

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
January 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on January 11, 2024, 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, M. J Haddix and Donnie Sullivan. County Attorney Grant Axon was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: Judge Morris presented the agenda for approval with the addition of Alaina Hagenseker of Northern Kentucky Area Development District in regard to Triad Pharmacy Grant. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the agenda as amended. Donnie Sullivan seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2023. Motion seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.

Agenda: Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. Donnie Sullivan seconded his motion. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None.

December 2023 Financial Reporting

1. Fund Cash Statement Summary – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending December 31, 2023. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Budget Transfers – Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of November. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of December. Donnie Sullivan seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Budget Amendment #12142023 #5 – 1st Reading. Flex Funds Reimbursement for paving work. M. J Haddix moved to approve the budget amendment. Joel Shinkle seconded his motion. All ayes.
5. Quarterly Report – 2nd Reading. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. M. J Haddix seconded his motion. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Code Enforcement Officer Ryan King provided an update to the court of activities during the month of December, which included 10 complaints. He also noted that animal control received

39 calls, which involved 19 animals taken to shelter, 8 taken to a rescue and 4 adopted. Mr. King advised the court that he drives the county at least twice a week to look at properties and stray animals. Most properties are making progress of clean up. The Sayresville Road Property is making progress and the property in Glencoe is about 90% complete.

SCHOOL LITTER CONTEST

Judge Ryan Morris has contacted the schools to see if this could be done during the March or April. He was informed the school has to have approval from Admin. Prizes will be determined at a later day and the winner could be presented the award at the monthly Fiscal Court Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SET 2024 MEETING DATES

Magistrate M. J Haddix made the motion to continue the monthly meeting date the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

AIRPORT TERMINAL COMMITTEE

Judge Morris advised the court the Airport Board would like to form a committee to help design the Airport Terminal. The committee would consist of 5 people, 2 from the Airport Board, 2 from the Fiscal Court and 1 citizen. Meetings will be held during the day, committee will meet and bring proposal to the Airport Board. Judge Morris has been sent a resume from a citizen Micha Woosley. It was a very detailed resume and a lot of interest to be on the committee. Judge Morris would recommend her for the citizen. For Fiscal Judge Morris, Magistrate M. J Haddix and Magistrate Donnie Sullivan will represent the Fiscal Court with only two voting members. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the three members with only two voting members. Seconded by Magistrate Ethan Moore.

FIRST READING OF NEW ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

County Attorney Grant Axon read Chapter 90: Animals. The court agreed the concern is the hybrid wolf dogs. To be legal in Kentucky the dog has to be less than 25% or less to be allowed in Kentucky per state law. It was discussed to mirror the state law in Chapter 90 in the county's new ordinance. Motion was made by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.

MAGISTRATE COMMENTS

Magistrate Ethan Moore asked what the status was on the renovation plans at dispatch? Judge Morris advised he has been in contact with some contractors. There has been a couple more local contractors that have reached out. The Judge said it is progressing, definitely better than it was 6 months ago. The kitchen and the bathroom would need to be completed at the same time

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan brought up the semis on the side roads. Such as Furnish Road to Black Rock. We need to talk to Nucor about giving notices to truck drivers to not use those roads.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan advised the court that the new part of Montgomery Road has been delayed as asphalt plants have been shut down until spring.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked if there were plans for any warming shelters with colder temperatures approaching? Judge Morris advised there would be churches, Fairgrounds and Senior Center available.

Magistrate M. J Haddix asked about the status of the auction with the building in Glencoe. Judge advised we should wait until Spring with warmer weather and there may be other items to auction. A survey needs to be completed on the property so we know the exact lines. We will discuss and pick a date at the February Fiscal Court meeting.

Magistrate M. J Haddix asked what the status was on the sports complex? Judge Morris advised they need to meet with the city to discuss changes to the scope to get the project completed. The City of Warsaw is the main sponsor since they own the property. We will need money to build the structure. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked if it was going to be completed by the spring? Judge Morris advised the water and sewer have been ran.

With no further business before the court, Joel Shinkle made a motion to adjourn. M. J Haddix seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Christina McEntire
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk