

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**March 8, 2018**

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin County Senior Center, Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Eric Moore, Jeff Wallace and Sally Davis. Joel Shinkle was absent. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2018 were approved by Jeff Wallace and seconded by Eric Moore. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval to pay which included the added blue sheet. Eric Moore moved to approve the claims as presented. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

**February 2018 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending February 28, 2018. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Eric Moore moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of February. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Jeff Wallace moved to approve the interfund cash transfers and Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #020818 #02: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading to show KACO Bond/Lease Agreement for Ashley Estates & River Valley Run per auditor recommendation to show the proceeds passing through the budget. Motion to approve Budget Amendment #020818 #02 made by Jeff Wallace and seconded by Eric Moore. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment #030818 #3: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to realize unbudgeted receipts for excess fees from County Clerk, Excess Fees from Sheriff, Funds from City of Warsaw for Rescue Boat and refunds of interest on loans for road assessments. Eric Moore moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Budget Amendment #030818 #3. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RECOGNITION – SHANE RUTH**

Judge McFarland presented a proclamation honoring Shane Ruth for his extreme bravery and heroism in saving the life of a young women in distress. Everyone in attendance gave Mr. Ruth a standing ovation.

Sheriff Josh Neale provided a recap of the events wherein Mr. Ruth was integral in ensuring the young woman was safe from harm and assisting to apprehend her attacker.

### **DR. HEISE – SPIRIT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY AWARD**

Dr. Georgia Heise of Three Rivers Health Department presented the Spirit of Public Health Award to Jamie Johnson for his contributions to the community. Namely the formation of a support group for individuals recovering from alcohol and substance abuse for not only for employees of his company Dorman Products, but opening it up to the community and his further involvement with and support of the school system. Dr. Heise added that it was an honor to recognize Jamie and also Dorman for their Community Partner Award.

Dr. Heise then gave an overview of opioid issues in Gallatin County and the surrounding areas. She introduced Greg Lee, HIV and Opioid Abuse Expert with the Kentucky Department for Public Health. Mr. Lee gave an in-depth presentation outlining the need for syringe exchange program and how they have a positive impact on public health. Question and answer session followed his presentation.

### **CPA APPROVAL**

Judge McFarland presented a letter from the Auditor of Public Accounts declining to conduct an audit of the Fiscal Court for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 due to current resource limitations. The letter recommended the county find a CPA firm to perform the audit. Judge McFarland further explained that the process of using a private firm will help the audit to be done more efficiently and at a cost equal to or less than what the price paid to the state was in recent audits. Motion to approve the use of an outside auditor was made by Eric Moore. Seconded by Jeff Wallace. All ayes.

### **TRANSPORTATION CABINET – RURAL SECONDARY ROADS**

Ken McCarty gave an overview of the projects completed in Fiscal Year 2017 – 18. Mr. McCarty announced that approximately \$2 million will be spent to resurface a significant part of Highway 42 among other roads. He noted that the Rural Secondary Program went up by \$5,000 – 6,000 for the coming year for a total of approximately \$222,000 to work with which will cover 2.9 miles of Highway 16. He also reminded the court that \$74,000 in flex funds remained from last year. Judge McFarland recommended that the court keep the flex funds for the current year which will give the county approximately \$150,000 to spend on county roads. Eric Moore moved to accept the planned program to repave Highway 16 as presented. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. All ayes.

Jeff Wallace made a motion to retain the flex funds as recommended by Judge McFarland. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes. Judge McFarland noted that he was excited to hear that 42 is being paved this year.

### **FLOOD, ROAD REPORT**

Judge McFarland reported that a very good plan was put together during the flood. Food and medicine were able to be delivered to those in need. He expressed his thanks to all of the emergency workers and the departments for their efforts.

Barry Alexander thanked the court for the support in providing the emergency boat and trailer. Judge McFarland also pointed out that it should be remembered that these folks are volunteers.

Sheriff Josh Neale thanked the EMS and those involved with Jim Hamilton on his behalf for their efforts to ensure he was able to get Air Care and saving his life.

Magistrate Sally Davis also expressed her thanks to the EMS for their help when she had a fall last month. She added that she felt very confident in them and appreciate their work, especially Miranda Baker and Dwayne Baum.

**INTERIM PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATORS**

Judge McFarland reported that he and Steve Huddleston will be acting as interim Planning and Zoning Administrators to replace Winslow Baker who has retired.

**GALLATIN COUNTY CLERK – SETTLEMENT**

County Clerk Tracy Miles presented her settlement for 2017. She reported that the net operations of the office resulted in her turning over \$27,389.72 to the county. Judge McFarland thanked Mrs. Miles for her work. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the County Clerk’s Settlement. Sally Davis seconded the motion. All ayes.

**COMMENTS/OTHER**

Ryan Bailey gave a brief overview of IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System), an emergency notification system. He explained the county now has an opportunity to take part in this system but there is a cost for each of the two options that are available. He explained that the system is not a necessity but it would be a big improvement for safety in the county especially during large events that take place at the Speedway and for those passing through the county on the interstate.

Judge McFarland commended Chip Boots for finding a new fire truck that the county was able to purchase. The truck was located seven hours away and Mr. Boots went to get it. Judge McFarland said that he emailed the Magistrates to get approval on short notice and was able to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase the truck with a value of around \$75,000 for only \$35,000.

Jeff Wallace made a motion to go into closed session per KRS 61.810 to discuss litigation. Eric Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Eric Moore moved to return to open session. Sally Davis seconded the motion. All ayes.

With no further business before the court, Eric Moore made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Doug Miles  
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk