

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
October 17, 2019

The Special Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on October 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin County UK Extension Office, 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: Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2019. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

Recognition of Audience: None.

Approval of Agenda: Donnie Sullivan 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. Ethan Moore questioned one line item and Treasurer Bullard informed him it was the annual renewal for Code Red. Ethan Moore moved to approve the claims as presented. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

October 2019 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending September 30, 2019. M. J Haddix moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of September. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Ethan Moore moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of September. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
4. Quarterly Financial Report – Treasurer Bullard reported that the quarterly financial report for the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-20 is in balance and has been uploaded to the Department for Local Government. Motion to approve the quarterly report was made by Donnie Sullivan and seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment #091219 #1 – Second Reading; M. J Haddix moved to approve the budget amendment for variable rate refunds that will be applied to variable rate loan's principal. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
6. Budget Amendment #101719 #2 – First Reading; M. J Haddix moved to approved the budget amendment for insurance reimbursement for repairs to 2014 Dodge Durango. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE STATION UPDATE

Judge Morris reported that estimates are still being gathered. There are two contractors coming to give a quote for the final estimate needed. He added that he hopes to start the project in November.

FAIRGROUNDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Judge Morris reported that the Road Department will move the equipment toward the front entrance so it can be better utilized.

ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

Judge Morris reported that Magistrate Haddix was able to get a copy of a policy that addresses the use of volunteers at the shelter which would allow for the county to appropriately define procedures and policies for them. It is his hope to bring a draft of the policy to the court for review at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

HOMESTEAD FARM DECLARATION

County Extension Agent David Hull and County Judge Executive Ryan Morris recognized 11 families that have owned and continuously operated their farm for over 100 years.

TRACY MILES - COUNTY CLERK AMENDED BUDGET

Gallatin County Clerk Tracy Miles came before the court to present her amended budget. The amended budget came as a result of an increase in delinquent taxes. She explained that she has accounted for the funds in the amended budget and have offset them with a line item for office equipment. M. J Haddix moved to approve the amended budget. Ethan Moore seconded the budget. All ayes.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - 2014 FORD EXPLORER

Judge Morris informed the court of a 2014 Ford Explorer that is in need of repairs that exceed the value of the vehicle and his recommendation that the vehicle be offered as surplus property. Joel Shinkle moved to designate the 2014 Ford Explorer as surplus. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

ANNEX 1 RENOVATION BIDS

Judge Morris informed the court that one bid was received for the renovation project of Annex 1, the Sheriff's Office. The project was budgeted for a cost of \$60,000. The one bid, from WG Construction, LLC (Charles Webb) was in the amount of \$209,826.42. The bid included an Alternate A to replace all electric and lighting for \$16,950 and Alternate B to replace existing metal on the roof to ensure a match with the addition for \$15,822. Judge Morris suggested that the bid be rejected as it is over budget and move forward with the court acting as the General Contractor in an effort to save money by breaking the project down into smaller phases to be bid out individually. M. J Haddix made a motion to reject the bid. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

Judge Morris added that he felt the court needs to work hard to make this project a reality as it is very important.

SKYTECHBB INTERNET SURPLUS PROPERTY

Judge Morris presented data in regard to the operation of SkytechBB, the county-owned internet provider. He reported that Life to Date the service has had expenses that outweigh revenue by over \$308,000 and is currently making a profit of approximately \$10,000 annually, but is steadily losing customers to Cincinnati Bell Fioptics. He further explained that the system is in need of upgrades that would cost between \$150,000 – \$200,000. He added the the cost to make the necessary improvements is just not viable for the county at this time and that it is his hope that another entity could come in and improve the system. The court discussed that there is value in the equipment, but are unsure of its age. Judge Morris noted that while by deeming the property

surplus, any bid can be accepted or rejected and that there would be a stipulation that existing customers would be able to keep their service, protecting them and the county. The action would not be to make the service go away, but to continue it by it being improved by a public or private contractor. Joel Shinkle noted that while he has wanted to get rid of the service for a couple of years, he will acknowledge that it is likely that the reason the county was able to get Cincinnati Bell to finally offer service in Gallatin County, was due SkytechBB's existence. M. J Haddix moved to deem SkytechBB Internet as surplus property. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

KENTUCKY VETERAN HALL OF FAME SIGNS

Judge Morris reported that five signs were installed as you come into the county and they look great. He expressed his thanks and the thanks of the county to Dan Houston for bringing this to the court's attention.

2019 TIRE GRANT

Judge Morris informed the court that the county has received a \$4,000 grant for tire disposal. Residents can contact the Judge's Office to get a voucher to take their tires to the county barn. The program is not open to businesses.

Magistrate Shinkle asked what the time limit is for the program. Judge Morris informed him and the court that the program will run from now through June.

CEMETERY ROAD SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Judge Morris brought before the court a concern with the speed limit on Cemetery Road. He reported that the current speed limit is 45 MPH and he feels it should be lowered to 35 MPH. Since the road is a State Highway he will formally request a study by the state to consider lowering the limit to 35. Joel Shinkle made a motion to authorize the Judge to make a formal request to the State to perform a traffic study in reference to the speed limit on Cemetery Road. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

COMMENTS

Treasurer Lesa Bullard on behalf of the Gallatin County Pantry requested permission to put a sign up to better identify the location and also include the phone number. In addition to the sign, they would like to place two garden benches out front for those that need to sit while awaiting their appointments. She noted that there will be no cost to the court.

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

M. J Haddix made a motion to come out of closed session. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk