

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**April 12, 2018**

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on April 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin County Senior Center, Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Eric Moore, Jeff Wallace, Joel Shinkle and Sally Davis. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**Consent Agenda:** Judge McFarland noted the items on the Consent Agenda. Eric Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2018 were approved by Jeff Wallace and seconded by Sally Davis. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval to pay. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the claims as presented. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

**March 2018 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending March 31, 2018. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Jeff Wallace moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of March. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Eric Moore moved to approve the interfund cash transfers and Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #030818 #3: 2<sup>nd</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. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Budget Amendment #030818 #3. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
5. Quarterly Financial Statement – Treasurer Bullard reported that the financial statement is in balance and has been uploaded to the Department for Local Government. Eric Moore seconded. All yes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BUDGET ROUNDTABLE – SET DATE**

Judge McFarland gave a brief overview of some of the changes to expenses within the upcoming budget. He explained that there will be a \$50,000 cut to LGEA funding, health insurance is slated to increase by \$70,000 and if no changes are made to the retirement calculations or if it is not phased in over the course of multiple years, then the increase to the retirement contributions will be \$180,000. The combined result of those changes create an additional \$300,000 needed for the county to do business. The Judge took time to thank the Magistrates for their work and their thriftiness to be fiscally conservative while operating the county for the last number of years. He further noted that the county has the money and will be able to take the hit. The health

insurance increase will be further discussed at the budget roundtable. Jenni will be in touch with the Magistrates to confirm a time to meet.

#### **TIMBERLINE ROAD PROJECT**

County Attorney Wright tallied the votes as they were opened. Of the 12 votes cast, 7 were NO and 5 were YES. Timberline resident Larry Brock asked how many of the votes were not returned in time. Judge McFarland answered that Jenni in his office would have that info. County Attorney Wright noted that a non-vote goes with the majority. Mr. Brock explained that there was some confusion as he was under the understanding that a non-vote was a yes. Judge McFarland explained that another vote can be taken if it is the pleasure of the residents. Mr. Brock indicated that they will discuss the situation and get back in touch with the court.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **JIM ASKINS – KY WIRED**

Judge McFarland introduced Jim Askins with KY Wired, the public-private partnership project to provide high speed broadband internet to all counties in Kentucky. Mr. Askins explained that he is on the design portion of the private side of the partnership. He gave an overview of the project, which included an expected completion in 2020 in the state, with Gallatin County expected to be completed this year. He did note that even though the infrastructure may be in this year, it does not mean that it will be ready for use yet. He provided a phone number for questions and comments, as well as a web address.

#### **OPPORTUNITY ZONE – QO FUND**

Judge McFarland reported that he has been working with Gary Mathis, the Economic Development Officer and Gallatin County is now a part of the Opportunity Zone which makes it eligible for funding for Economic Development.

#### **BEVIN REQUESTS PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION**

Judge McFarland informed the court that Gallatin County has been included in Governor Bevin's request for Disaster Declaration by the President. A copy of the communication from the Governor's Office was included in the packet.

#### **COMMENTS/OTHER**

Judge McFarland informed the court of a need for an additional mower. He noted that Gallatin County resident Scott Doolin sells and services them. Both he and Magistrate Shinkle have gone to look at the Hustler branded mower. This unit will make a total of four and the purchase will be funded via Parks & Rec.

Judge McFarland informed the court of the passing of Roger Courtney a former county employee. He asked that the court observe a moment of silence in this honor.

Jeff Wallace made a motion to go into closed session per KRS 61.810.1c to discuss litigation. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Joel Shinkle moved to come out of closed session and return to open session. Sally Davis seconded the motion. All ayes.

Eric Moore made a motion to authorize the Judge to abide by the terms of the court's settlement conference. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Doug Miles  
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk