

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
May 12, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on May 12, 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 Joel Shinkle, Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan and M. J Haddix. Assistant County Attorney Brian Newman was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting of April 14, 2022 was made by M. J Haddix and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: Brent Caldwell came before the court with a Code Enforcement Report. He expressed his dissatisfaction with being able to get the necessary ordinance package in place in order to seat his board and give them something to work with and nothing has been done to date. He noted that he was hired in January and feels like he is no farther along now than then.

Judge Morris responded by stating he feels the ordinance in place, while having not been updated with the changes and additions that are desired, still should enable Mr. Caldwell and the Board to act. Magistrate Shinkle stated that the updated ordinance needs to be in place to move forward. Magistrate Sullivan asked Assistant County Attorney Newman if he could help get this matter expediated and taken care of. Mr. Newman stated that he could do that and get it turned around in a reasonable amount of time.

Magistrate Shinkle asked a Special Meeting could be scheduled to have a 1st Reading and then the 2nd Reading could come at the regularly scheduled meeting in June. Judge Morris stated that a meeting would take place next week to draft the ordinance and prepare for approval. Magistrate Haddix asked if it could be done as an emergency amendment to move forward quicker. Both Judge Morris and Assistant County Attorney Newman answered that unless there is a specific issue deemed as an emergency then it does appear to be the way to move forward.

Approval of Agenda: Joel Shinkle moved to approve the meeting agenda. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims 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.

April 2022 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending April 30, 2022. M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Interfund Cash Transfers – Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of April. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
3. Budget Transfers – Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of April. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #051222 #9 – 1st Reading Insurance and Voting Equipment Reimbursement. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the budget amendment. Ethan

Moore seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Donnie Sullivan, Ethan Moore, Joel Shinkle and Judge Morris voting yes and M. J Haddix voting no.

OLD BUSINESS

HARTIG PARK BARN PROJECT

Judge Morris turned the floor over to Magistrate Joel Shinkle for a report. Mr. Shinkle reported that he took a reputable barn builder/rebuilder to the site and from that assessment, in order to make the barn safe to be visited, meaning just a basic restoration to preserve the barn, it would cost \$50,000. To make the barn a venue would cost approximately \$200,000. Donnie Sullivan informed the court that the Gallatin County Historical Society has pledged their support for the project and would entertain seeing a budget. Their letter stating same, also indicated their willingness to assist with Grant Applications and provided information about possible grants that range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

The court further discussed the cost to take the barn down. With the idea that it could be put out to bid and the possibility that the cost to take it down could be offset by the salvaged material. Magistrate Shinkle proposed the idea to wait a month to see what other partners in the community would be willing to support the project and also apply for grants to help with the restoration costs. Magistrate Sullivan asked if in the interim, could the area be barricaded off. He was answered, that it would be possible but unlikely to be very effective.

Magistrate Joel Shinkle moved to table to discussion for one month, to see if any further strides can be made to support restoration. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION

Judge Morris read aloud a Resolution honoring Bob Nunn and congratulating him on his retirement, while recognizing his work, service and contributions to Gallatin County as Animal Control Officer.

COUNTY ROAD LIST

Judge Morris presented a Resolution to take Speedway Boulevard into the county road maintenance system on a limited emergency basis due to its present condition and out of necessity due to the Highway 42 closure. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the Resolution. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Donnie Sullivan, Ethan Moore, Joel Shinkle and Judge Morris voting in favor of the motion and Magistrate M. J Haddix voting no.

NUCOR MONTGOMERY ROAD PROPOSAL/RESOLUTION

Representatives from Nucor came before the court with a proposal to relocate 9/10ths of a mile from Hwy 42 to the water tower. Nucor, will relocate the road at their own expense with two nine-foot lanes and two, two-foot shoulders on each side. This will move the road to the westside of the property for public traffic, keeping trucks off of it.

Magistrate Haddix asked what will be done with the road while construction is going on. He was informed that the proposed construction plan calls for Montgomery Road to stay open except for one day to tie in the new road. Once completed, the current section will be for Nucor and related traffic. There will be a ditch between the new road and current so there is no connection between the two. Nucor will also maintain the existing road at their own expense.

Magistrate Sullivan reported that Nucor took him out to see the proposed project and he agrees it will be much safer. Judge Morris noted that the County Road Supervisor has reviewed the plan and given his approval.

It was noted that flyers were sent out in advance of this meeting so interested parties would know that the proposal was coming before the court and those folks could voice any concerns. Judge Morris reported that neighbors in the area that have called with questions have been in favor of the project.

Judge Morris read Resolution #05122022-2 relating to the relocation of 9/10ths of Montgomery Road aloud. Donnie Shinkle made a motion to approve the resolution. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AMEND PROCUREMENT POLICY

Judge Morris and Treasurer Bullard brought forth the recommendation of outside counsel and financial advisor to change the limits for sealed bids to \$30,000 to match state guidelines. Motion to amend the policy as stated was made by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

SHERIFF TAX SETTLEMENT

Judge Morris presented the Sheriff's Tax Settlement for approval. He noted that the county achieved a 98.65% collection rate. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the Sheriff's Settlement. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

SET SURPLUS AUCTION DATE

Judge Morris detailed the list of surplus county owned items to be auctioned. Sheriff Neale informed the court of approximately 30 bicycles in a storage container as well as a bus that was donated to the county, both at the county barn. Judge Morris and Magistrates felt the best option for the bus would be to cut it down and sell it for scrap. Judge Morris stated that possibly the bicycles could be repurposed for use by the family resource center. Sheriff Neale also mentioned there are other items of value at the Sheriff's Office but have not had any luck with takers. Judge Morris stated that those items can be added once they are inventoried and voted on.

Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the vehicles per list as surplus as well as the bus. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

1st READING OF THE 2022-2023 FISCAL COURT BUDGET

Treasurer Bullard presented the standing orders for preapproved items and expenditures for approval. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the standing orders and preapproved items. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion.

Treasurer Bullard and Judge Morris informed the court that the budget is up about 3% from the previous year, however without new items, mainly grants and support, the budget is close to the same as 2021-22. Judge Morris further added that the election items have been removed from the budget as funding has been received.

Motion to approve the 1st Reading of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Court Budget was made by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. Judge Morris asked for a roll call vote for approval of the budget. Donnie Sullivan voted yes, Joel Shinkle voted yes, Ethan Moore voted yes, M. J Haddix voted no, Judge Morris voted yes. Motion passed 4-1. Magistrate Haddix asked to

explain his no vote, which he stated was due to a desire to have a greater amount of time to review the details prior to voting yes.

COMMENTS

Ethan Moore asked if there was any update on the progress of 42 West. Judge Morris answered that it does not appear much work has been done in the last few days. Currently waiting on Spectrum to do their work.

Magistrate Sullivan noted that he has seen barriers and signage in different spots. Judge Morris explained that he has been working with local and state police in an attempt to make the areas as safe as possible and to properly route traffic. He added that he believes the commercial truck traffic has subsided to some degree.

Judge Morris added that he has continued to push the state to open one lane to traffic to help with the economic sustainability for businesses in Warsaw. He continued by noting that currently the road doesn't appear to be in the condition to allow for traffic but will continue to stress this in any communication he has with the state.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan thanked the Road Department for all of their help with the Hansel Sullivan Tractor Pull and extended thanks to the Judge and other Magistrates as well. He commented that the park looks as good as it ever has.

Judge Morris noted that there was no closed session needed, it was included on the agenda in error.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk