

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**August 8, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on August 8, 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 and Donnie Sullivan. Magistrate M. J Haddix was present for Closed Session. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**Agenda:** Judge Morris asked to add Amy Williams to the agenda under new business about the Glencoe Park. Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

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

**Bills:** Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to pay the bills. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:**

Dan Berkshire addressed the court of a new driveway off of Hwy 16 on to 127 close to the city of Glencoe. He advised it is the property that Airport Towing is going to or already has purchased. He said we already have junkyards you can see getting off the interstate, inside of Glencoe and one on Boone Road. Dan was advised there has been no Building Permits and no Business License has been applied for. Dan asked the court if there was to be someone apply for either could the court put a stop to it? Ryan said he would have to look in to. The property is in the city limits of Glencoe so the city could possibly do something. If they came to the Judge's Office to apply for licenses it would have to go before Planning and Zoning. It was also require a special permit from the state because it is a state highway.

Dan Berkshire next addressed the court about the old Hill residents in Glencoe East Howard Street. Mr. Berkshire recently had his home on the market for \$700,000.00 and people were saying there is nothing in Glencoe worth that much money. Other realtors would not assist in helping them sell their home. Mr. Berkshire wanted to know where Code Enforcement was and this would not be allowed in Warsaw. His son Jonathan Berkshire is on City Council in Glencoe and he told him they do not have a Code Enforcement Office in Glencoe. Ryan informed Mr. Berkshire there was a vacancy in the Code Enforcement at the end of June. A new Code Enforcement officer has been hired this week. Ryan said we are better than we were a year ago or even two years ago. We all want it cleaned up it is just not moving at the pace we want it to. Mayor of Glencoe Mark Wilson spoke up and said he has contacted the City Attorney in reference to the property Dan Berkshire is referring too.

Barry Wash wanted to address the court on behalf of Smuggler's Cove Marina after an article he saw in the Newspaper. He stated he has a boat at the marina and the new owners are trying to make the area better with the buoys. His boat has needed paint and had to replace cleats from the wake. They are trying to save boat owners and themselves from property damage. One of the owners from Smuggler's stated the buoys are getting moved but it is not them moving the buoys. They have the permits from Fish & Wildlife to have the buoys set out to reduce the wake in the area.

Fairboard President Kentucky Davis advised the court that the Gallatin County Fairground's has been chosen as a location for the Last Man Standing Running Marathon. It is two and a half days

of non-stop running. The last man standing is the winner. This event will take place in September 2025. Kentucky also has a meeting with PBR next week with hopes to have an event at the fairgrounds before the end of the year.

### **July 2024 Financial Reporting**

1. Fund Cash Statement Summary -- Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month July 2024. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. 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.
3. Budget Amendment #1- Ordinance #071124- 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading, 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 Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #2 -- Ordinance #080824- Insurance Reimbursement for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$17,681.88. Magistrate Ethan Moore made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #2. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Jail Contract**

Jailer Paula Giles met with Grant County Jailer there were a couple of concerns but they were worked out. They will dedicate certain workers to Gallatin inmates. Gallatin County inmates could start getting moved from CCDC to Grant County as soon as Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 47 Gallatin County inmates housed at CCDC.

#### **Glencoe Bank Building**

Judge Morris advised the court that the KRS is clear it has to be a Public Auction. The date of Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Fliers will be made to hang up around the community and it will be advertised in the newspaper. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made the motion to set the Public Auction date. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Glencoe City Park**

Glencoe City Council Member Amy Williams advised the court that they now have two new pieces of playground equipment. There will be a ribbon cutting on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The basketball court should be complete by the ribbon cutting ceremony. The city council members are accepting monetary donations and raffle baskets for their upcoming Fall Fest in October. All proceeds go to the City Park.

#### **Real Property Tax Rate 2024-2025**

No change same tax rate as previous year of 0.089. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made the motion to accept the tax rate. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Property Tax Rate 2024-2025**

No change same tax rate as previous year of 0.163. Magistrate Ethan Moore made the motion to accept the tax rate. Magistrate Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

#### **Three Rivers Health Department Tax Rate**

Tax rate for the Health District 5.5 per 100 stay the same. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made the motion to accept the tax rate. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **KORRA (Kentucky Ohio River Recreational Area)**

Sherry Broderick from Gallatin County Tourism brought awareness to Gallatin County about KORRA. This affects every county that borders the Ohio River. This will help make a significant economic value to the rivertowns. It was presented to Tourism and they passed a motion requesting Fiscal Court to approve the motion of letting KORRA in to our county and supporting it. Judge Morris read the motion HB 712 and named the 11 participating counties. All approved.

#### **Hartig Park**

Judge Morris and Magistrate Shinkle met with citizens about Hartig Park the free camping and fall hunting. Magistrate Shinkle said the property is not being utilized how they intended. There should be no camping September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, security cameras and maybe even some gates. People are staying who are not registered and staying longer than they are registered for. Judge Morris made the recommendation to end camping September 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025. Hartig Park will handle the evicting process. Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to pass the dates Judge Morris recommended. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **Medical Cannabis Discussion**

Judge Morris to the court are we going to allow dispensaries in Gallatin County. We have to have an ordinance in place by January 1, 2025.

#### **Magistrate Comments**

Magistrate Ethan Moore asked Judge Morris where we were at with Sports Complex. Ryan reached out to the architect. Ryan wants to have it done before the weather turns bad. Waiting on the state for permits.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked about the speed limit signs on US 42 if Ryan had heard anything. Ryan said he hasn't heard anything but he will send out some emails.

Magistrate Sullivan reminded everyone of Raft Up coming up on August 10<sup>th</sup>

Good Ol Guys and Gals Car Show on August 10<sup>th</sup>

Mark Wilson's Car Show in Glencoe on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Judge Morris also added

#### **Exit to Closed Session**

Magistrate Ethan Moore made the motion to exit in to closed session. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **Exit out of Closed Session**

Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to exit closed session. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Litigation- Jeff Mando**

Follow recommendation of attorney and pay \$6802.44 Magistrate Ethan Moore made the motion to follow the recommendation of the attorney. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. 5-0 to settle the lawsuit

**Adjourn**

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

Christina McEntire  
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk

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