

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**May 9, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on May 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office Annex, Warsaw, Kentucky. The meeting was recorded to be uploaded to view 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:** Add Board of Assessment Appointment, Tourism, Liter contest and Airport Terminal Board Meeting. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve amended agenda. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Minutes:** Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the April monthly minutes. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Minutes:** April 30, 2024 Special Fiscal Court meeting. M. J asked if there was any video recording of the meeting? There is not a video recording or any type of recording of the meeting Judge Morris stated to his knowledge. The minutes did not reflect topics that were discussed. Topics: Creating an Emergency Service Tax, Increasing Payroll/Occupational Tax from 1% to 1.75%, Increasing Property Tax, the Budget Cushion, Grant asking the court for a raise to roughly \$62,000.00 depending on the CPI determined and calculated by DLG, Health Insurance, Jail Housing, Selling of properties, turning off utilities where not needed and raises for all employees. M. J advised that all meetings need to be recorded. Christina will Amend the April 30, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes and have them for the June 13, 2024 meeting for approval.

**Bills:** Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to pay bills. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. M. J opposed. County Treasurer Lesa Bullard advised the court that the utilities have been disconnected at the Glencoe Building and the Fairgrounds have been paid in full.

**Recognition of Audience:** None.

### **March 2024 Financial Reporting**

1. Fund Cash Statement Summary – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month April 30, 2024. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of April. Motion seconded by M. J Haddix. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month April. Motion seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes
4. Ordinance #041124/Budget Amendment #8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Insurance money \$14331.03 for Emergency Management 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe damages sustained during March storm. Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve Amendment #8. Motion seconded by M. J Haddix. All ayes.

5. Ordinance #043024/Budget Amendment #9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Interact4Health \$5,000.00 to Gallatin County Fair Board. M. J Haddix made a motion to approve Amendment #9. Motion seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.
6. Ordinance #050924/Budget Amendment #10 – Emergency Amendment. 1<sup>st</sup> and only Excess Fees to General, Jail, EMS salaries and Insurance. The funds of \$226,810.00 will be put in reserve and be used on the appropriate lines. Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve Amendment #10. Magistrate M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes. "Emergency amendment needed to cover additional cost of housing prisoners, jail medical and ambulance service salaries now that we have two squads covering 24/7."

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Youth Sports**

Chris Gifford GM of Marshall Chevrolet of Carrollton along with Kentucky Davis presented Youth Sports director Dwyane Bowen with a check for \$500.00. Along with Coach Buckets, First Aid Kit, Batting Cage, Batting Tee and Equipment Bags. There is a grant that Gallatin County is partnered with Chevrolet for every 20 test drives from a Gallatin County resident the Youth Sports program will receive an additional \$500.00. Dwayne advised he started 3 years ago and there were 70 kids and now the program has 350 kids.

### **County Cooperative Extension Service Budget Plan**

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **County Road Cooperative Program Agreement**

County Aid Co-Op Contract entering an agreement between Gallatin County Fiscal Court and Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. This is something that Gallatin County has always done in the past to assist with the roads. The total paid out amount will be \$611,772.35. There will be 3 payments the first one being the first of August in the amount of \$356,000.00, then a payment for 30% and last payment will be the remaining balance. Judge Morris read the resolution to the court. Donnie Sullivan made the motion to accept the agreement. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. County Clerk Christina McEntire took a Roll Call Vote 5-Yes and 0-No. Motion passes unanimously.

### **County Clerk Budget Amendment**

County Clerk Christina McEntire presented to the court to make a budget amendment to take Office Equipment line from \$20,000.00 to \$8000.00. To raise the Part-Time line from \$3,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the amendment. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Sheriff's Statement of Settlement-2023 Taxes**

Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to approve. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Proposed Budget 2024-2025 First Reading**

Annual Standing Orders. There are 91 pre-approved accounts. This has to be approved before any amendments can be made to the proposed budget. The pre-approved accounts are such as payroll, salaries, health insurance, utilities, SS, Retirement and Workman's Comp. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the Standing Orders. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. County Clerk Christina McEntire took a Roll Call Vote 5-Yes and 0-No. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Budget Discussion**

The court looked the budget again Magistrate Shinkle asked where the \$50,000.00 came from that was added to the jail line. It was \$500,000.00 at the Caucus and it is now \$550,000.00. The average jail bill would need to be \$41,000.00 every month for the budgeted \$500,000.00 to cover. The current bills have been averaging \$45,000.00. Magistrate Haddix asked Jailer Paula Giles when was the last \$40,000.00 bill was and she said it was early in her term and she took office in January 2023. Judge Ryan Morris informed the court he would be meeting with Commonwealth Attorney tomorrow after Circuit Court to discuss 3 or 4 long timers that are coming up for trial that be leaving or moved. The sports complex was the next topic of discussion M. J asked if there was a written agreement or just a verbal agreement. Ryan advised there is just a verbal agreement on the land. There are no signed documents. The grant was for \$55,000.00 City of Warsaw received \$27,500.00 and the county received \$27,500.00. The city takes care of the utilities. The salary of the sports director is split between the city and the county. Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked if we could have another meeting before the final reading? A special meeting will be scheduled. Magistrate Haddix asked if there had been any meetings with other jails able to house our inmates? Paula has not been able to talk with any of the other jails since the last meeting. Ryan informed the court he had talked to Grant County and the female section is full. They could possibly accommodate our male inmates. The Jail rates range from \$26.00 to \$40.00 a day which is the rate we pay. M. J said he has been contacted by Magistrates in Carroll County with the possibility of the jail closing and then our only options would be Grant County and Oldham County. M. J said we need to start taking approaches and having meetings with other jails. Currently Carroll County Detention Center houses Carroll, Gallatin, Owen and Trimble is split between Carroll County and Oldham County. Lesa told the court the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading has to go to DLG to be reviewed and make changes. If we have a special meeting there will have to be another 1<sup>st</sup> reading in case any changes have been made. Notification will be in the newspaper and posted. A special meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Magistrate made a motion for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Motion seconded by Magistrate Ethan Moore. County Clerk Christina McEntire took a Roll Call Vote 4-Yes and 1-No. Magistrate M. J Haddix opposed.

### **Board of Assessment Appointment**

Board Assessment Appeals is approaching and it is the County Judge Executives time to pick an appointment. Judge Ryan Morris made the made the motion of recommendation of appointment of Toni Lucarelli. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Magistrate M. J Haddix opposed.

### **Tourism Board Appointment**

Kelly Simpson has stepped down from the Tourism Board. This seat has to be filled by law by someone with restaurant connections. The recommendation was presented to the court of Lucy Deaton. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made the motion to appoint Lucy Deaton. The motion was seconded by Magistrate Ethan Moore. All ayes.

### **Litter Contest**

The Litter Poster Contest had 44 students participate from Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Lila Griffin \$100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Lily Griffin \$75.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Aislinne Gonzalez \$50.00

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Josie Smith \$25.00

Thank you to all of the students who participated.

### **Airport Terminal Committee**

Judge Ryan Morris, Magistrates M. J Haddix and Donnie Sullivan asked County Attorney Grant Axon if he seen an issue with all three of them showing up at the Airport Committee since they had made it where those three could go to the meetings even though there was a spot for just two? It usually would not happen that all three could attend but it did happen earlier this date. Grant advised he did not see where it would be an issue. The meeting is public, it is open, and it is advertised. Grant will confirm there if there is an issue.

### **Magistrate Comments**

Magistrate Haddix asked the Judge if he had been out Little Sugar at the end by 42. Ryan advised that it is on the list that will be getting tar.

Magistrate Shinkle said Heritage Hills is in need of patch work.

Magistrate Haddix asked repaving on Little Sugar and how far out it would be. Ryan said he would look to see when was the last time it was paved.

Magistrate Ethan Moore asked about the bridges on Vera Cruz. Judge Morris advised the road department was out there working on it today. They have a couple people coming to look at it and give bids.

Magistrate Sullivan brought up that there are still no speed limit or caution signs on the new stretch of 42 west.

Magistrate Ethan Moore asked where we were at with the sports complex. Ryan advised everything is still at the state.

Gallatin County Fair is June 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Judge Morris said we could put road signs up with the dates.

### **Closed Session**

Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to exit in to closed session to discuss KRS 61.810(1)(b). Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion.

### **Exit Closed Session**

Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to exit closed session. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion.

### **Adjourn**

Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to adjourn. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion.