

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
September 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on September 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office Annex, Warsaw, Kentucky. The meeting was recorded to be uploaded for viewing at a later date. Magistrates present were Joel Shinkle, Ethan Moore and Donnie Sullivan. M. J Haddix was absent. County Attorney Grant Axon was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Joel Shinkle moved to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2023 Special Meeting. Ethan Moore seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2023 with a correction within the comments section in reference to the Road Department, being made by Donnie Sullivan and not Donnie Shinkle. Motion seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023 Special Meeting. His motion was seconded by Donnie Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Agenda: Judge Morris presented the agenda for approval, noting that there are no changes apart from no closed session being necessary. Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Joel Shinkle seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval, which included the added blue sheet, as well as a late arriving bill for equipment needed at the airport for FAA tracking, in the amount of \$6,000. Judge Morris explained that the funds are pass through in nature, paid by the county and then reimbursed. Joel Shinkle made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

August 2023 Financial Reporting

1. Fund Cash Statement Summary – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending August 31, 2023. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of August. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of August. Donnie Sullivan seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

REAPPORTIONMENT ORDINANCE SECOND READING

Judge Morris presented Reapportionment Ordinance #08102023 for a 2nd Reading. County Attorney Axon read the ordinance aloud in summary. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the second reading of the reapportionment ordinance. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GRIDLEY HILL & HANCE ROAD CLOSURES

Judge Morris reported that the count is following the process for the closure of Gridley Hill per Kentucky Revised Statutes. He further explained that signs will be posted and then a committee will be formed and report to the court at the October meeting of the Fiscal Court.

Kelley Warnick of The Gallatin County News asked where Gridley Hill will be closed. He reported that there is a sign that denotes "End of County Maintenance" on the road currently. Judge Morris answered that the sign should not be there and will be moved while the process of closing the road takes place.

NEW BUSINESS

ROAD PAVING BIDS OPENING

Judge Morris informed the court that four bids were received for paving projects in the county which included Spencer Road, Wynn Road, Hance Road, Ambrose Road, Furnish Road and Ripple Run. Bids were submitted by Loving Paving and Construction, Hinkle Contracting, Riegler Blacktop and Eaton Asphalt. Mr. Morris then read the bids aloud as broken down by road per each bid in the order they were opening; Louisville Paving & Construction, Hinkle Contracting, Riegler Blacktop and Eaton Asphalt. The individual bids that were not totaled were calculated for comparison. Discussion took place in reference to the base failure quotes and specifics within the two low bids, which were submitted by Hinkle Contracting and Riegler Blacktop.

Magistrate Shinkle noted that availability and how quickly the job could be completed would be a factor for him. Judge Morris instructed the parties in attendance not to provide an answer to the comment and noted that all bidders indicated their intention to complete the paving this year.

Judge Morris reminded the court that there is approximately \$509,000 in flex funds available that can be allocated to the project but will not cover them all in full. He also noted that he would consider waiting on Hance Road, which would enable to nearly complete all others with those funds.

Magistrate Shinkle stated that he would not want to take the flex funds balance down that low.

Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to accept the low bid of Hinkle Contracting. Motion seconded by Ethan Moore. A representative in the audience from Riegler Blacktop encouraged the court to review the price per ton bids as they were lower in that regard. He noted that should be considered when awarding the bid as that was out the project was requested to be bid. Judge Morris then called for a roll call vote. Ethan Moore voted in favor of the motion. Judge Morris voted yes. Joel Shinkle voted yes. Donnie Shinkle voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0 with no dissenting votes cast.

RURAL SECONDARY FLEX FUNDS RESOLUTION/AGREEMENT

Judge Morris presented the court with the resolution agreement related to Rural Secondary Road Flex Funds, noting that funding is not to exceed \$509,805 on project(s) submitted. County Attorney Axon noted that he did not see anything out of order with the agreement. Motion to approve the Rural Secondary Flex Funds Resolution Agreement was made by Ethan Moore. Motion was seconded by Joel Shinkle. Motion passed unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER FALL FESTIVAL OCT 13TH

Judge Morris announced and provided details in reference to the upcoming Senior Center Fall Festival to take place on October 13. He noted that the previous event held at the senior center had a very good turnout and that all funds raised go to the Senior Center Christmas Party and gifts. He asked that those present share the event.

ARPA RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY AEDS

Judge Morris informed the court that roughly \$7,000 had been previously approved to purchase three or four AEDs for the county. He explained that through the amendment to the resolution, increasing the expenditure to not exceed \$12,000 the county would be able to purchase approximately 11 units, thanks to the efforts of Brandon Terrell in finding interchangeable units. Mr. Morris provided further information in reference to where the AEDs would be located throughout the county. Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the resolution. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS/UPDATES

Magistrate Joel Shinkle informed the court that National Farm Safety Week is next week, September 17 – 23.

Mr. Shinkle also noted that a discussion about shouldering in the county needs to be continued.

Judge Morris responded that he hopes shoulder work should be starting soon on roads that have been discussed.

Judge Morris reported that he has received communication from folks in reference to recent code enforcement actions. He added that there is at least one hearing scheduled.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked about the signs that were previously on Walnut Valley and 1039.

Judge Morris answered that the sign that had been at the entrance to Gould Road from 1039 has been moved to advertise the tire amnesty program.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk