

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2025
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing) Warsaw, Kentucky. County Attorney Grant Axon was present. Magistrates present were M. J Haddix, Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, and Joel Shinkle. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from May 8th regular meeting and May 13th special meeting minutes were presented. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

Approval of Agenda: Judge Morris asked to add code enforcement to old business. Magistrate Moore made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: John Wittenauer President of the Hillandale Association came to the court because he seen the budget in the newspaper of the \$1.3 million for road repairs. He was curious to see if Hillandale would be on the list of roads being repaved. It was paved in 2012 and they were told it would be paved in another 10 years and it has not. There are 8 major areas that have been marked that need to be repaired. Judge Morris advised that it is not in the budget for this year. Last year we turned over the flex funds from KYTC for road projects and this year we voted to retain the funds. John advised that they have got a quote for the areas that need immediate attention and it was \$11,500.00. Ryan advised Mr. Wittenauer that he would get with the county road supervisor Brent Brown to see what needs to be addressed. Mr. Wittenauer said the areas have been marked.

Sherri Broderick from Three Rivers District Health Department passed out a flyer for Summer Fun Day. It will be June 26th 3:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and it is free. There will be activities, story walk, Gallatin Community Church will be having a grill out.

Sherri was also there representing Gallatin County Tourism. She gave all members of the board a Ohio River Way Official Visitors Guide magazine. This is funded through state funding and national funding. Gallatin County is featured on page 24 of this magazine.

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

May 2025 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending May, 2025. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the report and Magistrate Shinkle seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Sullivan 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 Shinkle made a motion to approve March Interfund Cash Transfers. Magistrate Haddix seconded. Motion passed. All ayes.
4. Cash transfer to General Account- Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the cash transfer to the general account. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

5. Ordinance#061625- Amendment #9- Emergency Amendment 1st and only reading. Wire Transfer Investment (Capital Purchase) building in the amount \$549,000.00 and donation from Nucor to Gallatin County Fair Board \$2,000.00. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve Amendment #9. Magistrate Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Slide Proposal for County Park

Judge Morris advised the court that he had found a slide for \$8,900.00 to replace the slide and the installation of 8 ft slide. He said we need to either replace or take down and not replace. Ryan said the old one is still up there it is just roped off and unable to use. Magistrate Shinkle asked if the slide is used. Judge Morris said the slide is used and they were unable to use it the last two weeks of school during class picnics. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to table until July and remove the old slide. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion.

Budget 2025-2026 2nd Reading

Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Fiscal Court Clerk Christina McEntire called a roll call vote. Magistrate Sullivan-Yes, Magistrate Shinkle-Yes, Judge Morris-Yes, Magistrate Moore-Yes and Magistrate Haddix-No. Motion passes 4-1.

ABC License Amendment

Judge Morris advised he checked in to the requirements with entertainment venues such as Water's Edge, the Bed and Breakfast and the Presley House. They will have options to be approved by the state and they are pretty cut and dry. Some license will go by the county population. License to be able to sell beer, wine and spirits by the drink will be available to them. We are currently in line with the state guidelines. They will have applications to fill out and run ads in the newspaper to get approval from the state and then they will come to the county.

Off Road UTV Ordinance

Judge Morris told the court the law will take in to effect on June 27, 2025 and he asked County Clerk Christina if she had any updates. She advised the clerks conference is next week and they will be giving the final guidance next. No matter what Sheriff Webster and his office will have to inspect the units and we will have to register them. The ordinance could have already passed in another county and they could be trailering them to another county or state. The inspection will be \$25.00 and then they will come to the clerks office to register. Magistrate Haddix asked if we could have a first reading of the ordinance since it was in the packet. Judge Morris advised that we could but if there were any changes it would have to be amended. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to have a 1st reading of ordinance #05082025. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Judge Morris read ordinance #05082025 of SB63. After discussion the roads to be excluded are interstate 71 and Hwy 1039. Fiscal Court Clerk Christina McEntire took a roll call vote. Yes to pass or No to not pass. Magistrate Sullivan-Yes, Magistrate Shinkle-Yes, Judge Morris-Yes, Magistrate Moore-Yes and Magistrate Haddix-Yes. Motion for 1st Reading passes 5-0.

Code Enforcement Update

Judge Morris wanted to give an update on a couple of properties. Heritage Hills property has a # of violations, code violations and dates for having things completed have not been met. County Attorney Grant Axon has filed a new case for all of the things lacking and a trial date has been set. There is a property in the Glencoe city limits that will go to court tomorrow. The property located at 2820 Spencer

Road Ryan advised that the court can take action since it is on the agenda and vote to have code enforcement send county workers out to clean up and rent a dumpster and the county foot the bill. Magistrate Haddix asked how we are going to decide on which properties we foot the bill for. Judges in the past have cleaned up this same property. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to foreclose on the property. County Attorney Grant Axon advised if he files suit on the property it would still take 6-9 months. The court isn't going to force anyone to clean up the property and then we are back to square one because the new owner isn't going to clean it. Then if the county cleans it up we are out those expenses. Grant said neither option is really a good option. There are other liens on the property the county is not the only lien. Magistrate Haddix advised the residence of Spencer Road who were in the audience the father was well known and liked. The court has respect for things like this. Magistrate Haddix wants to stick with what he said and go straight to foreclosure. Magistrate Shinkle added proceed on without cleanup because the clean up will become costly. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to proceed on. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. Magistrate Haddix decided to withdraw his motion. Magistrate Moore made a motion to condemn, clean up and foreclose. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Tourism Appointment

Judge Morris had a recommendation for Ashtyn Bufford the GM at Water's Edge. Wayne Rassman and Sherri Broderick from tourism said it was a lodging position and two other names had been sent in by Mary Jane Day. Judge Morris said he was unaware of this and withdrew his motion. Tabled to next meeting.

CPPP County Road Program

This is the money that will go to fix roads. It says \$1.1 million but will end up being closer to \$400,000.00 Judge Morris said. This will go towards Vera Cruz and a portion of Knox Lillard.

Service Contract for Disability Doctor

Grant would like the county to come up with a contract for cases such as guardianship. He has a client who has applied for guardianship someone is going to bring him and it will last 5 minutes and there will be a \$1,000.00 bill. These are cases that have a doctor to handle guardianship, medical and mental health transportation. Grant advised 98% of the time the medical professional does not have to show up to court. This Wednesday two doctors are coming and it will be \$1,000.00. Person applying for guardianship usually uses their own doctor. Lesa asked if North Key was still available they were \$250.00. Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to settle on an amount and Ryan and Grant negotiate. Magistrate Moore seconded the motion. Magistrate Haddix voting present. Motion passes.

Roof Bids

Shelter, Road Department and Senior Center. Judge Morris advised there is an issue with the way the bids were turned in. One building was supposed to have shingles and they priced metal and one priced both barns at road dept. Both companies made mistakes. The senior center was correct on both. Magistrate Shinkle have both companies rebid. Grant advised Ryan to have both companies rebid and bring back to the court.

Magistrate Comments

Magistrate Sullivan asked if the Air BNB's have been paying their fees. Ryan advised they are doing some research and they are getting some feedback. Lesa advised every property has not but they are getting a lot of feedback. Getting lots of calls and emails. Need to remove Hillandale as they have an

active HOA. They have looked at the PVA site for possible properties that will be short term rentals. Rental properties should be paying for a business license.

Jim Hansen Planning and Zoning there is a survey in the newspaper with 20 questions that will help us with the comprehensive plan. It will run in the paper for possibly a couple more weeks. Jim has posted the survey with the QR code in county offices as well. With this and the census it will be a lot of help. He said Amy Stewart deserves a lot of credit for helping with this.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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