

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
June 10, 2021

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

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2021 was made by Donnie Sullivan. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Agenda: Judge Morris presented the meeting agenda for approval with the removal of Planning & Zoning Appointment. M. J Haddix moved to approve motion as amended. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay, including the added blue sheet. Treasurer Bullard also noted that there were two late arriving bills, one to North Key for a guardian evaluation in the amount of \$250 and one to Joe's Garage for \$365, repairs to Jailer car. Ethan Moore made a motion to pay the bills as presented. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

May 2021 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending May 31, 2021. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Joel Shinkle seconded he motion. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of May. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Donnie Sullivan asked how the new ambulance was coming along. Chief Webster answered that the ambulance is in, and he brought it to the meeting for the court to see. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING CODE ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENT

County Attorney Wright read aloud the Code Enforcement Amendment to include the fine schedule. Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked Judge Morris to speak to the process and how it will be handled under the ordinance. Judge Morris answered that the changes to the ordinance allows a more formalized process which should work more effectively, should a case make it to court.

Magistrate Haddix addressed the court and audience, noting that the Covid Pandemic has created a delay for the county, at the state level in being able to get this board and amended ordinance in place. Donnie Sullivan explained that there now should be an improved process as opposed to going straight to court. He added that the court's goal is to get things cleaned up. Magistrate Moore agreed.

A member of the audience spoke in regard to concerns about a neighbor and emphasized that it was urgent that something be done, especially considering that there are open sewage lines on the property. She pleaded to the court, that they really need the court's help. Magistrate Haddix asked if there is legal counsel at the code enforcement board meetings. Judge Morris answered that Assistant County Attorney Newman is present for them. Magistrate Shinkle asked if there has been any response from the mortgage company on the property in question. Jim Hansen answered that the only response from them was that they held the paper and that's it. Implying as if they had no interest or concern with what is taking place there. Mr. Hansen added that upon approval of the ordinance, we should be able to get something done on the property within four weeks.

Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Code Enforcement Amendment. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND READING CODE ENFORCEMENT INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

County Attorney Wright performed the second reading of the Code Enforcement Inter-Local Agreement between Gallatin County, Sparta and Glencoe. The agreement provides for the formation of a joint code enforcement board and has been approved and signed by both the City of Sparta and the City of Glencoe.

Magistrate Moore asked if both cities have representation on the board. Jim Hansen answered that yes, each city has representation, along with each magisterial district and one at large for a total of 7 members. He noted that the agreement is effective upon approval. M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the inter-local agreement. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

SECOND READING OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET

Judge Morris and Treasurer Bullard noted that Department for Local Government has approved the budget. Judge Morris followed-up from the discussions during the 1st Reading in regard to the GC Fire Department. He reported that he has spoken to Chief Alexander and the financials have been turned over as requested and everything appears to be in order.

Judge Morris further noted that the roughly \$25,000 in Speedway funds will not go to special taxing districts but will be available at the court's discretion. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the second reading of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court 2021-22 Budget. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OPIOID CLASS ACTION SUIT UPDATE

County Attorney Wright provided an update in regard to the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit. He explained that the court needs to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, which stipulates 50% to go to participating Local Governments to be used for approved purposes, such as rehabilitation, education, training and the like. An accompanying plan must be submitted in order to receive funding. Gallatin County will receive .235% of the settlement. Ethan Moore moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSERVATION BOARD BUDGET

Vic Satchwell came before the court to present the Conservation Board Budget. Ethan Moore made a motion to accept the budget. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

CIRCUIT CLERK UPDATE

Gallatin County Circuit Clerk Tammy Trimble provided the court with an update in regard to her office. She informed the court that the courthouse is open and court is live in session. She noted that in 2019 when she took office there were 4,600 cases, in 2018 that number was around 3,000 and in 2020 there were over 4,600. She also addressed the court in regard to Driver's Licenses procedures. As most know, the Department of Transportation has taken back the Driver's License function within the state. In addition to the regional offices that have been set up, there will be local pop-up office hours two times through the year to keep folks from having to travel. She also noted that mail-in and online options are still available. She also noted that in her opinion that the changes to the licenses will make them more secure while also saving the state over \$24 million. Currently Mrs. Trimble does not know when the date is that the license function will be pulled from her office but a 30-day notice will be provided by the state. She explained that upon renewal, drivers will have the option to get a "Real ID" or a standard driver's license.

Magistrate Moore asked about driver's tests. Mrs. Trimble answered that those will take place at the regional offices but will be offered multiple days a week rather than only the two times per month that has been offered in the county in the past.

County Attorney Wright asked about the Organ Donor Program. Clerk Trimble answered that upon renewal, the regional offices will continue to ask for participation.

In regard to the regional offices, Mrs. Trimble reported that there are currently 19 in the state and there are plans for as many as 28 throughout the state. The renewals will last for 8 years. Kentucky is the last state to go to this regional model.

SHERIFF SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

M. J Haddix moved to approve the Sheriff's Annual Settlement Statement. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY LETTER

Judge Morris read aloud a letter from the Commonwealth Attorney's office commending Paramedic Traci Cook and EMT Christopher See for their outstanding efforts of documentation in a recent case. Chief Bud Webster noted that documentation training is performed every two years with re-certification. He added that new sexual assault training is coming as well. He noted that he plans to take the Commonwealth Attorney's office up on their offer for additional training as mentioned in the letter.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT & RESOLUTION

Resolution #06122021 was presented for approval. The resolution is a renewal of the current Workforce Development Inter-Local Agreement. Magistrate Haddix asked if this is from funds the county provides to NKAAD. Judge Morris answered that they are not, they are federal dollars that NKAAD receives with the county being a party to. Judge Morris added that Jamie Johnson of Dorman serves on the Board and they come to the Gallatin County Library for job training fairs, etc.

Joel Shinkle moved to approve the agreement and resolution. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Judge Morris reported that his office has been working with Dow Chemical Company in Carrollton and the county has received a grant for the food pantry. The grant is for concrete, electric and outdoor refrigerator-freezer, approximately a \$30,000 project. He explained that there is a shed

there now that needs to be removed. He added that there does not appear to be a need for it at any of the other departments in the county. Magistrate Shinkle asked about the Animal Shelter. Judge Morris answered, that he has spoken to them and they do not need it. He added that he has spoken to the Health Department, who needs it to house some supplies. Ethan Moore made a motion to gift the shed to the Health Department. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS

Judge Morris informed the court of a letter of thanks to the Magistrates and Judge from the Gallatin County Class of 2021 expressing their appreciation for breakfast provided during Senior Week.

Magistrate Haddix asked about the work at the park. Judge Morris answered that a contractor is lined up to do the work, who is waiting on the weather to cooperate to begin. He noted upon completion, work on the Glencoe Park can begin.

Judge Morris mentioned to the court that the swing set at the Napoleon Fire Department does not appear to get much use and could be moved, where it will be better utilized. He asked the magistrates to think on the matter.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk