

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
September 13, 2018

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on September 13, 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.

Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2018 were approved by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Eric Moore. All ayes.

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

August 2018 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending August 31, 2018. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
2. Interfund Cash Transfers – Eric Moore moved to approve the interfund transfers for the month of August. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
3. Budget Transfers – Jeff Wallace moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of August. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment 080918 #01 – 2nd Reading, City of Sparta Donation and Insurance Claims. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the budget amendment and Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment 091318 #02 – Emergency Management Siren Grant, Timberline Bond Agreement and 911 Call Handling System. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the budget amendment and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

Judge McFarland noted that Timberline is almost ready to blacktop. He added that it held up better with all the rain than expected.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY GREG THOMAS & COMMISSIONER GRAY TOMBLYN

Transportation Secretary Greg Thomas came before the court to discuss the state of the Transportation Cabinet and its funding. He explained that while funding is strained, the focus is to help with roads that lead to jobs or job creation, along with jobs that are also in critical need of repair. Mr. Thomas further explained that the bypass to connect I-75 near Walton will have access in Gallatin County. The overview will begin before Christmas. Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked for an update in regard to the extent of the damage on the Highway 562 Bridge from the excavator accident. He was answered that the assessment has not fully been completed, but hope to have the road closed for as little time as possible. Judge McFarland brought up the subject of congestion at Dorman and Gallatin County High School. He added that with further expansion at Dorman, it will be even more critical to make necessary improvements there.

Magistrate Jeff Wallace asked if there was a plan in place for Highway 42 West. He was answered that the plan is in place but the funding is not. It will come back up in 2020 as a possible project to be included in the budget. Judge McFarland ask if there was any update in regard to the county's application for discretionary funding. Commissioner Gray Tomblyn informed Mr. McFarland and the court that the request is in review and the hope is to have an answer within the next few weeks. Judge McFarland also expressed thanks for the efforts in Steeles Bottom, Highway 1992. Further discussion surrounding Highway 42 West and its critical need for repair, especially with the expansion at Nucor.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES TAX RATE

Judge McFarland presented the court with a letter from Gallatin County Extension Agent Sherri Broderick detailing the 2018 tax rates passed by the Extension District Board. Real Property and Personal Property rates decreased while Motor Vehicle rates remained the same. Jeff Wallace moved to accept the Extension Services Tax Rate. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2017 – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Joel Shinkle made a motion to accept the Conservation District's Annual Report. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER – CONTE FLOWERS

Conte Flowers from the Family Resource Center came before the court to give an update on their programs. She explained that the main goal is to build confidence in the children of the county to help them break the cycle of poverty. She explained that this year there is a change to the Christmas gift program that will require 20 hours of community service and attendance at community events to help build a sense of community. She also gave an overview of a support group for grandparents raising kids, called "Grand Love" that kicks off in October. The final portion of her report gave an update on the success of the ongoing tutoring program and the progress of the project at the old Bank building. Judge McFarland asked for Mrs. Flowers to provide the contact info for All Pro Dads and a North Carolina Mission Team that have provided significant help with the project to send them an official thank you from the court. Joel Shinkle asked about the Center's funding. Mrs. Flowers answered that the funding is actually good currently. Some funding has been reinstated and there is a possibility of getting an additional support person, which is definitely needed.

COMMENTS/OTHER

Magistrate Jeff Wallace informed the court that he met with Sparta City Council in regard to their need for signs indicating Danger: High Water in times of rains like have been experienced recently. The council came up with a need for 3, but Magistrate Wallace suggested 5 to help in the future. Judge McFarland said getting the signs would not be a problem.

Judge McFarland commended the Road Department for all of their work during the rain in the last week. He noted that the county got between five and seven inches of rain.

Sheriff Josh Neale asked the court about the installation of gates at the Hartig Park. Judge McFarland answered that once hunting season is over, the court will likely look at trying to have some gates installed.

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