

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
April 11, 2019

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on April 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin County Senior Center, Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, Joel Shinkle and M.J Haddix. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Magistrate M. J Haddix noted that the minutes from the meeting of March 14, 2019 should state that Mr. Haddix had requested a cost-benefit analysis of keeping Dispatch at its current location as compared to moving to the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Haddix also requested for the minutes to reflect that the proposals in regard to EMS Services were prepared by Tom Work not by Mr. Haddix as was noted.

Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019 as clarified. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: Marian Dunkerly of Highway 16 came before the court to report that she has picked up 40 pounds of trash along the highway near her home. She expressed her concern about the safety of such trash which included used needles in addition to it being a beautification issue. Ms. Dunkerly also expressed her concern about airport noise, its mitigation and the overall effects on the residents of Gallatin County.

Judge Morris thanked Ms. Dunkerly for her comments about the trash and agreed that it is an issue that needs to be monitored. Mr. Morris also addressed the concerns about the airport, informing Ms. Dunkerly that the airport flight patterns and traffic load are unknown at this time. He also explained to Ms. Dunkerly that the county has an Airport Board in place who will begin meeting monthly, further noting that the place to find the answers she seeks would be there. County Attorney Wright informed Ms. Dunkerly that noise studies were performed and meetings were held to hear comment. He added that the noise from I-71 was found to be equivalent to that of a jet taking off and the proximity to I-71 was a major factor in the selection of the site due to that information. County Judge Morris offered to schedule a public information session along with the Airport Board to communication available information.

Tony Foster also came before the court. He felt it was important to point out that the timing of one of the airport public meetings was a challenge due to the scheduling of other high profile events in the county the same night. Mr. Foster further expressed his concerns about Steele's Bottom Road after a recent visit there. He explained that he thought the road was very dangerous and asked what could be done to improve it. Magistrate Joel Shinkle acknowledged Mr. Foster's comments and noted that the road has deteriorated very quickly since the work that was performed last year. Judge Morris reported that discussions are on-going both locally and on the state level about the road. He anticipates that more work will be performed and will continue to have the necessary conversations to attempt to address the need for improvement there. M. J Haddix asked if it was known if a formal letter of concern has been sent by the school in regard to the road and if a conversation could be had with the school to encourage them to send said letter if one has not been sent. Judge Morris stated that it was unknown by him of whether such a letter has been sent but would reach out to the school to encourage that take place

Approval of Agenda: Ethan Moore moved to approve the meeting agenda. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay, which included the added blue sheet. M. J Haddix asked about an expense for repairs to 2003 Ambulance and how many miles the unit had. He was answered that it has over 200,000 miles. Judge Morris added that it is a good running unit. Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked when the 2015 would be up and running. He was answered that it would be 2 weeks. Magistrate Moore asked if a new motor was installed. Judge Morris explained that a new motor was installed, along with a new turbo and injectors and it is warranted for 2 years and unlimited miles. Magistrate Haddix asked if a turbo was recently installed on the unit and if there is any way to recoup the cost from that. He was answered that in order to get the warranty, the new turbo had to be installed. Mr. Haddix also asked about an F350 bill to Chromestack Zack. It was reported to be for the Road Department. There was an additional question in regard to a \$5000 license renewal. Treasurer Bullard reported that was for an EMS License for Tom Work that was required to be renewed. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the claims as presented. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

March 2019 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending March 31, 2019. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Joel Shinkle moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of March. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of March. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Quarterly Report – Treasurer Bullard presented the quarterly report for the quarter ending March 31, 2019. Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the quarterly report. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment #031419 #5 – 2nd Reading; Surplus Revenue (General, Road, Jail & Dispatch). Joel Shinkle moved to approve the budget amendment. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
6. Budget Amendment #041119 #6 – 1st Reading – Nucor Steel Donation for Police Cruiser and Narcotics Detection K9. Magistrate Haddix asked about the funds for the dog and whether it included training for someone to be the Handler. Treasurer Bullard reported that there are funds for care and training to complete certification and a one year health guarantee. Magistrate Moore asked if Officer Wilson was to be the handler. Treasurer Bullard answered that was so. Magistrate Haddix posed the question of whether the county was really in need of a dog. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the 1st Reading of Budget Amendment #041119 #6. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

Treasurer Bullard informed the court that the Sheriff’s Office has requested funding for Mobile Data Computers as the current ones in use are out of date and are unable to support as needed, causing safety issues. The cost for 8 units with 3 year warranty is just over \$6,000. Donations from Glencoe and Sparta total \$3,000 which would leave \$3,000 needed from the county. Mrs. Bullard noted that \$10,000 was budgeted for repairs and only \$118 has been spent, so funds are available. Judge Morris explained that the units allow for more information to be gathered in the field and speed up the transfer of information. Rather than an officer needing to communicate

with Dispatch, they can access the information. This will increase officer safety and decrease the amount of stress on Dispatch. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to accept the proposal. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

KY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT / NUCOR BRIDGE

Judge Morris informed the court that there was a need to change some verbiage in the agreement between Nucor and the Transportation Department.

Magistrate Joel Shinkle noted that paving was to take place from Montgomery Road to the County Line that will be paid out of their funds.

NEW BUSINESS

GALLATIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION / PERMIT AMNESTY

Planning and Zoning Officer Jim Hansen explained how an amnesty program could be dually beneficial to the county and its residents, helping residents not in compliance to understand the process and be able to comply. Magistrate Haddix stated that he appreciates Mr. Hansen's efforts in Planning and Zoning. Magistrate Shinkle noted that if Mr. Hansen and Planning and Zoning are good with the program then he is on board. Further in depth discussion took place in regard to the program and the notification process and the opportunity for appeals. County Attorney Wright asked if there is a current list of offenders and if those folks would be contacted in a more direct way. Mr. Hansen answered that there are 18 confirmed offenders and they will be contacted directly, but will still be eligible for amnesty. Ethan Moore moved to accept the amnesty program, with two sets of advertisements. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION / GALLATIN COUNTY TRASH BASH

Judge Morris informed the court of an upcoming Earth Day celebration being sponsored by Dorman Products.

RURAL SECONDARY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RESOLUTION

M. J Haddix made a motion to approve a resolution to participate in the rural secondary cooperative program. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

FAIRGROUNDS PLAYGROUND

Magistrate Haddix requested to determine the cost to have the playground moved to the front of the fairgrounds from the rear.

GALLATIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Judge Morris informed the court that the Board of Health has 3 vacancies. He has spoken to Kristie Beatty and Paula Lillard who are both willing to serve, but noted that there is still a need for the 3rd new member and added that he is in discussion with a possibility. M. J Haddix moved to approve the appointment of Kristie Beatty and Paula Lillard to the Gallatin County Board of Health.

DLG COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

Judge Morris reported to the court that there are funds available for projects within the county. Magistrate Haddix noted that a meeting with the City of Glencoe to inform them is set.

COMMENTS

Magistrate Moore expressed his concern about the Landslides on US 42 E. Judge Morris explained that it is the state's position that since the issue is occurring on private property they

come to address on an as-needed basis as a response. Mr. Moore asked if signage could be added in the area. Ken McCarty with District 6 reported that the area will be clear cut in a couple of weeks, which should help and also noted that signage could be ordered but it would be 4 or more months before they would be in place.

Magistrate Haddix asked if there was any possibility of a traffic light being installed at Love's. Mr. McCarty answered that the request would be unlikely due to the road type and proximity to the interstate.

Magistrate Shinkle informed the court that the east side of the courthouse is staying wet. He believes with a little bit of concrete and some excavation, the problem could be remedied. Judge Morris asked if AOC money could be used to fund those repairs. Treasurer Bullard answered that they could be. Magistrate Shinkle will write up the specs for the job for it to go to bid.

Magistrate Haddix asked if there is a policy in place for the wrecker list. Judge Morris acknowledged that there is such a policy. Magistrate Haddix requested a copy of the policy.

Judge Morris as a result of conversations with Magistrate Sullivan, informed the court that in future meetings there will be an inventory of workload, issues, etc from Fire, Police and EMS present in the monthly packets.

Magistrate Haddix asked if a 5 year plan could be requested from each department head. Judge Morris agreed that was a reasonable request along with the rest of the court.

Judge Morris turned the floor over to Magistrate Sullivan for an announcement in which Mr. Sullivan informed the court that the Hansel Sullivan Memorial Tractor Pull will come back to Gallatin County and is set for May 24 and 25. He announced that 100% of the profit will stay in the county for local groups and charities. He noted that he already has sponsorships lined up and added that there is the possibility to add corporate sponsorships from Dorman and Nucor. The Road Department is currently working on the site. Magistrate Sullivan stated that he expects there could be over 1000 in attendance each night.

Magistrate Sullivan informed the court that the City of Sparta has designated April 27 as Clean Up Day. He asked that the information be put on the county's website.

Ethan Moore 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. M. J Haddix seconded the motion. All ayes.

With no further business before the court, Ethan Moore made a motion to adjourn. Joel Shinkle seconded his motion. All Ayes.

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk