

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 10, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on April 10, 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 March 13, 2025 regular meeting were presented. Magistrate Haddix asked to amend the minutes to add Magistrate comments. Motion to approve amended minutes was made by Magistrate Shinkle and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan. All ayes.

**Approval of Agenda:** Judge Morris asked to add to the agenda Fairground project-Action Requested and Discussion on street legal special purpose vehicles. Motion to approve the agenda with the two additions made by Magistrate Moore. Motion seconded by Magistrate Haddix. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** Spencer Road residents came to address the court concerning a nuisance property. They went to the Code Enforcement meeting and they were advised to come to the county. Ryan advised he had text messages with Mr. Tolson and he hoped he had relayed the messages to the rest of the residents. The property in question is the McIntyre property. Ryan advised Code Enforcement is doing what they can do and they are better now than it was a year ago or even two years ago. This board (the current Fiscal Court) is who created Code Enforcement and it is still new. One of the residents brought up the property on Main Cross across from the Catholic Church (Loren Robert's). Ryan advised him that is in the city limits of Warsaw and he can't answer for Warsaw. M. J said code enforcement just started in 2021 and still dealing with covid. This property was the first one on the code enforcement list and that means we have been dealing with this property for over 3 years. Magistrate Haddix said Judge Morris respectfully what is your plan if you can't get all the signatures? Ryan said he could get all of the signatures this weekend. One of the residents advised the court they were told by Code Enforcement to come to this meeting because they have done all that they can do. The county has already cleaned this property up twice. M. J said he feels the frustration of the residents. In December there was a fire at the residence and he stated there were two dogs tied up to a board outside who had been neglected. He said he called Jeff Harper to come and pick up the dogs. One of the residents stated he would watch the home owner walk to the railing every other day and throw the trash over the railing. Magistrate Shinkle asked what is the next plan of action? Magistrate Sullivan said we need to foreclose and clean up the property. All parties are aware there are liens on the property. Ryan said property dispute will be done by next meeting. Magistrate Haddix wants this on the agenda for May meeting and all members be prepared for legal action.

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

**March 2025 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending March, 2025. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Haddix seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of March. Magistrate Moore seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve March Interfund Cash Transfers. Magistrate Sullivan seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.

4. Quarterly Financial – Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial statement. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
5. Ordinance #031325/Budget Amendment #8- Second and final reading. Sheriff Excess Fees, County Clerk Excess Fees, Interact Grant, W/C Master Drone insurance reimbursement and Excess Revenues totaling \$410,237.00. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #8. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed. All ayes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Code Enforcement Appointment**

Scott Workman the representative for the Glencoe/Veteran's Memorial precinct has resigned from his seat on code enforcement. The Fiscal Court has to appoint a new member to fill the vacancy. Sparta also has a vacancy. The City of Sparta will let the court know who they appoint. Magistrate Haddix represents the Glencoe/Veterans Memorial precincts and made a motion to appoint Chelsea Chorley in the vacant seat. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Proclamation for Arbor Day**

Judge Morris read the Proclamation for Arbor Day. Arbor Day will be declared April 4, 2025 for Gallatin County. The Soil Conservation District will still be doing the tree giveaway.

### **Resolution for County Road System**

Judge Morris presented to the court the updated roads for the county road system. Speedway Blvd is no longer included and Airport Road has been added. Magistrate Joel Shinkle made the motion to accept the resolution. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Gallatin County Extension Service Budget FY26**

The Gallatin County Extension Service Budget FY26 was present to the court. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to accept the budget. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Slide Proposal for County Park**

Judge Morris advised the county the big plastic slide at the county park is broke beyond repair. The road department had fixed it and it is broke again and now there is no fixing. The slide has been taken down. The break is at the top of the slide. Ryan has a quote for a new slide from Bluegrass for \$11,962.92. Magistrate Haddix asked if there were any legal issues of buying a used one? He has been looking at them recently for his business. Ryan said he was unaware of any legal issues of buying a used slide. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to not buy the \$11,962.92 slide and table to the next meeting. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **Roof Bids for Judge Executive Office/PVA Office**

Judge Morris presented the court two bids that he received from bid job for a new roof for the Judge's Office and PVA Office. The ad was ran in Gallatin County Newspaper in March that they seeking bids

for a new roof. The two bids were from Tim Cocco Roofing for \$22,200.00 and Armor Services for \$15,500.00. Magistrate Haddix asked if the roof was currently leaking? Judge Morris advised that it leaks in the PVA office with heavy rains. Magistrate Shinkle asked if there was a warranty? Magistrate Haddix asked if there would be any legal issue with going with Armor Services since Casey Stewart runs the company and his wife is an employee in the Judge's Office? The discussion amongst the court was they don't see the issue since it is the lowest bid. If it had been the higher bid they could see the issue then. Magistrate Sullivan made the motion to accept the lowest bid pending legal advice from County Attorney Grant Axon. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **Flooding**

Judge Morris wanted to commend churches and storm shelters that opened during the storms and recent flooding. Brandon Terrell Emergency Management Director advised that all churches that opened had at least 35-40 people. Judge Morris wanted to thank Brayden Terrell, Chip Boots, Chris Wilhoite, First Responders, Tyler Risner, Glenn Risner and everyone who assisted in the recent flooding. Kentucky Davis asked if he could speak and he commended Brandon Terrell as he was getting hay to horses who had a flooded pasture and groceries to the families. They used the Fire Department rescue boat to get to the residents. Brandon advised FEMA is bringing 50 clean-up buckets on Saturday. He is unsure of what is included in the buckets. He knows there will be federal assistance available. There will be different levels. There will be an individual threshold that has to be met, a county threshold and a state threshold that has to be met. The clean up along Hwy 1039, Hwy 35, Hwy 42 and the interstate we will not get reimbursement from those highways. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to give \$5,000.00 in recovery efforts. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **Fairgrounds Project-Bleachers**

Judge Morris advised there are projects at the fairgrounds that need to be completed. The grounds lack bleachers at the new horse arena. Fair Board President Kentucky Davis and wife Connie Davis were present the bleachers are 10 rows, 33 feet long and seat 187 people. The cost is \$23,719.00. Kentucky advised there are also grants applied for to help us purchase more. There are currently 15 events already scheduled at the grounds this year. Kentucky is going to donate the concrete and Magistrate Shinkle is going to donate the labor. Dow Corning will send out a group of employees to help assemble the bleachers. As they have helped with other projects in the past. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to take \$23,719.00 out capital expenditures to purchase the bleachers. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

#### **Recess**

Magistrate Moore made a motion for a two minute recess. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion.

#### **Enter Back in to Session**

Judge Morris called the April 10, 2025 Fiscal Court meeting back in to session.

#### **Street Legal Special Purpose Vehicles**

Judge Morris advised the court that effective June 27, 2025 these vehicles will be road legal. The county will have to pass an ordinance. County Clerk Christina McEntire advised the court the Sheriff's Department will conduct a special inspection to these vehicles and they will have to pass the vehicle and then bring the inspection to the clerks office to register it. These vehicles will be taxed and tagged like other motor vehicles. Proof of insurance will have to be provided as well. Magistrate Moore asked that we have this in line with the state and be on the agenda next month.

#### **Magistrate Comments**

Magistrate Shinkle asked that we buy a cheap john boat for the road department. As they were out retrieving docks from the recent floods they were having to oar out to get it. It would come in handy in situations like we have recently had

Magistrate Haddix talked with Code Enforcement Officer Chip Boots about the trash that is being dumped across the road from Eddie McCord's property on Hwy 16.

Judge Morris advised the court budget time is coming up. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading will be in May and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be in June.

Judge Morris also advised he has heard that the water isn't safe to drink. He advised the water department is in compliance and all results are posted on the water departments website for anyone to see. The water is safe to drink.

Magistrate Shinkle asked if we could go in to closed session?

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

Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to enter closed session. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

**EXIT CLOSED SESSION**

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

**ADJOURN**

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

**April 2025**

- Code Enforcement Appointment
- Proclamation for Arbor Day
- Resolution for County Road System
- Gallatin County Extension Service Budget FY26
- Roof Bids for Judge Executive Office/PVA Office
- Flooding
- Fairgrounds Project
- Street Legal Special Purpose Vehicles
- Closed Session