

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**Special Meeting**  
**October 15, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Special Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing), 395 U.S. 42 West Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, Joel Shinkle and M. J Haddix. County Attorney Grant Axon present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the September 12, 2024 meeting was presented. Motion to approve made by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Moore. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None

**Approval of Agenda:** Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the agenda. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval, Magistrate Moore moved to pay the bills as presented. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. Magistrate Haddix voted no. Motion passed 4-1.

**September 2024 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending September 30, 2024. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Shinkle seconded. Magistrate Haddix voting no. Motion passed 4-1.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of September. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. Magistrate Haddix voted no. Motion passed 4-1.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve interfund cash transfers. Magistrate Sullivan seconded. Magistrate Haddix voted no. Motion passed 4-1.
4. Quarterly Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (July-September) – Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the quarterly report presented. Magistrate Moore seconded. Magistrate Haddix voted no. Motion passed 4-1.
5. Ordinance #101524/Budget Amendment #3– Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the first reading of Amendment #3 with unanticipated revenues from City of Warsaw Donation to Spay/Neuter, Airport Correction (Duplicate ACH) and General Fund Excess Revenues from Insurance and Miscellaneous accounts. Magistrate Sullivan seconded. Magistrate Haddix voted no. Motion passed 4-1.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRASH RATES- ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Judge has reviewed several adjoining counties who charge fees for people to bring and dump garbage or cleanup items from their property. The county has seen an increase in costs and the increase with our rates would help cover the increase. We do not take tractor or heavy equipment tires or paint. We do receive a Waste Tire Grant annually in the amount of \$4,000.00. Every three years the state holds a tire amnesty where they take tractor and heavy equipment tires. The Judge presented the 2025 Garbage Dump Rate proposal. A motion to accept the 2025 Garbage rates made by Magistrate Haddix and seconded by Magistrate Shinkle. Motion approved and rates effective January 1, 2025.

### MEDICAL CANNIBUS

Judge asked the fiscal court for direction in preparing the medical cannabis ordinance. The county can pass an ordinance to prohibit operations or pass a resolution to put the matter before public vote, place restrictions and/or collect fees to cannabis businesses that could operate within the county. This taxation would require a change to our current Business License ordinance. County Attorney Axon that cannabis will be everywhere in the state eventually. There have been studies in other areas regarding crime and dispensaries and so far, there is no study it increases crime that he is aware of. We can prepare both ordinances for November voting. We do have the option to opt in later if we choose. There will be four licenses in each ADD district. Magistrate Moore would like more time to read more about the medical cannabis before voting. Readings will be held in November and December; this ordinance must be complete before January 1, 2025. Motion made by Magistrate Shinkle to table until the November meeting. Second by Magistrate Moore. Motion carries.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/TRIAD PHARMACY

The Northern Kentucky Area Development District needs approval to release the funds. This is the exactly what we have approved prior year for the Triad Pharmacy. A motion to approve the CDBG Grant funds release for Triad Pharmacy was made by Magistrate Haddix and second by Magistrate Sullivan. Motion carries.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Shalayne Maxwell with the ION Center spoke about Domestic Violence Awareness Month; she stated the ION Center covers 13 counties and has a 24-hour hot line with 365-day coverage. The ION Center works on intervention and prevention. The green dot represents positive interaction and the red dots signify violence. The information is shared in several locations within Gallatin County such as the Gallatin Co Library and Judge's office. Judge Morris read the Proclamation for Domestic Violence.

#### GALLATIN COMMUNITY PARK & RECREATION

Aaron Hickey gave a brief overview of what the group is planning now that they have their 501c3 complete. They are requesting a donation of \$750.00 from the County and the same amount from the city to pay for a Professional Park Planner at a cost of \$5,000.00 and the group has already raised on their own \$3,500.00. The professional park planner will outline a layout for lighting, handicap parking, sidewalks, and fields. Aaron commented that he hoped the County and City would continue to work together along with the Gallatin Community Park & Recreation to complete park projects that are in the works. Motion made by Magistrate Sullivan to donate \$750.00 with a second from Magistrate Moore. Motion carried.

#### AIRPORT BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Paula Lillard, Airport Board Vice Chair presented and requested approval for the following:

- (a) Ten Plane T-Hanger with door sizing of 42'H/12'W, 44'/14', 48'/14'. Any request outside of these would require a variance and be voted on by the board.

Paula stated this is part of the Standard Operating Procedures that must be set. A motion by Magistrate Haddix to accept these T-hanger standards with a second by Magistrate Moore. Motion carried.

- (b) Types of hangers: T, Box, and Corporate. Anything outside of this would constitute a variance and require board approval. Motion made by Magistrate Haddix to accept these types of Hangers and seconded by Magistrate Moore. Motion carried.

In other discussion, it was recommended the Airport board join KAA at a cost of \$200.00. This allows an airport board represent and the Judge and Jim to attend the next meeting in Lexington for a 3-day conference.

Paula stated the airport will keep with a common color scheme and this will become a standard they will present in the coming months.

**CPPP ROAD REQUEST**

There is a new process in receiving road monies for paving and slide repairs. Judge Morris submitted eight slide repairs along with paving requests for Hance, Little Sugar, Vera Cruz and Lawson-Redden roads. We will be notified in April which projects will be funded. Magistrate Shinkle stated the road department needed a hot tar machine that would seal crack and help prevent slides.

**MAGISTRATE COMMENTS**

Magistrate Haddix asked Judge Morris if the shouldering machine is up and running and the Judge stated yes, the machine is up and running.

**ADJOURN**

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

**NO CLOSED SESSION**