

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
October 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on October 13, 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, M. J Haddix and Donnie Sullivan. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the minutes from September 8, 2022. Joel Shinkle seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Judge Morris noted that there is no need for closed session as was included on the agenda, that was a carryover from the previous month. Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by M. J Haddix and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All Ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay which included the added blue sheet provided. Magistrate Haddix asked about a boom mower. Judge Morris informed him that nothing has been available to rent. Magistrate Shinkle stated that possibly something could be fabricated to use until one is located or repaired. Ethan Moore made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

September 2022 Financial Reporting

1. Fund Cash Statement Summary – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending September 30, 2022. Joel Shinkle 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 September. M. J Haddix seconded his motion. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of September. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. Quarterly Financial Statement – Treasurer Bullard presented the Financial Statement for the 1st Quarter of 2022-23 ending September 30, 2022 and noted that it is in balance and has been uploaded to the Department for Local Government. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the quarterly financial statement. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment #08112022 #4 – 1st Reading. Surplus Revenues from 2021-2022. Motion to approve the budget amendment made by M. J Haddix and seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

FAIRGROUNDS EASEMENT DUKE ENERGY

Judge Morris stated that it seems we want to ensure that nothing interferes with plans and activities at the fairgrounds. Tonight would be a decision to proceed based on a rough estimate of area with final specific legal description to follow. Compensation of \$53,000 for the space will

be provided to the county. He noted that the compensation would obviously help with possible projects at the fairgrounds. Kentucky Davis of the Gallatin County Fair Board stated that the Fair Board has reviewed and are in favor of the current placement and proposal. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan agreed and stated that it is a dead area that won't be used and will provide an opportunity to do some projects.

Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve Duke to proceed with the process and bring back a legal description for final approval. Magistrate Shinkle recommended that when the legal description is created that it be shifted slightly to go all the way to the property line. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EMS BILLING POLICY

Judge Morris reminded the court that the issue was tabled at the previous meeting to investigate the refusal fee and whether a policy could be drafted for hard versus soft billing. He stated that KACo Legal Counsel recommended against a policy stipulating between hard and soft billing. County Attorney Wright has reached out to other county attorneys to see what is being done elsewhere throughout the state. Judge Morris stated that he believes it is best not to have two policies to treat different groups separately. Joel Shinkle stated that he thinks there should be a refusal fee. Judge Morris noted that the refusal fee had been presented to the court to move from \$100 to \$360 due to insurance treatment. However, he doesn't believe they are one in the same. He added that the fee could be kept in place and actually billed, without raising it. The consensus of the court was that leaving the fee at \$100 seems to be the right decision. M. J Haddix made a motion to keep the refusal fee at \$100 and begin billing. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

KYTC ROAD FLEX FUNDS

Shawn Russell of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, District 6 Office came before the court to present the Rural Secondary Road Program recommended projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. He noted that the funding includes \$107,196 of flex funds in addition to the current flex funds carried over by the county from previous years totaling \$293,731. Judge Morris noted that \$218,500 of those flex funds have been committed for the paving of four roads, which are on the schedule, but the funds have not been expended yet.

Magistrate Shinkle asked what was the timeframe that an answer from the court was needed to make a decision for the program. Mr. Russell stated that he would like to get the decision as soon as possible to have it submitted during the winter, but waiting an additional month will be fine. Judge Morris stated that he would like for the magistrates to have time to discuss needs in their districts throughout the county. Joel Shinkle made a motion to table until November. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

ROAD WORK UPDATE

Judge Morris reported that Hinkle Contracting says that the chip-seal work on Knox Lillard is set for next week and the shoulders have already been built up. He added that Hinkle is planning to complete the jobs on schedule during this cycle.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan reported that Knox Lillard past the Boat Hospital is in very bad shape. Judge Morris stated that the area can be discussed, but it is not in the scope of the 42 project for repairs.

The court discussed other roads throughout the county that are in need of repair.

FAIR BOARD PRESIDENT KENTUCKY DAVIS UPDATE

Judge Morris thanked the members of the Fair Board in attendance. Mr. Davis and Dustin McEntire of the Gallatin County Fair Board spoke about how the fair was a success and went very well with good attendance. They reported that planning is on-going for next year for a traditional combined fair with the FFA. They reminded the court that the Junior Fair Board Fall Festival is set for October 22, with all funds supporting the FFA. Concessions will be provided by the Fair Board. They noted that the schedule will include a haunted hay ride, chili cookoff, pumpkin carving, inflatables, games and other activities.

Mr. Davis made note about the repairs to the fence at the fairgrounds. Explaining that all the material was donated and the county supplied the labor to install as the old fence was rotten and unsafe.

ARPA FUNDS RESOLUTION YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX LIGHTING & INFRASTRUCTURE

Judge Morris introduced and spoke about the tremendous job that County Sports Director Dwayne Bowen has done. Mr. Bowen explained that the addition of lights will allow for continued growth of the sports programs and help with football to practice later in the season and in the evening during the hot summer months. Judge Morris presented proposed expenditures of ARPA Funds to be considered by the court per his discussions of the needs with Mr. Bowen. Those items include, replacing the existing lights at Boaz Field with LED lights. Construction of lights on the 50/70 field, known as Field #3. Installation of lights that were purchased from Xavier University for \$1,000 on Field #1. Magistrate Shinkle asked are these estimates for funding or actual costs. Judge Morris answered that they are actual costs being presented. County Attorney Wright asked if the ARPA criteria being met. Judge Morris answered to the affirmative and noted that it has been reviewed by the county's advisors. Magistrate Shinkle asked if the proposals will enhance all three fields. Judge Morris answered yes.

County Attorney Wright read aloud the Resolution No. 2022-1013-2 authorizing \$29,000 for the installation of lights and poles on Field #1. Motion to approve the resolution made by Ethan Moore and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

County Attorney Wright read aloud Resolution No. 2022-1013-3 authorizing up to \$21,106 for the purchase of labor and material to upgrade the lighting Field #3. Motion to approve made by M. J Haddix and seconded by Joel Shinkle. Motion passed unanimously.

County Attorney Wright read aloud Resolution No. 2022-1013-4 authorizing up to \$10,069.80 to replace the existing lighting on Boaz Field. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the resolution. M, J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

ARPA RESOLUTION SENIOR CENTER BUS

Judge Morris informed the court that no bids for a new Senior Bus was received. He explained that the resolution to be presented is for the purchase of a car with the price based on the state's procurement website. Magistrate Moore asked for confirmation that the funds have already been authorized but no vehicle was found. Judge Morris answered yes that the amount being used is based on a new van, but if a used one is located then a lesser amount than the \$53,055 approved could be spent. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-1013-1. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

ARPA RESOLUTION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Judge Morris presented a resolution for the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Pursuit Vehicle in the amount of \$63,058.53 for at such time that the Sheriff's Department is back to full capacity, ample vehicles will be in place. Ethan Moore moved to approve the resolution. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

COMMENTS

Judge Morris reminded the court that the Gallatin County Nursing Home Fall Festival will be held on 10/28/2022 from 5 to 9:00 pm.

Magistrate Joel Shinkle noted that the drainage on Church Road needs to be addressed.

County Attorney Wright publicly thanked KACo for stepping up for the County' Defense in some code enforcement cases. He encouraged the magistrates and judge to consider attending the upcoming annual conference.

Judge Morris reminding the court that Modern Gun Season will take place during November and those hunting at Hartig Park will be provided a specific are which will be determined by lottery. The park will be closed to camping during this time.

Judge Morris informed the court that the Christmas Parade will take place on December 10th with the time to be determined.

Judge Morris reported that a lot of work has been done by Lesa Bullard, the city attorney, Mr. Wright and Mayor Gullion to secure Alta Fiber High Speed Internet from Cincinnati Bell. It is expected to be built and available during the first quarter of 2023.

Judge Morris informed the court that due to new cameras that have been installed at the county park in Warsaw, that Anthony Baker was able to view issues that were occurring and two Warsaw Officers were able to respond and take care of the situation. He added that these small investments in the county are making a difference.

Treasurer Bullard reported that for residents that may have issues paying full price for the high speed internet, there is a program that is available to assist at difficult levels. Judge Morris noted that the information to that regard will be included in the media blitz surrounding the new internet options in Sparta.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk