

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
July 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on July 11, 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 present. Everyone stood for a moment of silence in honor of Assistant Fire Chief Little Barry "Cub" Alexander who passed away last week. Everyone continued to stand and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Minutes: Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the June monthly minutes. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

Minutes Special Meeting: Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made the motion to approve minutes from June 25, 2024 Special Meeting. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Bills: Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to pay the bills. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Magistrate M. J Haddix opposed.

Recognition of Audience: Emergency Management Director Brandon Terrell advised the court and the audience that on Wednesday, July 17th the NKY Brotherhood Ride will be making their way through Warsaw. The ride will make a stop at the Warsaw – Gallatin County Firehouse to honor and a presentation for the family of Mike Arrasmith. Mike worked for the Gallatin County EMS for many years and passed away in December 2019. The bicyclists are riding 400 miles in four days. They will be having dinner at the Riverfront City Park in Warsaw provided by Nucor. They will be camping out at the Gallatin County High School.

June 2024 Financial Reporting

1. Fund Cash Statement Summary – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month June 2024. Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of June. Motion seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month June. Motion seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.
4. Quarterly Financial Statement- Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the 4th quarter financial statement for April, May and June. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the 4th quarter financial statement. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

5. Annual Financial Statement- Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Annual Financial Statement for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Statement. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
6. Budget Amendment #1- Ordinance #071124- KU Fairboard donation \$1,000.00. Sheriff's Department hail damaged vehicles insurance reimbursement \$45,237.27. US Bank refund for Ashley Estates road assessment \$3475.44. For a total of \$49,712.71. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #1. Magistrate M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation Shipyard Safety Recognition Day July 14th.

Judge Morris was contacted by Evansville Marine Service as residents of Gallatin County are employees of the company. Evansville Marine Service is wanting to raise awareness of shipyard safety. Judge Morris read the proclamation to the court and declared July 14th Shipyard Safety Recognition Day in Gallatin County. Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve. Magistrate M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Grant County Jail Contract

Judge Morris advised the court himself and Jailer Paula Giles has been talking with Grant County Jailer, Sheriff and Judge as Grant County Jail becoming a secondary contract for Gallatin County. They would initially start with ten inmates as a start. Still working on negotiating. Paula said they will open more beds down the road in four to six months. Could possibly open up to 20 beds after the four to six months. Then possibly take all of the Gallatin County inmates. Grant County Jail has a medical unit with a nurse on call 24/7. Carroll County does not have medical staff after 4:00 p.m. The reason if we have an inmate who needs medical attention has to go to Carroll County Memorial Hospital which becomes a bigger expense. Magistrate Ethan Moore asked if Carroll County has been made aware that we are seeking a secondary contract? Jailer Paula Giles advised him that they were not aware. Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked how many inmates we currently have at Carroll County Detention Center? Paula advised there are currently 52 Gallatin County inmates and more than half are Gallatin County residents. Paula advised the court Grant County wants to have a meeting with both Gallatin County and Grant County Jailer, Judge, County Attorney, Sheriff, Police, KSP, etc. to go over policies and procedures. Sheriff Bud Webster asked if Grant County did zoom and if the sheriff deputies would have to transport inmates for court? Paula advised zoom was available and her department would transport. She was going to try to keep zoom inmates together and transported inmates together. Magistrate M. J Haddix advised the court has been contacted by magistrates in Carroll County because their main goal is to close the jail. Oldham County has advised they would take all of our inmates. Oldham County is an additional 25 miles past Carroll County. That would be a cost expense and more travel time. Magistrate Haddix has spoken to the Assistant Commissioner of Corrections and was told there is currently a study being conducted if they could close the jail and we should have a back-up plan. The jail issue is a problem across the state of Kentucky and not just in Gallatin County. Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the secondary contract with Grant County Jail. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Magistrate Ethan Moore is opposed.

Glencoe Bank Building Sale Date

Planning and Zoning Jim Hansen and Judge Ryan Morris went to the property and marked the lot with the description from the deed at the clerks office. There is more land than the court initially thought. Ryan presented to the court two options. Option #1: Get signs, banners, newspaper ads, etc. and have an auction or sealed bid. Option #2: Have the property appraised and listed for sale. Jim advised the court it 7,163 square feet and the Fair Market Value of \$45,000.00. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to table this one month to come up with ideas to sell the property. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

HAVA Grant Election Security

County Clerk Christina McEntire presented to the court the HAVA Grant for Election Security. All counties are eligible to apply for the grant of \$8300.00. Gallatin County can get 19 privacy voting booths for \$8300.00. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made the motion to approve the grant. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Magistrate Comments

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked about the road signs at the West end of 42 in the new area. Ryan said he got an email and said they are going to be installed.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked about the No Wake and buoys at Craigs Creek are legal. Ryan advised they are legal and he has even been asked to move them. The new owners of Smugglers Cove Marina are the ones who have put them out and they are legal. In June 2010 a letter was received that a no wake zone was permitted from the Commission of Fish and Wildlife, Coast Guard and Corp of Engineers. The previous owners never chose to do so. Ryan has spoke to the new owners and they told him it was to try to prevent property damage and for safety. It was also discussed for crosswalks and signs for 42 between Smuggler's Cove Marina and Sunset Grill. Ryan has reached out to the Transportation Cabinet. He advised it has been a topic.

Magistrate Ethan Moore spoke of the semis on Furnish Road that he had reports of. Sheriff Bud Webster advised his department logged more than 20 hours and never seen a speeder or semi. There was a speeder that was a neighbor dispute. Bud is at a loss for the semi's he can only do so much and the state says there is nothing they can do. Bud asked the court if they had any recommendations. Bud said the truckers are using GPS from their phones and not a trucker's GPS. There were 6 deputies that went out and did over 20 hours during 1st, 2nd and 3rd shift.

Magistrate M. J Haddix asked where we were at with a new Code Enforcement Officer and Animal Control Officer. Judge Morris advised no one has been hired yet but there were 2 interested in Animal Control and 2 interested in Code Enforcement. No one is currently filling those rolls at this time. Amy Stewart at the Judge's Office is currently working on getting the deeds for the code enforcement meeting at the end of the month. We still currently have one animal control officer working part time. M. J went on to ask about an incident that happened on 16 today. A father's pit bull bit his 16 year old son. The concern is there if the dog has rabies. Ryan said there would be a follow up visit about the dog. The 16 year old called 911 frantically EMS and Sheriff's Department went to the scene upon arrival the child had already been taken to the hospital by his grandfather. Sheriff Webster said by the amount of blood left behind the child was hurt. Magistrate M. J Haddix asked County Attorney Grant Axon if there was anything that could be done this is the second person the dog has bit. The grandfather has also been bit in the past. Animal Control will follow-up dog does not have rabies shot. The grandfather did not get rabies. Sheriff Webster said it is a really big dog. Grant said law enforcement can put a dog down if needed. Grant can meet or train for these situations. Gallatin County has a rabies clinic July 27th.

Magistrate M. J Haddix said there was a Facebook post disagreement with a family member (KY Davis) over an ethical issue at the fairgrounds. It was said the ethical issue was with the Board of Directors. This board consists of the 4 Magistrates and the Judge. The Executive Board protects the name of Gallatin County Fairgrounds. The board has control over the land not the individuals on the fairboard. M. J asked Grant about the fairboard money and would the Executive Board be responsible if there was any wrong doing with money? As directors does not mean they have a direct say. Grant said he would look at the documents he can not give an answer in two minutes. Grant would be happy to see all of the documents from the Secretary of State as well for the operations. County Treasurer Lesa Bullard oversees the checking accounts that are in the Gallatin County Fairboard name. Judge Morris intervened and said he was not for sure where this was going. Magistrate M. J Haddix asked if there was an ethical complaint on him? Judge Morris said there is a Board of Ethics if someone does not register a complaint it never goes to the board. KY Davis in the audience told M. J that he talked to Ryan and the board determined it was not unethical what he had brought to their attention and it was not about him. Ryan advised anyone in the community can make an ethics complaint.

Adjourn

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Christina McEntire
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk

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