

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
JULY 13, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing), Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan (via Zoom), Joel Shinkle and M. J Haddix. County Attorney Grant Axon was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the June 8, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion to approve made by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Moore. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: Dave Bishop asked if the Code Enforcement position had been filled and when work would begin again on property issues. Mr. Bishop has had a long-standing issue. Magistrate Moore asked for Mr. Bishop's issue to become a priority or moved to the top of the list. Judge Morris stated the property in question is within the top 10 issues within the County.

Approval of Agenda: Magistrate Moore made a motion to amend the agenda adding, Gallatin County Sheriff – New Deputy introduction, Jail Contract Update, remove Glencoe Building (Closed Session item) and remove Administrative Procurement Policy as this was already approved by Fiscal Court in June and this is basically a clerical item to be added to our Administrative Policy and add Litigation (KRS 61.810 (1) (C) for Closed Session to the agenda. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval including the blue sheet claims. Magistrate Shinkle moved to pay the bills as presented. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Magistrate Haddix cast a no vote. Motion passed.

June 2023 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending June 30, 2023. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of June. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve interfund cash transfers. Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Quarterly Report – Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Financial Report. Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes.
5. Annual Financial Report – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the Year End Financial Report. Magistrate Haddix seconded. All ayes.
6. Budget amendment #1 (2023-2024)- A motion was made by Magistrate Haddix to approve budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$29,000 for the Crumb Rubber Grant Award. Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes
7. Budget amendment #2 – A motion made by Magistrate Shinkle to approve the budget amendment #2 for an insurance weather claim at the fairgrounds in the amount of \$15,900.00. Magistrate Haddix seconded. All ayes.

8. Budget amendment #3 – A motion made by Magistrate Haddix to approve budget amendment #3 for an insurance claim on the Sheriff's Tahoe in the amount of \$2,532.27. Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes.

Approval to Utilize Interest from Economic Development Fund

The County Treasurer requested approval from the Fiscal court to utilize the interest of \$23,000.00 and transfer to the Airport Fund/Account to pay the utility bills, aviation insurance policy and Got a Go rentals for airport grand opening ceremony. The interest from the Economic Development fund has been used in the past and paid back. The same again, the County Treasurer will keep track of the use of the interest and when the Airport has the funds, we can pay back the interest. The interest developed back when the American Racing Company defaulted. The \$200,000.00 is restricted but the interest is at our discretion to use.

Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve paying the Aviation insurance policy only. Magistrate Moore seconded. Magistrate Shinkle cast a no vote as he would like to pay all bills associated with the airport with the interest monies. Magistrate Sullivan – yes, Judge Morris – yes. Motion passed 4-1

Airport Electric Bill, Got a Go Invoice – Airport

Judge Morris made a motion to approve and pay the airport electric bill and the Got a Go invoice. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. Magistrate Sullivan – yes, Magistrate Moore – yes. Magistrate Haddix cast the no vote as he has campaigned on not using tax payer dollars to pay for airport expenses. Motion passed 4-1

Sheriff Deputy – Introduction

Sheriff Webster brought our newest Deputy Elmore to meet the Fiscal Court and introduce him to the community. We welcome Deputy Elmore to Gallatin County.

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION WORKER PAY INCREASE

The County Clerk asked to raise the Election Day pay from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and the Election Training Day pay will be \$25.00. Motion made by Judge Morris to accept the recommendation from the County Clerk to raise the election worker pay. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

REAPPORTIONMENT – 1ST READING

County Clerk McEntire explained to the court the reapportionment has been completed. She and the board worked with Jeff Burte from the NKADD and stated no changes for the City of Warsaw. The new reapportionment will take effect on November 8, 2023 this is after the election on November 7, 2023. Reapportionment is from Census numbers and the upper end of the county has increased and shows growth within the county. A second reading is scheduled for the August meeting. Submission to the State Board is the next step and the Co Clerk stated she is working with PVA Sheryl Jones on specific addresses. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to accept the reapportionment as presented. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT

Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to appoint Trevor Jones to replace David White who submitted his resignation. Trevor Jones will be representing the Gold Star area. Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes.

We also have one remaining opening on the Board of Adjustments as Nikki Smithson also resigned. Magistrate Moore is working on filling this vacancy.

DUKE ENERGY EASEMENT UPDATE

Judge Morris gave an update; Duke Energy is finishing with the site work, piping and valves. The front side to be completed with landscape and shrubs; possibly another week and they will be finished.

JAIL CONTRACT UPDATE

Judge Morris updated the court and stated the County Attorney and his Assistant Charlie rewrote the contract and Jailer Giles stated Daniel Rose, Carroll Co Jailer was okay with the changes in the contract. The contract changes give our County a three-day window for a special needs inmate to discuss what is needed or if we can do something on our end to avoid the fee of \$80.00 per day if designated by CCDC as a special needs inmate. This will be a case-by-case situation as it arises. Before the contract change, CCDC had the authority to make the decision without our input. The other change was if an inmate required hospital stay; CCDC could contract with a Carroll Co Agency at \$50.00 per hour to stay with the inmate. The change we asked was if an inmate requires a hospital stay to allow Gallatin County the opportunity to place one of our own employees at the hospital as long as we have personnel available. Carroll County Detention Center rates have increased effective July 1, 2023. The regular rate per day went from \$34.90 per day to \$40.00. The special needs rate went from \$50.00 per day to \$80.00 per day. The hospital stay rate for personnel if we don't cover will be \$50.00 per hour.

Special needs are defined or explained by County Attorney Axon as, terminal, medical, mental breakdown, inmate cannot be placed in general population and is a case-by-case issue and the list can be endless.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Removed from the agenda as this was approved in June 2023. This is a clerical item now to update our administrative policy book with the update on the procurement policy.

THREE RIVERS HEALTH DISTRICT 2023 TAX RATE

Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to accept the rate as presented with there being no change to the 2023 property tax rate by the Health Dept. The rate will stay the same as 2022. Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes

CRUMB RUBBER GRANT AWARD

We want to thank Jennifer Brown with the Judge/Executive office for working on this grant and achieving approval from the state. Our matching portion will be approximately \$6100.00 (25% Match) required - this will allow for a rock base, hauling and install to take place and we can include in-kind contributions from our road department. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to accept the grant award in the amount of \$29,000. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes

ARPA RESOLUTION 20230713-PARK&PLAYGROUND

Motion made by Magistrate Haddix to accept the ARPA Resolution that allows up to \$85,000 for park and playground improvements. Magistrate Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

CARROLL CO WATER DISTRICT #1 BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge Morris acknowledged over 30 plus years that Doug Terry has represented Gallatin County on the Carroll Co Water District #1 board. We are saddened by the loss of Doug and we extend our sympathy to his family. To full-fill the unexpired term of Doug Terry; Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to appoint Peggy Jones to this vacancy and full-fill the term. Judge Morris seconded. All ayes.

MAGISTRATE COMMENTS

Magistrate Moore asked if we could contact the State Highway regarding trees, brush along Hwy 42 East as well as Magistrate Shinkle added 562 at 42, Roberts Road and Ambrose Road for areas of concern or possible hazard. Magistrate Haddix stated he had area of concern near Jerry Longo on Dry Creek and along Spencer Road. Judge Morris said he would reach out to the Highway Dept.

The residents living on Lykins Lane have expressed interest in their private road becoming part of the county road system. Judge Morris will continue to work with them on costs and the process.

Judge Morris said a paving ad has been placed and he is working with Ken McCarty on a cost analysis and will be submitting Ambrose, Spencer, Rocky Branch, Furnish, Deer Run and Little Sugar for use of Flex Funds for paving.

Magistrate Sullivan stated he likes that we have signage stating No trucks, No access to Nucor and the other facilities on US 42 West. Hoping the signage deters semis off our county roads.

CLOSED SESSION

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

EXIT CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURN

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

Christina McEntire
Gallatin County Clerk