

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
May 9, 2019

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on May 9, 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: Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2019. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Agenda: Ethan Moore moved to approve the meeting agenda. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay, which included the added blue sheet. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the claims as presented. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

April 2019 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending April 30, 2019. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of April. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Joel Shinkle questioned if the transfer to Ambulance was for the new motor. Treasurer Bullard answered that the transfer was for general expenses. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of April. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #041119 #6 – 2nd Reading: Nucor Steel Donation for Police Cruiser and Narcotics Detection K9. Ethan Moore moved to approve the budget amendment. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment #050919 #7 – 1st Reading – Courthouse Renovations Debt Service per an audit recommendation for cleanup to show as a pass through paid by the state. M. J Haddix moved to approve the 1st Reading of the Budget Amendment. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

COURTHOUSE CONCRETE BID

Judge Morris informed the court that the project has been looked into and is getting ready to go to bid.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT RELOCATION

Judge Morris reported that there had been no bids for the relocation to date.

US HWY 42 CONCERNS LETTER/SIGNAGE

Judge Morris reported that a letter had been sent out to the Transportation Department detailing concerns and requesting signage on Highway 42. No response had been received as of the meeting.

AIRPORT BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS

Judge Morris reported that he is working on putting a schedule together and as soon as it is set, it will be posted for the public.

NEW BUSINESS

GALLATIN COUNTY SHERIFF SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

Annual settlement statement for the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office was presented. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the Sheriff's Settlement. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes

NATIONAL POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION

Judge Morris read aloud a proclamation declaring May 24, 2019 National Poppy Day would be observed in Gallatin County and presented the proclamation to Brenda Lay.

MONHTGOMERY ROAD UPDATE

Judge Morris recognized property owners and residents of Montgomery Road and also Greg Mitchell of Nucor. He also noted the background of the issue, being that on September 19, 2018 the road was closed due to safety concerns and Nucor is currently constructing an access road under US 42. Judge Morris then opened the floor for discussion. Magistrate Donnie Sullivan asked what is the current timeline for the road to be reopened. He further commented that it needs to be opened. Judge Morris answered that the road project is supposed to be completed by the 2nd week of June under ideal conditions. Magistrate Sullivan asked if there was any way to have Nucor provide a guard or flagger as some sort of traffic control measure. Mr. Mitchell of Nucor explained that the approach was considered but not being able to control the traffic coming off of Highway 42 was too much of a concern. He further added that they are doing everything they can to speed up the process including the decision to pour one lane at a time in order to start using that portion as soon as it is complete. M. J Haddix asked how the road got closed in the first place. Magistrate Joel Shinkle answered that the closure was announced in the newspaper but it was not clear. Mr. Mitchell further explained that the original plan was for the project to be complete in March or April but the transportation cabinet wanted the road under 42 which created challenges while also being at the mercy of the weather. Nucor wants to be a good community partner in all ways including not inconveniencing the community while also keeping safety as a top priority. David White, a property owner on Montgomery Road, answered Mr. Mitchell that it was more than an inconvenience, it's a monetary thing as well. He continued by noting that it costs more money to drive around and that his tenants are not wanting to live there any longer which is an impact to him. He also mentioned that when the road opens back up there will still be the issue of trucks crossing Montgomery Road. Mr. Mitchell then stated that a new road is to be constructed to move the Montgomery Road and Hwy 42 intersection. The new road will be 18 feet wide with 2 foot shoulders. It has been engineered and is in permitting now. The hope is to start on the project in the fall. Mr. White expressed concerns over the width of the new loan. Members of the Fiscal Court noted that the new road will meet county standards and be no less than the size of the current road. Further discussion surrounding road standards and necessary widths took place. County Attorney Wright stated that the new road would be better than the current Montgomery Road. Mr. White then expressed his frustration

over the communication during the process, reiterating that the advertisement said the road would be closed for a day and it's now been closed for nine months.

Judge Morris stated to the court that he sees three options to move forward with. One, open the road tomorrow for local traffic with safety measures provided by Nucor. Two, open the road on a specific day regardless of the completion status. Three, leave the road closed until the project is complete. Magistrate Sullivan asked if the road could be open coming from Montgomery Road but closed to traffic coming from Highway 42 onto the road. M. J Haddix then made a motion to open the road the tomorrow, May 10, 2019. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Judge Morris then stated that on the following morning, May 10, 2019 at 8:00 am the Road Supervisor and Road Crew will open the road to through traffic.

DISPATCH 911 REPORT

Judge Morris reminded the court that the dispatch 911 report was provided for their review.

INMATE TRASH PICKUP

Judge Morris informed the court that Class D inmates will be utilized to pick up trash. He hopes to have them started before the next meeting. These inmates are low risk and approved for such activities. Magistrate Sullivan asked who will manage the inmates. Judge Morris answered that the road department has expressed interest in handling the task.

KYTC NUCOR BRIDGE AGREEMENT UPDATE

Judge Morris reported that a secondary agreement stating that Gallatin County is not responsible to cover any overages past \$2 million that was referenced in the agreement needs to be in place. This has not yet been completed but because of the bonding, the county is the current property owner to facilitate the funding. Joel Shinkle moved to accept the agreement as written, subject to the secondary agreement being executed. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

COUNTY ROAD AIDE/LGEA MEETING

Judge Morris informed the court that the meeting was specifically in regard to Sugar Bay Road and Bay Drive, but noted that other roads are in need of being raised as well.

1st READING OF THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

Treasurer Bullard explained to the court that as a part of the budget, she was requesting an approval of normal recurring expenses. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the Annual Standing Orders for Recurring Expenses. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Bullard explained to the court that one change to the budget had been made since the Budget Caucus. Per the discussion, there was a line added for Fire Department Equipment and Supplies in the amount of \$40,000. Magistrate Shinkle commented that he thinks there is a need for another budget caucus meeting prior to the 2nd Reading. Joel Shinkle then made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the 2019 – 2020 Budget subject to another budget caucus meeting to clear up some items of concern. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Magistrate Haddix commented that he has some concerns about public safety issues and once those are addressed he can support the budget. Motion passed 3 – 1 with Ethan Moore, Joel Shinkle and Donnie Sullivan voting yes and M. J Haddix voting no.

ROAD SALT AUCTION

Judge Morris informed the court of the results of an auction to supply the county's road salt. The Bid amount was \$94.50 per ton which was \$1.50 less per ton than last year. Motion to accept the road salt auction results was made by M. J Haddix and seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

COMMENTS

Magistrate M. J Haddix reported that the current Gallatin County Fair Board unanimously voted to dissolve and will turn over all the tax ID numbers, name rights and the like. They stated that they feel it is the best for the county now that a new court is in place. They will make an official statement via the newspaper. Magistrate Haddix stated that they anticipated it being complete within a week.

Treasurer Bullard provided the court with copies of a billing change proposal put together by Tom Work. The proposal compares current rates and includes neighboring county rates.

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

M. J Haddix moved to come out of closed session and return to open session. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk