

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
June 9, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on June 9, 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. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Magistrate M. J Haddix had noted two corrections to be made to the minutes as presented. On the Nucor Montgomery Road Proposal, the motion was seconded by Magistrate Haddix and not Magistrate Ethan Moore. The explanation for Mr. Haddix's no vote on the 1st Reading of the 2022-23 Fiscal Court Budget was due to him having received an amended copy of the budget at the start of the meeting and he had not had time to review the changes. Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting of May 12, 2022 as corrected was made by Ethan Moore and seconded by Joel Shinkle. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Agenda: Judge Morris presented the agenda for approval with the addition of three items: NG911 Update; Gallatin County Fair Board; and Highway 42 Resolution. Motion to approve the agenda with the additional items made by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All Ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay. Magistrate Haddix asked about a line item for \$50.00, reimbursement for phone usage. Judge Morris and Treasurer Bullard explained that has been an ongoing procedure for the county's use of personal mobile phones. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

May 2022 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending May 31, 2022. 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 May. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
3. Budget Transfers – Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of May. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #051222 #9 – 2nd 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 reported to the court that there are not the funds available to allocate to the project and thus need to move forward with next steps. He noted that the Gallatin County Historical Society would help to access grant funds, but that would only be \$5,000 – 10,000, which does not quite provide the support needed. He added that the court will need to take bids to have the barn removed. Magistrate Ethan Moore asked if David Hull had someone interested in possibly removing the barn in exchange for the wood. Judge Morris answered yes, but a request for bids would need to be advertised for that. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to advertise for sealed bids to remove the barn and leave the existing foundation intact. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD UPDATE

Judge Morris reported that he met with Code Enforcement Officer Brent Caldwell and Assistant County Attorney Brian Newman and they have determined that all necessary items are in the ordinance as prepared, but an amendment is needed to change the membership of the board from 5 to 7 following the interlocal agreement with the City of Glencoe. County Attorney Wright read the amendment aloud for the court. Mr. Wright also noted that this is an opportunity to take the current Nuisance Ordinance and combine with this with the Amended Code Enforcement Ordinance so it fits better with the ordinance book and is in a more clear format. Ethan Moore moved to approve the Ordinance Amendment. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

SET SURPLUS AUCTION DATE

Judge Morris informed the court that local auctioneer Darrell Maines is available to perform an auction on July 16, 2022 at 10 am and recommended to hold the surplus auction at that time and date. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to set the surplus auction date for July 16, 2022 at 10 am. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

NG911 PROJECT

Ryan Bailey reported to the court on the NG911 Project, also known as Next Generation 911. He explained that the new system helps with locating callers with mobile phone usage. He provided an overview of the process and the system and reported that the county is ready once the state goes live. All of the work has been done locally and the equipment is on site.

Judge Morris mentioned the recent hazard material issue in Sparta and explained how Sparta is a bowl and presents problems for both inbound and outbound radio calls. He further explained that the county is looking for solutions to alleviate these issues. Mr. Bailey reported that he has identified four locations and has made contact with the property owners to determine the feasibility of putting up a tower. He provided further in-depth detail about the project and how it would benefit the county and its Emergency Services. Judge Morris asked that costs be provided so feasibility can be determined. Mr. Bailey commented that he should be able to provide those by the fall.

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR BOARD UPDATE

Wayne Dunkerly and Kentucky Davis of the Gallatin County Fair Board appeared before the court to provide an update. Mr. Davis reported that the 4H and FFA Fair will take place June 23, 24 and 25. He noted that Lora Stewart has spearheaded this event. He thanked the court and Judge Morris for their patience and efforts to bring the fair back to Gallatin County. He

mentioned the folks that have been instrumental in making sure the fair happens and have put in the work to get everything ready. He added that they will be re-introducing the Junior Fair Board to help prepare for the future. Mr. Davis then announced that the fair in the traditional sense will take place September 21 – 24, 2022; and will include a national act performing a concert. For 2023 the plan is to have the fair back in June and combined with the FFA and 4H. Mr. Davis asked that the court appoint Jordan and Chelsea Gibson, who were also in attendance to the Fair Board. They will help with the FFA portion of the fair. M. J Haddix moved to approve the appointment of Jordan and Chelsea Gibson to the Gallatin County Fair Board. His motion was seconded by Donnie Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge Morris asked Mr. Davis is the Fair Board is in the position to prepare to begin appointing its Members to the Board. Mr. Davis explained that they need the core members of the board in place first, but will ultimately do so as a self-sufficient board. He added that the next meeting is on June 14 and will be followed by the regularly scheduled meeting on June 21.

Magistrate Haddix asked how the Hansel Sullivan Memorial Tractor Pull went. Mr. Davis answered that the turnout was great, but the agreement to hold the event was with the prior fair board and he did not have all the particulars at this time. Donnie Sullivan noted that there were over 1,100 people in attendance one night and over 1,200 on another night. He further explained that weather in the area impacted the attendance to some degree even though the event was not rained out. He estimated that there should be approximately \$5,000 donated back to local groups, but all the accounting has not yet been completed. He added that they have already made a donation to the Boy Scouts for their contributions.

HIGHWAY 42 RESOLUTION

Judge Morris read aloud Resolution No. 06092022 requesting an open forum in regard to the status of construction on Highway 42. He noted that the Carroll County Fiscal Court is likely to join via a resolution of their own in requesting same. Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the resolution. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge Morris presented a request from the Gallatin County Library to appoint Janie Price to fulfill a new 4-year term. Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the appointment. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Judge Morris welcomed the new Library Director, Shawn Fry. Director Fry announced that the Summer Reading Program is going on currently and there has been a lot of traffic. Judge Morris thanked Mr. Fry for his attendance.

PAVING BIDS

Judge Morris opened the three sealed bids received for paving projects. The three bidders were Riegler Blacktop, Hinkle Contracting Corporation and Eaton. All bids encompassed the areas requested, which included Roberts Road, Monk Spur, Tower Drive and Spencer Road. The bids were as follows: Riegler Blacktop \$282,305; Hinkle Contracting Corporation \$218,500; Eaton \$257,272. Judge Morris made a note that the tonnage quoted from Riegler was greater than the others. Magistrate Shinkle asked if shouldering was included. Judge Morris answered that it was not included, and added that his plan is to submit for Flex Funds from the state to cover the shouldering and would hope to hear something in the next week or so.

M. J Haddix made a motion to accept the bid of Hinkle Contracting Corporation. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge Morris recommended to the court to appoint Sara Moody Richardson to replace Jackie Giles on the Code Enforcement Board due to his resignation. Ethan Moore made a motion to appoint Sara Moody Richardson to the Code Enforcement Board. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS

Judge Morris informed the court there will be a Special Meeting at 10:00 am on June 23, 2022 to hold the 2nd Reading of the 2022-23 Budget. The Budget had not been received back in time from the Department for Local Government to advertise prior to this meeting.

Magistrate Shinkle commended the Road Department for their efforts in mowing throughout the county, noting that it is looking really good.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked if there is any word in regard to getting inmates to help with cleanup in the county. Judge Morris answered that hopefully soon the county will have access to them. He also noted that the Boy Scouts and another group or two have been in contact with him about helping to clean-up. Mr. Sullivan asked about reaching out to Dorman for their Community Service Days to see if they would like to help. Judge Morris will look into that with them.

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