

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
November 10, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on November 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing), Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, Joel Shinkle and M. J Haddix via telephone. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 13, 2022 meeting were presented. No changes, motion to approve made by Magistrate Moore and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None to speak.

Approval of Agenda: Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Closed Session and Add Tara Johnson-Noem, NKADD Executive Director. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval. Judge stated one notation, the US Bank payment on the 2021 squad shows as \$13,007.31 and we actually paid the 2021 ambulance debt off in full in the amount of \$25,374.82. Judge Morris stated there was one payment remaining due in November 2023 but we went ahead and paid it off in full. Magistrate Moore moved to pay the bills as presented with the noted change. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

October 2022 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending October 31, 2022. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes. Treasurer stated we have a new Airport Account that consists of the (HB241) Legislative Monies in the amount of \$200,000.00 and the PNC Project monies. We moved the PNC project monies because the account was accruing cost analysis fees and eating away at the account that will be needed once the airport is complete. Magistrate Haddix asked if this \$200,000.00 was new money or the Economic Development money. Judge Morris stated this was new money for airport operations, maintenance.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of October. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve interfund cash transfers. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Cash Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the cash transfer. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

Budget Amendment #4 (Ordinance #101322) – Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the second and final reading. M.J. Haddix seconded. All ayes

Budget Amendment #5 (Ordinance #111022) – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the first reading. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

KYTC Road Flex Funds

Magistrate Haddix asked if there was a representative from Kentucky Transportation at the meeting; no representative was in attendance. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to retain the Flex funds in the amount of \$107,196. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes. Magistrate Haddix stated we have roads in need of repair.

NEW BUSINESS

NKADD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tara Johnson-Noem, the NKADD Executive Director spoke to the Judge, Magistrates and audience. Tara introduced herself and briefly explained the role of the Northern Kentucky Area Development District and what they provided for the eight counties they serve. Tara stated her previous experience was with the Workforce Development since 2019 and she came to speak about this project they will be seeking a study on. Two obstacles for people and companies when addressing job placement. The first being housing and the lack of inventory available. The NKADD has prepared an RFP for a housing study among the eight counties. County can choose to opt in or out and there could be a cost associated with this study. She wanted to bring this project to Gallatin to see if we are interested. Attorney Wright commented the sewer (infrastructure component) is a big issue with housing. We have under-utilized sewer lines within our county. Judge Morris stated he is very interested in what the study provides. Tara stated she will keep us updated on the proposals.

127 BOAT RAMP

Several years back the Army Corp of Engineers donated about 13 acres to the county and it does come with some restrictions. Judge Morris stated he would like to explore opportunities with this acreage that borders the shoreline of Sugarcreek. Possible tourism, fishing which would require us to clean up the shore line, picnic areas, and archery. Judge asked court to explore and make suggestions in the next few months. Magistrate Shinkle stated we need to look at the plat/layout of the property.

5 YEAR SOLID WASTE PLAN RESOLUTION

Attorney Wright read the resolution for the 2023-2027 5-year plan for Solid Waste. A motion to accept the 5- year plan was made by Magistrate Moore and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan. All Ayes.

ANGEL TREE – GALLATIN CO SENIOR CENTER

Director, Melissa Haddix prepared a flyer explaining anyone can make a donation for a Senior Citizen or purchase an item for that Senior for Christmas. Director Haddix stated many of the Seniors do not have family members and spend Christmas alone. A gift of something special would brighten their holiday season. Director Haddix also stated she will be providing a Thanksgiving and Christmas meal for the seniors in attendance. The average attendance is about 13 and this is subject to illness or weather. Judge Morris will add this to the social media site.

EMS FLEET STATUS

EMS Director Bud Webster provided the Judge and Fiscal Court with an update on the EMS Fleet with the proposal to remount the 2015 because the new ambulance we ordered will not be here until 2024.

MAGISTRATE COMMENTS

Magistrate Shinkle reported Roberts Road paving has been completed but needs shouldering. We may have to look into renting a machine to shoulder a few of the newly paved roads.

Magistrate Shinkle asked Jim Hansen, Planning & Zoning Director about a Noise Ordinance. Jim stated the board will be looking into this for residential and commercial areas of the county. Jim stated we may have to add buffers to help alleviate area with noise concerns. Jim stated we will need to establish a scale and document the decibels and the amount of time exposed to the noise. The county has purchased a Noise Meter and they will begin looking at various areas of concern and will chart the reading. Jim stated he wasn't sure where this fell if it was planning and zoning or code enforcement; this needs to be defined as the noise ordinance is drafted. Attorney Wright asked if we have areas of concern and Magistrate Shinkle said he has a definite area of concern in his district. We also need to be proactive with noise since we have a developing Airport. Ryan Bailey provided the court with information from the City of Walton who just completed this study and developed a noise ordinance. The City of Walton may have numbers relevant that we could possibly use. Judge Morris and Attorney Wright will reach out to the Mayor of Walton and City Attorney.

Deer hunting opens up this Saturday and there will be hunting at Hartig and no one should be utilizing the walking trails or having picnics during this time. Mr. Bailey stated Gallatin Dispatch has been receiving complaints of four wheelers on the Hartig property; Attorney Wright believes this is a violation of the property.

Magistrate Sullivan stated the shouldering on Knox Lillard is an improvement. The other issue is the road buckling near the boat hospital. Judge Morris stated he believes water is getting under the road causing this issue. The road would need to be dug up and repaved to correct. Attorney Wright's concern is if someone's car is damaged because of no signage warning of rough pavement. Judge stated he's not sure if more signs can be added or if it would help as we are inundated with signage on/near Knox Lillard. There have been new signs ordered in hopes of deterring semis from entering onto Knox Lillard.

Judge Morris also stated the Road Department is ready if we were to receive any snow or weather-related items.

ADJOURN

Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to adjourn. Magistrate Haddix seconded. All ayes

Tracy Miles
Gallatin County Clerk