

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
September 9, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on September 9, 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: Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2021 was made by Ethan Moore and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes. Motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting of August 12, 2021 was made by Ethan Moore and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Agenda: Judge Morris presented the meeting agenda for approval with the addition of Gallatin County Fair Board Appointment under New Business. M. J Haddix moved to approve the agenda as amended. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

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

August 2021 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending August 31, 2021. M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Interfund Cash Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of August. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
3. Budget Amendment #081221 #3 – 2nd Reading House Bill 8, Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the budget amendment. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #081221-1 #4 – 2nd Reading of Utility Grant administered by NKAAD. Motion to approve made by Ethan Moore and seconded by M. J Haddix. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Budget Amendment #090921 #5 – 1st Reading of Nucor donation and EMS Grant for Air Packs for GC Fire Department. Ethan Moore asked if this paid for the entirety of the Air Packs being purchased. Judge Morris answered that the amount covered approximately 48% of the cost. Judge Morris expressed thanks to Nucor for their continued support of the county. Joel Shinkle recommended that the court publicly thank Nucor in the Gallatin County News so that citizens are well aware of their support. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the budget amendment. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

HIGHWAY 42 UPDATE

Judge Morris reported that there is currently work being done for traffic planning and as of last week, the anticipated start date is within 4 weeks, so approximately the end of September. Magistrate Haddix asked if there is any adjustment to the expected completion date at this time. Judge Morris answered that at this point, the completion date has not been adjusted. Donnie Sullivan mentioned the importance of sufficient signage for the detours so folks know which way to go, as well as to help with enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID QUARANTINE/SICK PAY POLICY

Judge Morris presented the three options to the court for an adjusted COVID-19 Sick Policy. He provided his opinion that Option 2, allowing for 5 additional days is a good idea. Under this option, when an employee presents a positive test, they are entitled to an additional 5 sick days related to COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status. This would also include a recommended quarantine by a medical provider or the health department and would be for a one-time occurrence. He also noted that exposure though while performing the duties of employment would be a separate situation. Further discussion took place among the court, with Magistrate Joel Shinkle agreeing with the notion that the policy should be in place through 12/31/2021 and Ethan Moore recommending that the time frame should be 10 days for a positive test and 5 days for quarantine. Ethan Moore made a motion to institute the policy through 12/31/2021 to provide 10 additional sick days for a positive COVID-19 test and 5 days for a quarantine as recommended by a medical provider or health department. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION TRAIL

Mary Jane Day came before the court to announce an opportunity for the county to have signage on the roadways of the county indicating that HWY 42 is part of the Lewis & Clark Expedition Trail. This would be at no cost to the county. She showed the signs and recommended that they possibly be put at each end of the county. She also explained that businesses are able to join into the website for the route. Joel Shinkle agreed that one at each end of the county and another near the midpoint would make sense. Judge Morris noted that in order to place the signs it must go through permitting, but he agreed it looks like a great idea. No action was needed or requested.

KY AMERICAN WATER (GLENCOE)

Judge Morris reported that he and Magistrate Haddix invited Kentucky American Water to come to the September meeting of the Fiscal Court, but they could not attend. They plan to make an appearance at a date to be determined. Magistrate Haddix explained that there is no new information to provide at this time, but explained that a previous meeting has occurred in regard to the issues. Pressure issues continue to be a problem and the specific amount of pressure that is to be maintained as per Kentucky Revised Statute, is not occurring. Rick Dunaway of Glencoe spoke to the court and reported that this has been going on for many years. Judge Morris stated that the problem needs to be addressed. He will email Mayor Hampton and include Kentucky American Water so this can be taken care of. Magistrate Haddix also noted a big issue being that Fire Hydrants will not work for more than 4-5 minutes due to lack of pressure. Judge Morris stated that he will fight to get them in a room to talk and will also encourage the State Representatives for the Gallatin County to apply pressure.

HARTIG PARK

Judge Morris reported that he and David Hull went through the park recently. He informed the court that there is an old barn there that needs to be taken down due to its poor condition. He will advertise for that work in the Gallatin County News. Judge Morris also reported that the watershed project is in process. Funds are on their way for the completion and an additional project could take place there, which would be via \$25,000 in grant funding.

Magistrate Haddix asked, if the road were to fail there, is there a contingency plan in place. Ken McCarty answered from the audience that no repair would be done, only patching. Adding that it is a supplemental route so it gets no attention.

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge Morris presented for consideration Kentucky Davis to be appointed to the Gallatin County Fair Board in the form of a motion. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed 3-0 with Magistrate Haddix abstaining due to family conflict.

Judge Morris reported that other folks have also expressed interest in the Fair Board.

COMMENTS

Magistrate Moore asked about filling the role of Emergency Management Director. Judge Morris answered that the deputies are handling the duties currently, and that he will look to appoint an interim director in a short period of time. Judge Morris noted that Dwayne Baum is filling the role at the moment.

Judge Morris informed the court that construction on I-71 is expected to start on September 20, which will cause long delays. The work will begin on 71-S and then move to 71-N. There are 30 days allocated per bridge, and it is looking like it will take at least a full 2 months. Ken McCarty also noted that mile marker 59 to 69 will begin to be resurfaced this fall.

Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to go into closed session per KRS 61.815 (c) to discuss litigation. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ethan Moore made a motion to come out of closed session. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All Ayes.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk