

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Special Meeting
November 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on November 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office (West Wing) 395 US Hwy 42W Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Donnie Sullivan, Joel Shinkle and M. J Haddix. Magistrate Ethan Moore was absent. County Attorney Grant Axon was present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 2, 2025 special meeting was presented. Motion to approve made by Magistrate Sullivan and seconded by Magistrate Shinkle. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: Kentucky Davis told the court the new jailer cruisers would be delivered tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda as presented made by Magistrate Haddix and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan. All ayes.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by Magistrate Haddix to pay the monthly bills and seconded by Magistrate Sullivan. All ayes.

September 2025 Financial Reporting

1. Fund Cash Statement—Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve the September Fund Cash Statement. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Interfund Cash Transfers – Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve September Interfund Cash Transfers. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.
3. Budget Transfers – Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve September Budget Transfers. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. 1st Quarter Report July 1st –September 30th - Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the quarterly report. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

October 2025 Financial Reporting

1. Fund Cash Statement- Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the Fund Cash Statement, Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers- Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve Budget Transfers. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers- Magistrate Shinkle made a motion to approve Interfund Cash Transfers. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. Ordinance #111825-Budget Amendment #4-Jail vehicle maintenance/repair claim for \$6,637.68. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #4. Magistrate Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Montgomery Road

The Montgomery Road committee has been formed and have met. Judge Morris and County Attorney Grant Axon have met with Nucor and discussed about the road closure. The connector at the top of the hill on Montgomery Road will happen first. The second portion will be at 42 and Montgomery a little farther west in to Carroll County. A deed will be drawn up between Nucor and the state. Magistrate Haddix where we were at on hearing from the engineering consultant on the slide. Mike a representative from Nucor was present at the meeting and he confirmed the slide had been fixed. \$250,000 had been spent in gravel and will be channeled differently than the current road. The road has been fixed to the specifications needed. More rock has been put down than what was necessary. The connection will be made in the spring unless they go with a different asphalt. Grant asked Ryan if there is a report from the board which involves the residents. Ryan advised there is not. Grant said it would be best to at least have a handwritten statement to keep record of the conversations about the closure of Montgomery Road. The road closure to two the two roads together should only last four or five days. Montgomery Road resident was present asked where the semis are going to go after the road closed? She was advised there would be significant signage put up and when the road is complete that section of Nucor will have a new address. The problem is the truck drivers are using the regular apps Waze and GPS and the commercial truck version. Magistrate Sullivan added as long as that address change happens that should eliminate that problem. Magistrate Sullivan made a motion to accept with the contingency with review of tie in from engineering. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. Magistrate Haddix abstained. Motion passes 3-0.

Youth Sports Complex

Judge Morris advised work began 2-3 weeks ago drainage and fencing going in. Plumbers are ready to go. There is a lot of movement. Magistrate Shinkle advised he was running a little behind with the concrete as he has had a couple unexpected jobs come up. Judge Morris advised they will continue to work through the winter as long as the weather allows it,

NEW BUSINESS

Gallatin County Family Resource Center

Kerry Tackett with the Gallatin County presented to the court her Family Survey Highlight, monthly and yearly reports. Families are in great need in our county. We have many different programs to assist children and their family. There are 90 kids in the Lower Elementary in the dental program and several in the Upper Elementary. Our program helps families with food, utilities and housing. There are Blessing Boxes put up for families to get food from or to put food in. Every year we have Christmas assistance and partner with Shop With A Cop, Shop With the Sheriff and other community programs. In 2024 we helped 90 families which is 330 kids and currently now in 2025 we already have 84 families and 222 kids. There are currently 357 kids active In Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Many children from here have graduated from the program. The court thanked Kerry for all that she does. Kerry thanked the court for everything they have done to help the Family Resource Center.

Christmas Parade

December 13th is the Christmas parade in Warsaw with the city and Tourism. There will also be a Grinch breakfast and a 5K starting at Noon.

Holiday Christmas Schedule

The schedule was set for the Christmas holiday to be closed Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th. Judge Morris is asking the court for the approval to close county offices at noon on Wednesday, December 24th. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to close at noon on December 24th. Magistrate Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

Economic Development Airport Project

There is still diligence of around \$480,000.00 for water and sewer. Magistrate Shinkle asked if this money would complete the project, Judge Morris advised it will get it close to the site. There is a new grant from the FAA for two

million (2.1 or 2.2). This will be a stream of water and will have fire protection. Water size will have an 8 inch main. Wayne Rassman of the Airport Board said with that there will be able to have a hydrant. Gallatin County Water will be the water source and Carrollton Utilities will be the sewer. The plans will be sent to the cabinet on December 11th for approval. Sheriff Webster asked where the 8 inch mains were on 1039 and would have to come under the interstate. The homes in the area will get much better service. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to accept the resolution. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Airport FBO

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)-Judge Morris the purpose of entering in to the MOU with Windmill is to show them we are interested in working with them and it does not lock us in to anything with them. It is just making a commitment. We need to be making a decision in the next couple of meetings. Jim, Ryan and the Airport have talked. Magistrate Shinkle spoke up and said he does not want to sign anything until he sees a dollar amount. Magistrate Haddix spoke up and said we have been going back and forth on this for two years. Wayne Rassman and Paula Lillard from the Airport Board were both present. Wayne said they have agreed to some of the amendments we have sent to them. Minimum standards and land lease. Magistrate Shinkle said we need to see what infrastructure we have before we just hand it over. Wayne advised hangars are going up and fuel is being sold. The building will start going up late springs. In two years all the projects will be complete. Wayne said the word is getting out we have sold \$300.00 - \$400.00 in fuel and Lesa added she received a report from the weekend that another \$300-\$400 has been sold in fuel. Paula advised none of the documents that had been sent in had anything about economic development. No infrastructure other than fuel. Paula gave them a letter of intent 4 months ago. Wayne said if hangars can be built by Christmas money will start coming in. We will have fuel and hangar rental. He has a list of 40 people waiting on 10 spots. Magistrate Haddix asked Wayne if he had any local guidance, Wayne advised CVG will give guidance. Ryan advised other opportunities are still there and you can have multiple FBO's. Windmill is a company from New York a lot of state and federal money has been used at the airport. There is no contract now and if we back out we are out no money. Jim Hansen said no cash buyout it's an opt out and each party has to have a 60 day notice and could be as high as 90 day. Grant has seen the MOU it is an agreement to try to make an agreement to work with them in good faith. Wayne said a lot of airports are volunteers. Magistrate Sullivan said the Airport Board has questions and we need some guidance. Infrastructure is coming in and the potential is there. Paula told the court Windmill will not do anything without a signed MOU. Judge Morris said do we need more negotiating, if we do not get signatures I think we are going to have to get a new company in here. Judge Morris made a motion to accept the MOU. Motion died with a lack of a second. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to table until December 11th meeting. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. Judge Morris opposed. Motion passes 3-1.

Gallatin County Extension Council

There are three vacancies and 6 names have been submitted with the recommendation of three. The six names submitted are as follows: Tim Urbanski, Rosalie Ramsey, Melissa Fitzgerald, Cindy Sullivan, Sahane Williams and Treva Brown. The first three came as the recommendation. Ryan made the motion to fill the three vacancies are Tim Urbanski, Rosalie Ramsey and Melissa Fitzgerald. Magistrate Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Magistrate Comments

Pot holes on Speedway Blvd have been filled in. Judge Morris praised Karen Bannick for working to get that taken care of.

Donnie asked if Vera Cruz was going to get done this year. Ryan advised it will be done in the spring

ADJOURN

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

NO CLOSED SESSION

November 2025

- **Montgomery Road**
- **Youth Sports Complex**
- **Family Resource Center**
- **Christmas Parade**
- **Holiday Christmas Schedule**
- **Economic Development Airport Project**
- **Airport FBO**
- **Gallatin County Extension Council Appointment**