

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 13, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on March 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing) Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were M. J Haddix, Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, and Joel Shinkle. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** Minutes from February 17, 2025 regular meeting was presented. Motion to approve made by Magistrate Sullivan and seconded by Magistrate Shinkle. Magistrate M. J Haddix voting present. Motion passes 4-1.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda made by Magistrate Moore and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan, All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** NONE

**Monthly Bills:** Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to pay the bills. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Magistrate M. J Haddix voting present. Motion passes 4-1.

**February 2025 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending February, 2025. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Sullivan seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of February. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve February Interfund Cash Transfers. Magistrate Haddix seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
4. Ordinance #021725/Budget Amendment #7- Second and Final reading. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the \$500.00 donation from NAS to the Gallatin County Fair Board for Fairground events or projects. Magistrate Shinkle seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
5. Ordinance #031325/Budget Amendment #8- First Reading. Sheriff Excess Fees, County Clerk Excess Fees, Interact Grant, W/C Master Drone insurance reimbursement and Excess Revenues totaling \$410,237.00. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #8. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed. All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

### **Planet Youth-Sherri Broderick**

Sherri Broderick from Gallatin County Three Rivers District Health Department presented to the Fiscal Court asking for community partnership with the Planet Youth program. It will cover Gallatin, Owen, Carroll and Pendleton counties. Sherri has went to the Gallatin County School Board meeting and it was approved to have 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students take a survey during school hours. A permission slip will be sent home for parents to sign and the student to bring back to school before they are able to participate in the survey. Every student who turns in the permission slip and a completed survey will receive a Dairy Queen gift card. The survey will consist of questions such as are you a smoker?, Where do you get your cigarettes?, How long have you smoked? and How many hours do you sleep? This will be a collaborative project for better health and safety for our youth.

### **County Clerk 2024 Settlement**

County Clerk Christina McEntire advised the court that she had closed out the account for 2024 and gave County Treasurer Lesa Bullard a check for \$38,261.10 for Excess Fees. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Election Equipment-Machine Maintenance**

County Clerk Christina McEntire presented to the Fiscal Court a quote for voting machine maintenance. This is recommended every four years. The quote is in the amount of \$3090.20. That will cover replacement of all coin batteries in each device, calibration and testing of all Verity Scan devices, testing Verity Prints and Printers, testing/calibration of ballot marking devices, complete machine prepping with verification forms and seals as well as full paper rolls in each device, upgrade, installation and testing of software on count tabulation computer, V-Drives and Verity Keys. This is something that can be budgeted in to the budget for 2025-2026. Judge Morris asked the clerk if she could bring this back in front of the court during the budget process. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to pay the machine maintenance. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Election Equipment- Purchase of 2 new voting machines**

County Clerk Christina McEntire presented to the Fiscal Court a quote for two new voting machines. Christina advised the court when the current nine voting machines were purchased in February 2022 there were only 2 or 3 vote centers and now we currently have 5. With the nine machines that leaves us with one spare machine. Each machine has a dedicated location the 6-Day Early Excused Absentee Voting, 3-Day Early Voting, Mail-In Absentee Voting, 5 Vote Center locations and one spare. In the 2024 November General Election the voting machine went down at the Extension Office our busiest location on Election Day. We sent our one and only spare voting machine to that location. Had another machine went down we would have had to shut down a location. The purchase of additional machines is something that our County Board of Elections has discussed on Election Day and our monthly meetings. We do not want a situation to arise that we would have to shut down a location due to not having a machine available. Our next Election is in May, 2026 and it is a county election. The machine that went down has not been looked at yet. Our vendor will start making their rounds to all of our offices in April. Christina presented a quote for two new machines in the amount of \$13,702.00 and that can also be paid in the 2025-2026 budget. Magistrate Moore made a motion to purchase 2 new voting machines. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Parks and Rec Board Update-Sports Complex**

Aaron Hickey presented members of the audience and Fiscal Court members a drawing of the plans for the sports complex on Bea Scott Drive. He knows main concerns are Parking the plans add 2 new concrete parking lots, trees for shade, lighting, concession stand, playground, shorter walking distance to the fields and a figure 8 walking track. Aaron is asking for a sponsorship with the county as a lot of the grants ask for government matching. As youth sports continues to grow in every area. The total cost of the current drawing is \$3.6 million. Aaron feels the cost can be cut down in some areas. The lights in the

estimate are \$1 million alone. He would like to see this done in the next 5 years. Aaron will be going to talk to the Warsaw City Council at their April meeting. He wants to make sure there is good communication between the city and the county. As this is a project that will need to be maintained between the city and the county. I would hate to spend all this time and the park not be well maintained. This was the park that has been picked over all the parks in the county to do this project. The court Thanked Aaron for his time and dedication to this project.

#### **Solid Waste (Tire Prices) Trash List**

At the current rate for tires at the road department we are paying more to Rumpke than we are collecting. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to make tire prices the same as Rumpke. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed. All ayes.

#### **NKADD Title VI Resolution**

Judge Morris read the Resolution as this is for the Triad Pharmacy Grant in the amount of \$650,000.00. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the resolution. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **LEPP Resolution**

Sheriff Webster came to the Fiscal Court to ask for their approval on the LEPP Resolution grant. It is a grant to purchase body cameras. He has to have the courts approval before he can apply for the grant. The grant amount is \$38,000.00 and the full price of the body cameras are \$58,282.00. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the grant. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed. All ayes.

#### **Recess**

Magistrate Haddix made a motion to go in to a 10 minute recess to see if we could do a closed session without County Attorney Grant Axon present. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion.

Sheriff Webster made contact with Commonwealth Attorney Louis Kelly to ask for legal advice if the court could exit to Closed Session without Legal Counsel present. Sheriff Webster advised the court they could go in to closed session but no legal action can be taken. Per Commonwealth Attorney Louis Kelly

#### **Closed Session KRS 61.810(1)(b)**

Magistrate Moore made a motion to enter closed session. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **EXIT CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to exit closed session made by Magistrate Haddix and seconded by Magistrate Moore. Motion passed.

#### **ADJOURN**

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

⑩ AMBULANCE BOTH CALLS

**March 2025**

- **Planet Youth**
- **County Clerk Settlement**
- **Election Equipment**
- **Parks and Rec Board Update**
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- **NKADD Resolution**
- **LEPP Resolution**
- **Closed Session**