. Captain McDonald talked about the

process to hire deputies. It takes about five months to get the deputy scheduled for the academy and another five months to complete. Magistrate Haddix asked if there will be 24/7 coverage now. Captain McDonald explained that there are two others being prepared and then there will be full coverage. Judge Morris thanked the new deputies for their willingness to sacrifice their time for service to our community.

PROCLAMATION

Judge Morris read a proclamation declaring October 19, 2021 Kentucky Women in Agriculture Day.

OLD BUSINESS

HIGHWAY 42 UPDATE

Judge Morris reported that brush has been cleared to complete the surveying. Work should begin once the traffic control is approved. There will be one week's notice before the work begins. The completion date is still November 2023.

NUCOR IRB

County Attorney Wright summarized the reading of the 1st Ordinance of the Nucor Industrial Revenue Bond. Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the first reading with it being seconded by M.J Haddix. All ayes.

HARTIG PARK PROPERTY

Judge Morris informed the court that there is an old barn at Hartig Park on the main road almost at the top. The barn is in very bad shape and is dangerous. David Hull knows someone that will dismantle it and take it away. Another possibility is to repair it. Joel Shinkle made a motion to table the issue until next month for the magistrates to be able to see it and decide. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

KY AMERICAN WATER (GLENCOE)

Residents of Glencoe, Glencoe City Attorney Garry Edmondson and representatives of Kentucky American Water were present to discuss the issues the citizens of Glencoe are having with KAW. Representing KAW were, Susan Lancho, Sr. Manager of the office of External Communications, Adam Caswell, Director of Public Affairs, and Sam Schmitt, Sr. Operations Manager based in Wilmington. Ms. Lancho stated that Dorothy Rader, Operations Manager for the Northern District was under the weather and not able to attend. She is the resource for help with the issues. Judge Morris, Magistrate Haddix and City Attorney Edmondson had a Zoom meeting with the KAW team. The issues have arrived from no pressure to sometimes too much pressure. Magistrate Haddix asked about Travelers Insurance Agency denying the claims residents had filed. Mr. Schmitt replied that the insurance claims were denied by the insurance company pursuant to following the tariff guidelines. The tariff states that they are not responsible for high pressure if they have systems in place to monitor. He also asked about the meters that were going to be installed to monitor 24/7 and if they were put on fire hydrants. Mr. Schmitt replied that one was put on the hydrant on Webster Street. Residents spoke about the problems they were having and the damage it has caused. They have called KAW and gotten no response. City Attorney Edmondson stated that the City is purchasing a product from KAW and they are being negligent with the delivery of that product. The response from the insurance carrier that they are not responsible is not acceptable. If the city authorizes it, he is more than willing to take it to court to see what the law is. Ms. Lancho told the court that she appreciates the input, they are taking it very seriously and will take the information back and will continue to talk to the court.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Motion to approve the Goals and Objectives for the Comprehensive Plan was made by Ethan Moore. M.J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT PAY SCALE

Judge Morris would like to establish a pay scale for the road department. Nothing has existed as to starting pay. His recommendation is: Starting pay \$14.00 per hour and encourage them to get their CDL. There will be a raise in pay with CDL with restrictions to \$15.00 per hour and CDL with no restrictions to \$16.00 per hour. With this pay scale there will be an adjustment for the current employees. Motion by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Ethan Moore to approve. All ayes.

EMS PAY SCALE

Judge Morris stressed that the county cannot ever pay a first responder what they are worth. Judge Morris recommended that all part time EMTs be paid \$15.00 per hour and all part time paramedics be paid \$18.00 per hour. Ken McCarty asked about years of service. Judge Morris said that can be looked at in July with the new budget. M.J. Haddix made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation and it was seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

GALLATIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Judge Morris presented Tim Urbanski, Paul Baldwin, and Beth Lynn for appointment to the Extension Council. Ethan Moore made a motion to accept the appointments with it being seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.

ARPA SPECIAL MEETING

Motion made by Donnie Sullivan and seconded by Joel Shinkle to hold the next ARPA special meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 5:00 p.m. All ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAGISTRATES

Magistrate Haddix asked what the total cost of the EMS raises would be. Judge Morris stated the range would be \$33,000 to \$35,000.

Magistrate Shinkle asked about the nuisance properties. County Attorney Wright reported on 3 cases that are in court. Magistrate Shinkle stated that there are properties in his district that are still a problem and need to be cleaned up.

Magistrate Haddix asked about taking Homestead Drive into the county road system. County Attorney Wright explained the process and stated that the problem with that area is the pasture /farmland.

Judge Morris announced that on December 11th, Santa will visit the children in Glencoe, Sparta, and Warsaw.

With no further business before the court, Joel Shinkle made a motion to adjourn. Ethan Moore seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk