

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
NOVEMBER 9, 2023
Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on November 9, 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. Assistant County Attorney Charlie Allen was present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. Judge Morris Honored the Veterans who were with us and recognized Veterans Day and thanked everyone for their service. Judge Morris also offered well wishes to our County Attorney, Grant Axon who has been under the weather.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 12, 2023 meeting was presented. Motion to approve made by Magistrate Sullivan and seconded by Magistrate Moore. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None

Approval of Agenda: Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the agenda. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval including the Carroll Co Detention bill in the amount of \$35,368.80. Magistrate Shinkle moved to pay the bills as presented. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

October 2023 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending October 31, 2023. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of October. Magistrate Haddix seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve interfund cash transfers. Magistrate Haddix seconded. All ayes.
4. Ordinance #110923/Budget Amendment #4– Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the first reading of Amendment #4 Hartig Park Easement contribution from Northern Kentucky University. Magistrate Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Ryan King, with Code enforcement gave an update to the fiscal court that he has cited 4 land/property owners for a hearing. Two are scheduled for the hearing for November 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the MEB Extension office (West Wing). Ryan King said there has been good feedback and cooperation from the property owners about cleaning up their property. The Code enforcement board meets the 4th Thursday of the month only if a meeting is needed. Attorney Gary Edmondson is the legal counsel and oversees the code enforcement board. We still have a couple of members that will be sworn in prior to or the day of the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

KERRY TACKETT-FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Kerry Tackett provided a summary of what the FRC provides such as help with glasses, Christmas, medical, food and clothes. Kerry stated the center is seeing an increase in the need for clothes. They have received 47 Christmas applications which includes 183 children. They have 14 families with no sponsors, if someone would like to sponsor a family reach out to Kerry at the Family Resource Center. Kerry thanked the Judge and Fiscal Court along with the community for their support. She mentioned several agencies were having food, coats and shoe drives. The City of Warsaw is having the shoe drive. Gallatin Community Church is having the coat drive along with the Shop with a Cop, Shop with the Sheriff and Shop with a Trooper is also scheduled for Christmas.

EMS/PARAMEDIC EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS

Judge Morris asked the court for their support to move forward with offering our Full Time and Part time employees or Firefighters an opportunity to become an EMT or Paramedic whereas the fiscal court would pay for the classes up front. The contract would bind the employee to a specific time once they passed the tests. The estimated costs for the EMT class are approximately \$1,220.00 for a Full-time employee; \$600.00 for a part-time employee and we would require the individual to work for the Gallatin County EMS for a period of two years. The fiscal court would pay 100% for full time employees and 50% for part time employees. For the Paramedic class, the approximate fee for full-time is \$8970.00, part time would be \$4,480.00 and we would require three years of service. The paramedic class only accepts 25 per class. We would require 24 hours per month for EMT and 24 hours weekly or every other week for Paramedic. These classes are held at St. Elizabeth hospital and Gateway Community & Technical College. A motion by Magistrate Haddix to approve the contracts with a second from Magistrate Sullivan. All ayes.

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK-PROCLAMATION

Judge Morris shared and recognized Nurse Practitioner Week before the court and those present and praised the work they provided.

AIRPORT RFP (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL)

Jim Hansen prepared the RFP and presented to the Airport board on Wednesday. Judge Morris will have copies for the fiscal court members this week to review. The RFP is 81 pages and this is to attract an FBO/Manager/Company to operate the Gallatin County Airport. This will be ready to roll out January 1st for advertising; there will be 38-42 days before awarding with mandatory meetings. Jim explained this is an extensive application with all the rules and lease agreement requirements. Jim said we have already been contacted by several who are awaiting the release of the RFP.

Other airport news; the Cleary Company was awarded the excavation contract which will include clearing the way for a terminal building and hangers. The Airport board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month; 10am at the MEB Extension office (West Wing).

AIRPORT PROPERTY RENTAL CONTRACT

Judge Morris explained that he has been working with Co Attorney Axon on the rental contract. It is almost complete. Judge Morris asked the court for the approval to sign and move forward with signing the rental contract once it is released from legal. This will provide revenue from the airport to help pay the utilities and future needs. There is a water line issue, the current line will have to be rerouted; this will not be an issue for the renter. This is a 12-month lease at \$600.00 per month. Judge Morris will provide all Magistrates with a copy of the contract prior to signing. A motion made by Magistrate Haddix contingent on legal approval with a second from Magistrate Sullivan. All ayes.

SURPLUS PROPERTY/GLENCOE BUILDING

The Glencoe Building (referred to as the old bank building) across from the Glencoe General Store is currently vacant. The library showed interest in using it but did not want to purchase the building. There is limited access to parking and we will need for the County Surveyor to mark the property before we advertise to sell/auction of said property. We will need a full deed description per Asst. County Attorney. Discuss if we want to set a reserve. We have a few more items for surplus and to be auctioned. Will need to advertise.

ROAD DEPT UPDATE

Hinkle has paved Winn and Furnish. Shouldering will be done. Our road department has worked on the base failures. Road men shouldered Roberts Road and they did an excellent job per Magistrate Shinkle. Riegler will start on the base failures for Creekside. Judge Morris will touch base on their timeline. The contractor has begun work on the salt bin at Concord. The salt bin will hold around 30-40 tons of salt; this will expedite snow cleanup in the upper area and subdivisions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Matt Atkins is our contact for KETA. Judge informed the court of two new companies locating here to work with Nucor. One company, Levy Environmental is a 38 million investment and will employ about 50 employees at \$25.00 per hour. The second company is a 2-million-dollar investment and will employ approximately 25 employees.

ELECTION UPDATE

The County Clerk, Christina McEntire gave the court and community an update on the election. We had a 32% turnout. We have 6,483 registered voters. We had 73 absentee ballots and this process takes about 4 hours. The county clerk stressed the need for poll workers, this week's election had no alternates. She did inform the court the poll workers were very appreciative of the increase in poll worker pay. The County Clerk praised her staff for an excellent job. Magistrate Haddix gave positive comments on the voting centers; no one must worry about which polling place to go to since we now have the voting centers.

MAGISTRATE COMMENTS

Magistrate Moore asked where we were with dispatch renovations. We have talked electric and we need to review the quotes given. We may need to break down in phases to make it affordable. It has been discussed using the sale of the Glencoe building to help fund the dispatch renovation.

Magistrate Moore asked about the Sports Complex. The Judge is meeting with the city next week. The City is taking the lead on this project and waiting for the state's approval, it requires the states stamp of approval on the plans. The waterline has been run by the city. The Judge did inquire if we could change a few things on the grant; you can change minor items but the grant is location specific and that cannot be changed.

Magistrate Moore thanked our EMS Director, Brandon Terrell and the EMS staff for taking care of his emergency a few weeks back. The Paramedic was Kaitlyn and the EMT was Cassidy along with Brandon and Brayden Terrell. Magistrate Moore praised the staff with a job well done. Judge and Director Terrell both stated we have a great staff of Paramedic's and EMT's. Director Terrell added the new remount squad is at PK Designs for graphics. This remount is a 2022 F450 4x4. The van will be taken out of service. We will have two – 4x4 squads in service and will run 24/7 next month. Next July (late) we should be expecting our brand-new squad.

Magistrate Sullivan agreed with Magistrate Moore and stated we need to push forward with the needs of the Youth and the Sports Complex.

Magistrate Sullivan thanked the State Highway Transportation Dept for a great job on Hwy 127. He said we now need to get started on Hwy 184.

Magistrate Haddix stated we need to find a permanent location for the County Clerk. I know we have been working on this but now there are soft spots in the floor. The Judge said this is a landlord issue and he will meet with the County Clerk and the landlord on the floor issues.

Judge Morris reminded everyone that on December 9, 2023 we would be having the Christmas Parade and all the festivities. We have the skating rink again this year along with a giant snow globe.

Judge Morris thanked the Gallatin Co Fairboard for all their hard work. There were nine events with Santa coming up soon. The Gallatin Co Fairboard, thanks to Kentucky and Connie; have been awarded a future construction grant for a Horse arena. This grant is for \$60,000.00. Hayley Cooper of the Gallatin Co Jr Fairboard has received an American Honor degree, one of the highest you can obtain. The Gallatin County Fair Board and Jr Fair board could not have been successful without the volunteers working very hard and the support from the community.

ADJOURN

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

Christina McEntire
Gallatin County Clerk

NOVEMBER 2023

- Code Enforcement Update
- Family Resource Center Update
- EMS/Medic Education Reimbursement Contracts
- Extension District Board Appointments
- Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation
- Airport RFP
- Airport Property Rental Contract
- Surplus Property/Glencoe Building
- Road Dept Update
- Economic Development Update
- Magistrate Comments