

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**November 14, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on November 14, 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 Meeting of October 17, 2019. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** Caroline Ricks addressed the court with questions regarding the animal shelter building maintenance including painting and cleaning. She offered to volunteer to help. She also asked about the shelter's ability to take in cats. Judge Morris answered that all of the questions posed would be addressed under the agenda item listed. He did note that the shelter is not currently equipped to handle cats but work is being done to find a solution.

**Approval of Agenda:** Judge Morris requested to add an item to the agenda, "Retention Agreement – Opioid Litigation." Motion to approve the agenda with the addition was made by Ethan Moore and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval to pay, which included the added blue sheet. M. J Haddix how much was spent on State Auditors as opposed to the new outside firm being used. Treasurer Bullard answered that the fee paid to the state was less, however they always ran 1-2 years behind which caused problems any time a finding occurred. The new arrangement has the county current with the audit cycles. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the claims as presented. Ethan Moore Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

**October 2019 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending October 31, 2019. Ethan Moore moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – M. J Haddix moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of October. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Joel Shinkle moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of October. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #101719 #2 – Second Reading: Donnie Sullivan moved to approved the budget amendment for insurance reimbursement for repairs to 2014 Dodge Durango. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment #111419 #3 – First Reading: M. J Haddix moved to approve the amendment regarding Ambulance Surplus and Court Settlement Receipts. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CEMETERY ROAD SPEED LIMIT SIGNS**

Judge Morris reported that District 6 has provided notification that a speed study will be conducted.

**SKYTECHBB INTERNET SURPLUS PROPERTY UPDATE**

Judge Morris reported that currently an inventory list is being compiled so that it can be put out for bid.

**ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEERS UPDATE**

Judge Morris reported to the court a list of identified volunteer job duties. These will be used to help drive the policy to be drafted to the county's needs. Magistrate Sullivan commented that he thinks this is a good idea and would like to see it in place soon.

**NAPOLEON / CONCORD FIREHOUSE UPDATE**

Judge Morris reported that AE Door was on site today to quote the garage doors. Magistrate Shinkle commented that it was his opinion the side door was not needed since there is no driveway to it. Judge Morris, in agreement answered that the contractor quote for framing would include to frame that up and insulate.

**TIRE AMNESTY GRANT**

Judge Morris informed the court that a voucher system through the Judge's Office would be utilized to keep track.

**VETERAN'S HALL OF FAME SIGNAGE**

Judge Morris discussed with the court the purchase of an additional Veteran Hall of Fame sign so that all entrances to the county would be covered. M. J Haddix made a motion to purchase the additional sign. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NUCOR INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND**

Judge Morris read aloud a letter of thanks from Nucor for support of their \$645 million Caster Expansion Project. Greg Mitchell representing Nucor informed the court that many Nucor divisions wanted this expansion but the local leadership in Gallatin County helped to make this happen here. Bond Counsel representing the County made note that the county has no obligation to make any payments on the bond, those are the sole responsibility of Nucor.

County Attorney Wright reiterated that the letter of thanks from Nucor addresses that Nucor intends to be taxed as the current bond in place expires. He then read aloud the ordinance that will be published in the Gallatin County News.

Judge Morris asked Mr. Mitchell how many new jobs the expansion will create. Mr. Mitchell responded that there will be at least 120 new jobs for Kentucky Residents at a minimum, but there will be more jobs than that added. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the ordinance authorized the Nucor Industrial Revenue Bond. Donnie Sullivan seconded. Motion passed 3-0 with Magistrates Moore, Shinkle and Sullivan voting yes and Magistrate M. J Haddix abstaining.

**LORA STEWART – SUMMERFEST UPDATE**

Lora Stewart came before the court with concerns about fair dates in reference to the 4-H Livestock Show. She proposed the dates of June 18 – 19, 2020. Judge Morris answered that the dates should be fine. Mr. Morris asked when the fair convention takes place, he was answered that it occurs in January. Ms. Stewart asked if the name of the fair is to be Gallatin County Fair.

Judge Morris answered that it is not yet the name, as some things need to be finalized for next month and he hopes for that to be the case at that time.

Another member of the group representing Summerfest informed the court of an RC Club that is being started up and requested to put together a track for the club at the fairgrounds/county park property. Judge Morris asked how much space would be needed and was answered that there is ample space next to the exhibit halls. Judge Morris asked to set up a meeting to look at spots to locate the track.

Melodiellen Daniel on behalf of the 4-H Council addressed the court about the ability to run the concession stand at the Fairgrounds. With multiple groups using it the clean up time is a major concern. They offered to donate portion of proceeds back to the events being held.

Magistrate Haddix expressed concern over having events be interested if they couldn't have concession as well, due to not being able to support themselves on the gate alone. Magistrate Sullivan added that it is a good idea but other groups will want to do concessions and could make getting events less feasible. Magistrate Shinkle offered the opinion that it seems like a possibly a good idea to have 4-H run it for the first year then look at alternatives in subsequent years.

Judge Morris recommended to table the discussion to gather more information and discuss further once the Fair Board is officially established. Magistrate Shinkle reminded Judge Morris that the Board needs to be in place by December for the convention in January.

Donnie Sullivan moved to able the discussion. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

#### **TRANSPORTATION CABINET**

Judge Morris presented the court with an agreement with the Transportation Cabinet for drainage structure replacement on Knox Lillard Road at the bridge by Hillandale. The 80/20 project is broken down in up to \$36,200 from the state and \$9,055 from the county. Donnie Sullivan asked if the road would have to be closed. Judge Morris answered that it is not expected to be. Motion to accept the agreement made by Donnie Sullivan. Seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

#### **PLANNING & ZONING GIS MAPPING**

Jim Hansen, Planning & Zoning Director came before the court to give an overview of the benefits and capabilities of a GIS Mapping System for the county which carries a one-time cost of approximately \$9,400 and annual maintenance fee of \$2,400. Judge Morris recommended a discussion with Treasurer Bullard to see where funds would be allocated from as it is not currently in the budget.

Motion to table made by Joel Shinkle and seconded by M. J Haddix. All ayes.

#### **NUISANCE BOARD ORDINANCE 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

County Attorney Wright explained how a Nuisance Board would establish a level below District Court to have findings of fact presented for the Board to hear. This allows those noticed the opportunity to plead their case prior to court as well. Also shows the court that the county is making additional effort to handle situations amicably. A member of the audience asked if this would be city related as well. Planning and Zoning Director Jim Hansen explained that the City of Warsaw has zoning but Glencoe does not. Glencoe could decide to join with the county but the City of Warsaw could as well should they decide to once the board is established. The initial formation of the board would be to govern all unincorporated areas of Gallatin County.

M. J Haddix moved to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Nuisance Board Ordinance as summarized by County Attorney Wright. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

**AIRPORT ACCOUNT**

Judge Morris and Treasurer Bullard informed the court of a need to create an Airport Account and Budget Line Item for paying incidentals or miscellaneous items. This would be created with \$20,000 in funds from interest from the closure of the American Racing facility penalty to be used as economic development. Funds otherwise have been unable to be used except for specific projects when approved. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the creation of an Airport Account. Ethan Moore seconded. Motion passed 3 to 1, with Magistrates Shinkle, Moore and Sullivan voting yes and Magistrate Haddix voting no.

**RETENTION AGREEMENT – OPIOID LITIGATION**

Judge Morris recommended to the court that the county join in lawsuit filed by McBrayer PLC in opioid litigation by way of retention agreement. Ethan Moore moved to approve the retention agreement with McBrayer PLLC. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

Magistrate Ethan Moore moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation per KRS 61.810. Motion seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

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

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

Doug Miles  
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk