

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**May 11, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on May 11, 2023 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. County Attorney Grant Axon was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April 13, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion to approve made by Magistrate Sullivan and seconded by Magistrate Haddix. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None to speak.

**Approval of Agenda:** Magistrate Moore made a motion to amend the agenda adding, GC Fair Update, Safe Haven Baby Box, Wrecker List, Kentucky Davis (Indian Creek Angus Farms), GC Airport Board Appointment, and Magistrate comments. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval including the blue sheet claims and an Owen Electric bill for the GC Airport in the amount of 5.02. Magistrate Sullivan moved to pay the bills as presented. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. Magistrate Haddix cast a no vote. Motion passed.

**May 2023 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending April 30, 2023. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of April. Magistrate Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve interfund cash transfers. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Cash Transfer – Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the quarterly report. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DUKE ENERGY EASEMENT UPDATE**

They are onsite for two more weeks; fencing and landscaping will be the last two items to complete. We have received the \$53,000 from Duke Energy and it has been placed in the LGEA Fund. This money has also been placed in the new budget as an expenditure in Special Projects.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT/NUISANCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Attorney Axon provided copies of the new Code Enforcement/Nuisance Ordinance and read a brief synopsis. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Chapter 96 adopting this one and removing the old one. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **HARTIG PARK BARN TEARDOWN**

Magistrate Shinkle provided a proposed bid to remove the old barn. The proposed bid is from Norman Troyer from Dry Ridge, KY. They will salvage the wood as sell it as reclaimed wood in place of being paid to tear the barn down. Judge had two questions; 1. Are they insured 2. Present the proposal to the Hartig board for their okay and to acknowledge our move forward. 3. Contractors also want an area marked to place unused boards. Judge is asking the court to confer with the board so that we don't have to come back to Fiscal Court in June with this item. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion for the Judge to speak with the Hartig board and line out the tear down of the Hartig barn. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

### **GC FAIR UPDATE**

Kentucky Davis said the 2023 Gallatin County Fair is ready to go June 10-17. New LED lighting was donated by Bob Searcy. KU replaced to lights with LED's. This weekend is the annual Sullivan Truck Pull. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped get the fairgrounds ready for the truck pull and the upcoming Fair. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Battle of the Bluegrass. The barn roof replacement was approved by the insurance company, materials have been ordered and work will start within the next couple of weeks. The fire suppression system on the stove will be done by Johnson Controls; this is required every 12 years.

### **SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX**

The Judge has been speaking with Lisa Klee and they are \$1,940 short of meeting their goal of \$15,000. The next item will be finding a contractor to donate the labor for installation. A motion made by Magistrate Moore to donate the shortage; this will allow the box to be ordered and advertise the box placement. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **WRECKER LIST**

Magistrate Haddix stated, "let it go"- no discussion.

### **KENTUCKY DAVIS -INDIAN CREEK ANGUS FARMS**

Mr. Davis stated he just purchased a new farm for business expansion. He will in the business of beef cattle raising. His grand opening will be July 1, 2023 and will be able to sell to local businesses and consumers.

### **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Tyler Hill, Vice President of the APWA Northern Kentucky Chapter was in attendance for the proclamation reading. The proclamation for May 21-27 recognizes those in the public works field. We thank them for their service as they are the men and women behind the scenes.

### **GC AIRPORT APPOINTMENT**

A motion made by Magistrate Moore and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan to appoint John Spike Wright to the airport board. Magistrate Haddix casting the no vote. Motion passed.

### **GC AIRPORT GRAND OPENING**

Judge Morris informed the court of the grand opening of the Gallatin County Regional Airport on June 21, 2023. The time is still unknown as are most of the details, we are waiting to hear from the Department of Aviation and Governor's Office for times, details and invitation list. Once the information has been shared with us, we will pass this on to the Magistrates and community.

### **GALLATIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT**

Judge Morris presented Sheriff Webster's Settlement. Motion to accept was made by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Haddix. Motion passed.

### **BUDGET 2023-2024 – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Part one for approval **PREAPPROVED/STANDING ORDERS** for the 2023-2024 budget. The preapproved/standing orders are line items such as utilities and payroll that need to be paid daily and weekly. Judge called for a roll call vote. Magistrate Sullivan – yes, Magistrate Shinkle – yes, Judge Morris – yes, Magistrate Moore – yes, Magistrate Haddix – no. Motion passed 4-1.

Part two for approval is the **2023-2024 Budget** as presented. The budget includes the CPI of 6.5 for employees. Judge asked for a roll call vote. Magistrate Sullivan – yes, Magistrate Shinkle – yes, Judge Morris – yes, Magistrate Moore – yes, Magistrate Haddix – no. Motion passed 4-1. Magistrate Haddix stated he called the County Treasurer at 4:30 today to ask a few questions about the budget that he received on April 25, 2023. He stated his draft and draft presented tonight are different. Treasurer Bullard stated the draft presented tonight is lower than the draft they received in April and this was a first reading and changes can be made prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading if anyone wanted to discuss or review.

### **REAPPORTIONMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Gallatin County Clerk presented the Fiscal Court with the appointments to the reapportionment board. The appointments presented for approval are, Jim Kinman, Randy French and Anthony Bickers. A motion made by Magistrate Haddix and seconded by Magistrate Shinkle to approve the County Clerk’s appointments. Motion carried.

### **MAGISTRATE COMMENTS**

Annual Hansel Sullivan Tractor Pull. Magistrate Sullivan invited everyone to the truck and tractor pull Friday and Saturday – May 12 and 13. Many donations will be made to local charities once all of the expenses have been paid.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Per KRS 61.810 (1) (b) Property Acquisition. A motion to go into closed session made by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan. All ayes.

### **EXIT CLOSED SESSION**

A motion by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Haddix to exit closed session. All ayes.

### **ADJOURN**

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

Christina McEntire  
Gallatin County Clerk

MAY 2023

- Duke Energy Easement
- Code Enforcement/Nuisance Ordinance Amendment
- Hartig Park Barn Repair/Teardown
- GC Fair Update
- Safe Haven Baby Box
- Wrecker List
- Kentucky Davis/Indian Creek Angus Farms
- National Public Works Week Proclamation
- GC Airport Board Appt.
- GC Airport Grand Opening
- 2022 Sheriff Settlement-Sheriff Webster
- Budget 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 2023-2024
- Reapportionment Mapping Appointments