

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
September 12, 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, Donnie Sullivan and M. J Haddix. County Attorney Grant Axon was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: Judge Morris added to the agenda to possibly changing the date to the November 14th meeting date. Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion for the addition to the agenda. Magistrate M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Minutes: Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the August monthly meeting minutes. Magistrate Joel Shinkle 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 abstained. Motion passes 4-1.

Recognition of Audience:

Fairboard President Kentucky Davis informed the court he has been in contact with a Professional Bull Riding Company. There would be a barrel racing and bull riding. The fairboard will be voting on this at the Tuesday, September 17, 2024 meeting. It would be held on Saturday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. with gates opening at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. there would be events in the arena for kids. Everything will be set in stone once the board votes at the September meeting. Saturday, October 26th the fairboard will have the 2nd Annual Halloween Demolition Derby.

Animal Control Officer Jeff Harper informed the court that he and Tiffany from the shelter will be going to Old Fashioned Days in Walton this upcoming weekend. They have will be taking four dogs in hopes of having them adopted. They will also be passing out some goodie bags.

August 2024 Financial Reporting

1. Fund Cash Statement Summary – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month August 2024. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. Magistrate M. J Haddix abstained. Motion passes.
2. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month August. Motion seconded by Joel Shinkle. Magistrate M. J Haddix abstained. Motion passes.
3. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for August. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. Magistrate M. J Haddix abstained. Motion passes.
4. Budget Amendment #2 – Ordinance #080824- 2nd Reading- 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. Magistrate M. J Haddix abstained. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Kentucky Deferred Comp Resolution

Judge Morris summarized the resolution to the court. This is a requirement yearly to allow Finance Officer Madison Pelfrey to continue to execute or administer the plans and resolutions for the county employees. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made the motion to approve the resolution. Magistrate Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes!!

Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Discussion

Judge Morris passed out a handout to the court members to declare the resolution to either allow dispensaries to sell Medical Cannabis or to not sell Medical Cannabis in Gallatin County. Only four will be in our region based on the NKADD Region. That will include Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Owen, Grant, Carroll and Gallatin counties. Judge Morris said we could add this to the October agenda, have the first reading in November and second reading in December as a resolution has to be in place by January 2025. The city of Warsaw will be voting for this on their ballot in the November 2024 General Election. Magistrate Shinkle said this will more than likely happen in the city limits of one of the cities. At this time no applications have been applied for by any Gallatin County residents that Judge Morris is aware of.

Planning and Zoning Appointment

Chuck Welte has resigned from his seat on Planning and Zoning. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made the recommendation of Branden Doolin. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made the motion to appoint Branden Doolin to the Planning and Zoning Board. Magistrate M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Recycling/Trash Rates

The dumpster at the county barn is being used daily and still have the dump dates the first Saturday of the month. One county barn employee stays on the lot during the week in case anyone show up to dump and on Saturday there are at least three employees and someone at the gate to verify they are a Gallatin County resident. As of now you pay by the truckload and taking in the consideration to start doing it by weight. Judge Morris advised the court there is \$14,000.00 in grant money. Owen County is also looking in to purchasing a scale. The cost on the dumpster 2021-2022 \$49,019.00, 2022-2023 \$68,162.00 and 2023-2024 \$63,132.00. Judge Morris advise commercial rates should be applied because the road department knows there are some commercial companies coming in and dumping from insurance jobs. They are getting to dump here at an extremely low rate. It was brought up that maybe we need to start charging a tire rate as well. It was told that surrounding counties are charging from \$1.00 to \$25.00 a tire for a regular tire to a tractor trailer tire. Magistrate Joel Shinkle said he would like to see a tire rate implemented. Magistrate M. J Haddix the current was never designed for a commercial rate. This is costing the county money to take it to a commercial company. Regular homeowners pay a discounted rate. Magistrate Joel Shinkle said it is a burden to take in a contractors dump. We are not making any money off of them. If it is commercial we have to leave it commercial. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to table this until next month. Magistrate Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Extension District Board Nomination

There are two available positions. The recommendations have been made for Beth Lynn and Heather LeBlanc. Alternates Zack Jones and Louise Hiles. Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to accept the recommendations. Magistrate M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Airport Board Appointment-Nucor-

Cathy Caudill has stepped down from her seat on the Airport Board. The recommendation of Clint Graham was made. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan made the motion to accept the recommendation. Magistrate M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

November Fiscal Court Meeting Date Change

Judge Morris asked to move the Thursday, November 14, 2024 meeting date as it falls during the KACO Conference. Change to Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Magistrate M. J Haddix made a motion to accept. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

Magistrate Comments

Glencoe Bank Building Auction set for Saturday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m. Magistrate Moore asked if it had been surveyed. Judge Morris said it had not been and that him and Jim had been out to find the stakes. Magistrate Sullivan said he had the understanding that it was going to be surveyed as well. Judge Morris said the legal description is in the deed.

The 127 railroad crossing has opened back up as of 6:00 a.m. this morning. The county guys went and cleared the gravel road along side the tracks so that emergency vehicles could cross the tracks if needed at a different section. Sparta side of the tracks will be next.

Magistrate M. J Haddix was at a Transportation Committee meeting with Senator Higgins and Williams. They were asking the status of where we were at with the prices on building terminals at the airport. Jim Hansen with Planning and Zoning said it had been presented to the board and we are waiting on bids. He believes we are close to putting a price on individual hangers. Same on commercial hangers. Judge Morris said 2-4 weeks we should start having prices. Jim said at a certain degree we are at a standstill and with the price of steel changing.

Magistrate Haddix said Thank You to Dwayne Bowen, Sidney Gullion, Brent Brown and all of the road guys for the new mulch at the playground at the fairgrounds.

KY Davis said Thank You to Grant Axon and Jeff Harper saving 9 puppies from an abandoned home.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked if Fish and Wildlife are going to leave the buoys at Craigs Creek. County Attorney Grant Axon said they are issuing citations according to the KRS. That KRS states 100 feet from any dock. There is going to be no compromise.

Exit to Closed Session

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

Adjourn

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

Christina McEntire
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk

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