

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**July 8, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on July 8, 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 June 10, 2021 was made by M. J Haddix. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** Judge Morris presented the meeting agenda for approval with the addition of Gallatin County Fair and Bud Webster Ambulance Update, both under New Business. Joel Shinkle moved to approve agenda as amended. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval to pay, including the added blue sheet. Treasurer Bullard also noted that the jail bill came in late at roughly \$37,000 and would like to make that addition as well. M. J Haddix made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**June 2021 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending June 30, 2021. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of June. M. J Haddix 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. Quarterly Financial Statement – Treasurer Bullard presented the Quarterly Financial Statement for April through June 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. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Annual Financial Statements – Treasurer Bullard reported that the Annual Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2020-21 is in balance and the year has been closed out. M. J Haddix moved to approve the annual financial statements. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.
6. Budget Amendment #070821 #1 – American Rescue Plan Act Funds of 2021. Treasurer Bullard reported that a new account has been opened for these funds and they are currently tagged as reserve for transfer. Magistrate Haddix asked for clarification that there have been some guidelines for the use of these funds provided but not fully yet. Judge Morris answered that Mr. Haddix was correct, and added that the final guidelines should be out by July 15, 2021. M. J Haddix moved to approve the budget amendment. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

7. Budget Amendment #070821 #2 – Sheriff 2015 Explorer Repairs. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the budget amendment. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **GALLATIN COUNTY PARK**

Judge Morris reported that Warsaw has been re-landscaped and cleaned up, adding that it looks really good. Mr. Morris brought for discussion the matter of possibly moving the playground equipment at the Napoleon Fire Station/Voting Precinct since it is sparsely used. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked if the equipment is worth moving. Judge Morris answered that it is pretty good equipment. Magistrate Joel Shinkle stated that he is not in favor of moving the equipment. Adding, that even if only a few children use it, it should stay. Magistrate Haddix stated that he agreed with Mr. Shinkle's comments. Joel Shinkle then made a motion to keep the playground equipment in its current location. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Judge Morris also introduced for discussion the matter of relocating the playground equipment at the Glencoe Park. Recommending that the county secure quotes to move it. The question of the Road Department moving the equipment was posed and Mr. Morris answered that they are quite busy and he thinks a price to move should be investigated first. Magistrate Sullivan noted that he has had folks say that they like where the equipment is currently located. He asked could the possibility of adding equipment in the front be looked into. Judge Morris answered that he can get some prices. Magistrate Haddix added that a splash pad could be something to look at for that location. Judge Morris agreed that a splash pad is worth looking into.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTIONS**

Judge Morris introduced a representative from NKAAD, who reported that the county was awarded \$125,000 for utility assistance and explained that three separate resolutions are required in order to access and distribute the funds.

Resolution 07082021A – appointing an Environmental Compliance Officer, to be Judge Morris was approved by M. J Haddix and seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

Resolution 07082021B - appointing a committee for the project, which shall consist of Lesa Bullard, Jennifer Brown, Judge Ryan Morris and Magistrate Ethan Moore, was approved by M. J Haddix and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 07082021C – Fair Housing Resolution stating that the county will not discriminate in the application of the program, was approved by Joel Shinkle and seconded by M. J Haddix. All ayes.

### **PLANNING & ZONING APPOINTMENT**

Judge Morris informed the court of the need to replace Casey Stewart on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to nominate Greg Dickerson to the position. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Judge Morris informed the court of the need to replace Justin Mylor on the Tourism Board. M. J Haddix recommended Kelly Simpson of the Glencoe General Store as his replacement. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **US HWY 42 WEST PROJECT UPDATE**

Judge Morris reported that the contract was let for bid in May and construction should begin in August. Road is planned to be closed from July 31/August 1, 2020 until expected completion in November of 2023. Judge Morris acknowledged the hardship that this causes to both businesses and citizens that travel the road for work. He added that posted detour information is forthcoming. With the detour to be posted, there is concern about increased traffic on Knox Lillard Road, as such, the Sheriff's Office will be monitoring and enforcing to keep commercial and truck traffic off that road. Google maps and the like have been updated. Judge Morris continued, stating that this is a sorely needed and big project. There is a lot of thanks to many people for seeing this through. Magistrate Haddix noted that the reason the road cannot be worked on and left open is due to the new road going back in the same spot, while being 5 feet wider and 10 feet higher. Judge Morris added that additionally utilities must be moved and relocated.

### **GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR UPDATE**

Wayne Dunkerly of the Gallatin County Fair Board reminded the court of the upcoming county fair. He noted that there will be pageants, 3 days of motor sports, live stock show and auction and a movie on family night. Judge Morris applauded the Fair Board for their efforts, noting that they have worked very hard to get the fair going and expressed his excitement to have a fair back in the county.

Mr. Dunkerly reported that Tyler Boaz has resigned from the Fair Board and asked for the appointment of Brook McClellan in his place. He noted that Ms. McClellan has been to nearly every meeting and has shown great interest. She is also the GCHS FFA Advisor. M. J Haddix moved to approve the appointment of Brooke McClellan to the Fair Board. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Judge Morris noted that currently there are only 5 members on the board and there are more needed. He asked Mr. Dunkerly if there is anything that the court could help with. He answered that more appointees to the board would be great. Magistrate Sullivan and Judge Morris asked for the current Fair Board's input on those appointees. Magistrate Haddix noted that he thought 5 more members seems appropriate. The court and Mr. Dunkerly agreed that additional discussion in regard to people with varying backgrounds and specialties should take place in order to create a well-rounded board.

Ryan Bailey noted that on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fair, Dispatch will have a booth to do sign-ups for the county's Code Red Reverse 911.

### **BUD WEBSTER**

EMS Director Bud Webster came before the court to announce his retirement from the position effective July 31, 2021. He explained that he is retiring from his full-time position and as such, he is unable to hold the position of EMS Director due to retirement rules. He thanked the court for their support and their commitment to his plans, allowing 5 ambulances in bad shape to become a fleet that is dependable and on a plan for maintenance and replacement. He noted that he will continue to be Glencoe Fire Department Chief as a volunteer. All the Magistrates and Judge Morris expressed many thanks to Mr. Webster for his hard work, vision and many contributions. Treasurer Bullard added that it will be hard to fill Director Webster's shoes, he has done a great job! Judge Morris thanked Chief Webster for doing a great job, where he had the right vision to get the county to where it is, which is in much better position than it was. That included a lot of hard decisions.

Judge Morris added that the position will be advertised in hopes of getting someone in place by Mr. Webster's retirement date. He explained that promoting from within, possibly naming an interim director or hiring from outside are all on the table.

#### **SET SPECIAL MEETING DATES FOR ARPA FUNDS**

Judge Morris explained to the court that a special meeting is in order to discuss the ARPA Funds. He noted that the ARPA Funds will be the only item discussed and explained that while half of the funds have been received, the total to be received is over \$11.7 million. M. J Haddix make a motion to set the special meeting date to discuss ARPA Funds Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **COMMENTS**

Magistrate Ethan Moore asked if there were any airport updates. Judge Morris reported that the the project is in phase 2 and while bidding had been received, it must be rebid and submitted by July 28, 2021.

Magistrate Shinkle asked if there would be a spay/neuter clinic anytime soon. Treasurer Bullard reported the paperwork for one has been signed and she will get the information out when she knows more.

Magistrate Shinkle also mentioned that some of the county roads in his area needing attention. Adding that he thought it was time to use some of the flex funds available to the county. He also noted that he thinks the county should not let anyone bid on road work without shouldering.

Judge Morris noted that he has spoken with County Road Supervisor Brent Brown about possibly looking at a piece of equipment to do some shouldering of the county for themselves. Judge Morris asked that each Magistrate drive their district and grade the roads as to which need the most attention.

Magistrate Shinkle asked if the boom mower was going to Monk Road. Judge Morris answered that it was once Knox Lillard and others are finished up, they would go to the upper end of the county. Mr. Morris also noted that the State currently has their boom mower in the county as well.

Magistrate Shinkle asked if there is help needed at the Road Department. Judge Morris answered that positions could be filled there, likely one or two full time workers.

Magistrate Haddix informed the court that homeowners in Craig's Creek have been asking about dredging. He was informed that previously permits had been approved but additional permits were requested by the Corp of Engineers. Mr. Haddix asked if the court could help to pick the topic back up to see what could be done to help. Judge Morris stated that if the homeowners are willing to pay for it, the county will see what it can do to help or make contact to see what can be done. County Attorney Wright mentioned that previously there had been concerns about where the silt would be put upon dredging.

Magistrate Haddix asked about the flooding issue that has been occurring in Sparta. Judge Morris explained that it appears to have been fixed. A cross drain was blocked but has been cleared.

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