

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
September 12, 2019

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on September 12, 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: M. J Haddix made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2019. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: Dan Houston asked the court when the signs honoring the county's Veterans will be installed. Judge Morris answered that the signs had been received and will be put up soon, most certainly before Veterans Day.

Daria Kelleher asked Judge Morris if there was any news in regard to her question the previous month about the animal shelter. Judge Morris informed her that he has been searching for information around the state for policies and procedures. To date he has not received a compiled list from the state for the county to be able to develop their own policies and procedures.

Approval of Agenda: Joel Shinkle moved to approve the meeting agenda. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay, which included the added blue sheet. Discussion about the jail bill included Jailer Jerry Webb noting that it was the highest such bill he could ever recall. The county has 43 inmates housed currently.

M. J Haddix, noting that the phone bill was over \$450 for the month, asked how many phonelines are at the Judge's office. Treasurer Bullard explained that there are 3 plus a fax line, but that a new line had to be added for courthouse security. A portion of the bill is paid from AOC funds.

Magistrate Haddix also asked about a repair bill noted as a dipstick for \$1000. Judge Morris explained that the repair replaced all the way down and included the oil pan and included labor, from the dealer. Ethan Moore moved to approve the claims as presented. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

August 2019 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report -- Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending August 31, 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 August. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers -- M. J Haddix moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of July. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #091219 #1 -- Joel Shinkle moved to the budget amendment for variable rate refunds that will be applied to variable rate loan's principal. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

EXTENSION SERVICE TAX RATE

Extension Service representatives not present so tax rate was not presented. No action.

LIBRARY TAX RATE

Gallatin County Library Director Shirley Warnick came before the court to provide an overview of library programming in 2018-19. She informed the court that the Library Board took the compensating rate for 2019 which kept the rate the same at 11.70 for both personal and real property. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to accept the tax rate. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Family Resource Center Director Conte Flowers came before the court to provide an update in regard to their programs. She reported that 270 children participated in the after-school tutoring and clubs and that does not include 87 children that attended summer camps. That was an increase of over 140 kids. She noted that she felt that having transportation was a huge help for the success of the programs. She also informed the court about the Jump Start Program that is a program to prepare Preschool and Kindergarten kids for the school year. She reported that the transition was much smoother this year for many kids due to this program. She noted that the lack of transportation for this year may cause for less of a turnout. County Attorney Wright asked why is there no transportation this year. Mrs. Flowers answered that it appears to be a combination of logistics and financial.

Mrs. Flowers gave a further update on the Glencoe Community Center Project, as to what has been completed and what needs to be done and also provided data for participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Magistrate Shinkle asked what could be done to help get the Community Center Project completed. Judge Morris reported that he has spoken to Dorman, who has a program for community service to do work on it. He hopes to find out more soon.

Judge Morris then presented a check to Mrs. Flowers for \$10,000 to the Education Excellence Foundation.

AMBULANCE BILLING, MEDICOUNT RENEWAL

Treasurer Bullard reported to the court that on the renewal there was one new inclusion, which adds a \$15 flat charge for all non-billed transports. She noted that she is happy with the service and billing, as is the EMS Director. M. J Haddix asked if they owed money to the county. Mrs. Bullard reported that there was a balance of \$2,106 that was repaid in July. Motion to accept the Medicount Renewal made by M. J Haddix and seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

Judge Morris expressed his pleasure in being able to report that from the new schedule implemented with the EMS Director, the county has saved over \$1,900 in the first four weeks. He noted that there are still some kinks to work out but it seems to be an improvement in service and savings.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET

The Gallatin County Conservation District Budget was presented for review. No action was needed or taken.

COUNTY DUMPSTER BUSINESS LETTER

Judge Morris reported that the dumpsters at the county barn are currently costing the county between \$50,000 – 60,000 per year in rental and haul-off fees. He is looking for ideas about improving this. The Litter Abatement funds are no longer available to offset these costs. The court had further discussion about the issue. Including access to the dumpster and ensuring only Gallatin County Residents are using the service. Judge Morris will continue to evaluate the policy and procedures to seek improvement.

PUBLIC RECORDS UPDATE

Judge Morris informed the court that all elected officials must sign an acknowledgement, no other action is needed. He will collect and send the forms to Frankfort.

GALLATIN CO SHERIFF K-9 UPDATE

Judge Morris updated the court with data from August 3 to September 9 for arrests made involving Deputy Nolan Wilson and K-9 Marco. Discussion about the impact to the jail bill but also the the likely lessened strain on Family Court, EMS, property, etc. County Attorney Wright mentioned using the Rocket Docket to ensure that offenders are processed efficiently and off of the county's responsibility to cover the costs.

HANSEL SULLIVAN MEMORIAL FUND – MAGISTRATE SULLIVAN

Judge Morris turned the floor over to Magistrate Donnie Sullivan to provide an update about the success of the Hansel Sullivan Memorial Truck & Tractor Pull. Magistrate Sullivan informed the court that clear of expenses, the event made \$4,000 this year and all of those funds will be donated to local charities. He would like to see that the funds are spread around and maybe include a scholarship fund in the future. He expressed his hope that the event can continue to be held in the county and grow to be a National event in the future. A report of what charities receive the funds will be given to the court.

COMMENTS

Magistrate Joel Shinkle expressed concerns about the Napoleon Firehouse. Judge Morris reported that a quote with 3 options has been received for insulation, as well as for garage doors and openers, and those appear to be under budget. At this time though, there has been no quote for framing and material received.

Magistrate Sullivan reported that Mary Jane Day from Tourism asked him to announce that on Friday, September 27 at the County Fairgrounds there will be a gospel concert event, Harvest Jamboree featuring musician Tyler Mullins and other acts.

Judge Morris informed the court that the regularly scheduled meeting of October 10, 2019 will be moved to October 17, 2019 at 6:30 and be held at the Gallatin County Extension Office as a Special Meeting. He noted that only items on the agenda will be discussed and Homestead Farms designees will be honored at that time.

Magistrate Haddix asked if any bids had been received to move the playground equipment at the fairgrounds. Judge Morris informed him that none had been submitted to date. Magistrate Haddix asked if the Road Department could be used? Judge Morris answered that they could be. Magistrate Haddix offered that he would seed and straw the area once it is complete.

Magistrate Shinkle asked that Judge Morris pass along to Road Supervisor Brent Brown that if they needed help installing signs, to let him know and his crew could help.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation, personnel and property acquisition. Motion seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

Donnie Sullivan made a motion to come out of closed session. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk