

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
FEBRUARY 9, 2024
Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on February 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing), Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, and Joel Shinkle. County Attorney Grant Axon was present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. Magistrate Moore lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 11, 2024 meeting was presented. Motion to approve made by Magistrate Sullivan and seconded by Magistrate Moore. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: Aaron Hickey introduced himself and presented the Gallatin Community Parks & Recreation (GCPR) proposal for the future Sports Complex. The proposal provides the Scope of Services, Fees & Conditions, Time of Completion and an Overview of the GCPR non-profit group as to who they are and what has already been done and the future. Aaron sated the fund raising will begin next year once the 501©3 is complete. The GCPR would like to partner with the City and the County to help with improvements with the sports complex and parks moving forward.

Approval of Agenda: Magistrate Shinkle 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 estimated at \$56,000 Carroll Co Animal Clinic for \$466.75, Got a Go for \$125.60 and Magee RV in the amount of \$582.05. Magistrate Moore moved to pay the bills as presented. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

January 2024 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending January 31, 2024. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of January. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve interfund cash transfers. Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Ordinance #020824/Budget Amendment #6– Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the first reading of Amendment #6 with unanticipated revenues from Sheriff-Excess Fee, General Fund Excess Revenues and Fairboard Grants and Donations with Magistrate Moore seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Ryan King, with Code enforcement gave a monthly update to the fiscal court with 14 violation letters, half of those have provided feedback and waiting on the spring weather to break to begin cleanup. Ryan King also provided January's animal Control report with 40 animal complaints taken and an additional 49 other animal related calls.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Magistrate Shinkle, Judge Morris and Jim Hansen discussed the noise level as it related to business. What remedies or proposals do we have? Magistrate Shinkle has a business in his district that has a consistent noise and is a nuisance for neighbors. Jim stated levels, time and distance all need to be monitored or written down to compare to the standards allowed. It was suggested to reach out to the City of Walton and similar counties with mining or industrial work with noise. The ordinance needs to be developed by zone moving forward have industrial areas separate from residential areas.

EMS/PARAMEDIC CONTRACT REVISION/ADDITION

It was brought to our attention that we may have someone who has requested a buyout of their paramedic contract; is this something we want to revise with our current contract? Magistrates' opinion is yes, we need to offer or have this in our EMS/PARAMEDIC contract. The Judge will put together some options and bring back to the Fiscal Court as it will only apply to full-time employees. There are similar buyouts as it pertains to law enforcement.

MONTGOMERY ROAD UPDATE

Judge Morris has been in contact with Nucor and the Road department. He will get drawings, pictures and drone footage of the road work. He anticipates another two months until the 42 entrance is complete. June is the expected open date pending all is approved by the State and County.

2nd READING-ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

County Attorney Axon read the synopsis as last meeting it was requested to modify our ordinance to match that of the state statute relating to hybrid animals. This refers to 90.50 and 90.98 of the KRS Statute. This will need to be advertised.

FAIR BOARD UPDATE

Connie Davis reviewed the events for Fair Week, June 8-15. The Fairboard will be selling ads for the fairbook until April.

NEW BUSINESS

SHERIFF SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

The Sheriff provided his settlement and will be turning over \$55,000 in excess fees and was under budget based on the monies provided by the fiscal court and the actual expenditures. A motion to accept the settlement was made by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE-AMEND PENALTY PROVISION-1ST READING

Attorney Axon provided the synopsis and this will include the Cities of Glencoe and Sparta and they will need to approve at their meetings. This amendment applies to the penalty provision of Chapters 96 – 96.99. This is because the current ordinance penalties were too low. We need to amend and apply stronger fines. The Judge said the goal is for people to cleanup their properties; we do not want their money we want the properties clean.

JAILER UPDATE

Jailer Giles gave an update regarding the CCDC since signing the July contract. Working with Carroll Co Fiscal Court and Carroll Co Detention Center have asked Jailer Giles to do zoom court at the detention center on Tuesdays. This is not in the contract but we have 55 inmates and this would help them with the number of inmates we have in the detention center. We have entertained with another detention center as a 2nd contract, their rates and how they can accommodate. We have had some inmates in the hospital and to keep costs down Jailer Giles and her staff sit with them.

Vehicle inventory. Some of our vehicles are dated and high mileage. Some are costing us on the maintenance end. Several departments met with Bachman and the fleet program they are offering as they have partnered with KACO. Jailer Giles provided her vehicle inventory with Bachman to see what their suggestions/options will be to

remove/rotate older vehicles that are costing us to maintain. Jailer Giles would like to bring inmates for Spring. Jailer Giles asked the Magistrates to look at their roads and she will try and bring inmates to clean the heavily traveled/dangerous roads that we would not want our school groups to cleanup. One of these roads is Hwy 127, this road has dump trucks, semi-trucks/heavy duty trucks.

COUNTY PARK PROJECTS

The crumb rubber surface and playground project are complete. We need a sidewalk to the new playground and pave the access from the Middle school parking lot and connect to our county park. This will allow for two accesses and pave the area. This will allow for increased security and two ways for our police to access the county park if something is going on. The Judge will ask the school if they would be opposed to the connector. Magistrate Sullivan said this is a great idea, safer and provide security and EMS access if needed. The small shelter needs a new roof; we will get bids for this project. A motion for the Judge to pursue paving and new roof was made by Magistrate Sullivan and seconded by Magistrate Moore.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge Morris made a motion to appoint John Spike Wright to the Library board to fulfill the unexpired term of J.R. Shinkle; seconded by Magistrate Moore.

AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT

A motion made by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan to appoint Paula Lillard to the airport board. Paula was a former member.

AIRPORT BOARD FEBRUARY MEETING/DATE/LOCATION

The February airport board meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. and bid opening at 1:00 p.m. There will be a brief meeting and then the bid opening.

-The terminal design committee met with the architect and they are getting designs and options and will meet again once they have those to compare and discuss.

MAGISTRATE COMMENTS

Magistrate Moore asked if we have confirmed Highway 42 speed limit. Do we know or have we heard from District 6? Signs will need to be posted once this has been confirmed.

Magistrate Sullivan stated there is a very sharp turn at the newly constructed Highway 42 and we may need chevrons/signs.

Magistrate Shinkle asked if the school was on board with our litter contest and offer gift cards/cash awards. This would be offered for K-5th grade and will be done in the Spring. The Judge will coordinate this with the school.

Magistrate Sullivan asked if semi-traffic on Furnish Road and Hwy 184 is decreasing. He is still receiving complaints and we think this is from GPS that is not updated and why they are selecting incorrect road ways to travel. Ryan Bailey was in the audience and he said he will investigate for possibilities to help with this issue. This was done when Highway 42 was under construction.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to enter closed session to discuss property acquisition (KRS 61.810 (1) (b) was made by Magistrate Moore and seconded by Magistrate Shinkle.

EXIT CLOSED SESSION

A motion to exit closed session was made by Magistrate Sullivan and seconded by Magistrate Shinkle.

ADJOURN

Magistrate Moore made a motion to adjourn. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. All eyes

Christina McEntire
Gallatin County Clerk