

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Special Meeting
February 26, 2024
8:30 a.m.

The Special Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on February 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing), 395 U.S. 42 West Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, Joel Shinkle and M. J Haddix. County Attorney Grant Axon present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REQUEST/PGT TRUCKING

Judge opened the meeting and stated there was a request from the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet to participate in an incentive program for PGT Trucking. PGT Trucking has purchased and is building around U.S. 42 West. PGT Trucking has stated they will be hiring 23 employees by the end of year one, an additional 10 employees by the end of year two. If the employee hire goes above the 33; the balance of any employees above the 33 would be subject to the 1% payroll tax. This incentive program would require the County's participation for the State to give their 3% and would require us to give up our 1% occupational payroll tax. PGT Trucking has stated the average wage is \$33.00 per hour with an approximate yearly payroll of \$2,265,120.00 generating \$22,651.20 in occupational payroll tax. This would be a 10-year participation agreement.

The Judge provided three options for Fiscal Court consideration.

1. No participation from the County
2. Participation in the range of .01% to 1% of the occupational tax. (Gallatin County would wave occupational tax for a period of 10 year.)
3. Participation of 1% with a Pilot Program. A. PILOT – equal to 1% of total payroll each fiscal year to a maximum of 33 employees.

Upon further discussion regarding previous incentives, the agreed upon incentive with Nucor was an understanding that Nucor would draw/attract more businesses. There is potential future companies or future growth within our County that could bring about requests for tax breaks and we need to have a guideline on how we approach and decide future tax breaks; what size business does the County make a concession for; i.e. Nucor Tubular received a tax incentive and employs 72 employees with an estimated payroll of six million.

A motion was made by Magistrate Shinkle for option 1, no participation from the county. Magistrate Moore seconded this motion. Judge Morris called for a roll call vote. Magistrate Haddix, yes to the motion made by Magistrate Shinkle – no participation. Magistrate Moore, yes to Magistrate Shinkle motion, no participation by the county. Magistrate Sullivan, yes to Magistrate Shinkle motion, no participation by the county. Magistrate Shinkle made the motion of no participation by the county and Judge Morris, yes to Magistrate Shinkle motion, no participation by the county. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURN

Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes.