

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**February 10, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on February 10, 2022 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 Ethan Moore, M.J Haddix, Joel Shinkle and Donnie Sullivan. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from the Special ARPA Meeting January 13, 2022 and the regular meeting of January 13, 2022 was made by M.J Haddix and seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** All that pertained to the Planning and Zoning matter will be called upon at that time. Judge Morris called on Sugar Williams as she asked to speak regarding a separate Planning and Zoning matter. She said it was her understanding and concern that there has been a purchase of property in the Sparta area for big business. She is concerned about the toxic chemicals and noise. She wants to voice that she feels worried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Judge Morris presented the meeting agenda for approval. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the agenda. M.J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

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

**January 2022 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending January 31, 2022. M.J Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – M.J Haddix made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #021022 #7 – Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the first reading of budget amendment #021022 #7 and Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes. Judge Morris thanked the family of Mildred Johnson for the donation for the EMS from her estate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR FACTS & FINDINGS**

Judge Morris recognized members of the audience wishing to speak regarding the zone change on Highway 35. John Stewart, Mickey Humphries, Tom Breidenstein, Carmen Gullion, David Glenn Jr., Bonnie Humphries, Sugar Williams, Mark Diesterhaft, and Dennis Glenn spoke against the zone change. Crystal O'Connor Jackson, Stuart Brown Attorney, Melanie Banks, and Josh Chapman spoke in favor of the zone change. M.J Haddix called point of order while Mr. Breidenstein was speaking as he went over the 5 minutes allotted to each speaker. Judge Morris replied that he would let him continue.

Magistrate Haddix made a motion to change the zone of the property at issue from residential to highway business with the stipulation that any commercial project goes back before Planning and Zoning with a development plan. Motion died for lack of second. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to remain residential. Motion was seconded by Magistrate Shinkle. Judge Morris called for roll call vote. District 1 Magistrate Moore yes, District 2 Magistrate Haddix no, District 3 Magistrate Shinkle yes, District 4 Magistrate Sullivan yes, Judge Morris yes. Motion passed 4-1 for the property to remain residential.

#### **DUKE ENERGY EASEMENT FAIRGROUNDS**

Judge Morris has been in discussions with Duke Energy over the last few months. A packet was received but it was too late to be able to review. The matter will be on the agenda next month.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Brent Caldwell, code enforcement officer presented the list of open cases. There are 99 open cases and 3 cases have been closed. Mr. Caldwell is pleased with the response rate. A question was raised about the pay. Judge Morris stated that it will be cleared up.

#### **KNOX LILLARD UPDATE**

More signage has been added. Judge Morris is working on obtaining emergency funding for the road. Magistrate Sullivan stated that a flashing sign is needed in front of the courthouse.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS**

Shalayne Maxwell will present at next month's meeting.

#### **SHERIFF SETTLEMENT 2021**

Joel Shinkle made a motion and M.J Haddix seconded the motion to approve the Sheriff's 2021 Settlement. All ayes.

#### **FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Judge Morris read the Food Check-out Week Proclamation.

#### **MAGISTRATE COMMENTS**

Judge Morris thanked the Mildred Johnson family and Nucor for their donations. Magistrate Haddix asked about bushhogging the fairgrounds. Judge Morris stated that there is money in the budget and it will be done.

Magistrate Moore asked if there will be another ARPA meeting. Judge Morris stated there will be no special meeting as of now.

Magistrate Sullivan stated that he would like Speedway Boulevard on the agenda next month. He stated that a decision has to be made.

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

Tracy Miles  
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk