

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**April 9, 2020**

The Special Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on April 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan, Joel Shinkle and M. J Haddix. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2020. M. J Haddix seconded. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** Judge Morris reported that no requests to speak were received prior to the meeting and upon a check of Facebook Live there were also no requests to speak there. Magistrate Haddix informed the court that he received a message about stolen road name signs on Old Highway 16.

**Approval of Agenda:** Joel Shinkle moved to approve the meeting agenda. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval to pay with two late additions, which were \$1,009.40 for a backup camera in the 2019 911 Fleet vehicle and a separate invoice for a LIFEPAC system for EMS. Ethan Moore moved to approve the claims as presented. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

**March 2020 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending March 31, 2020. M. J Haddix moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Donnie Sullivan 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 – M. J Haddix moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of March. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment #031220 #6 – Donnie Sullivan moved to the budget amendment regarding excess fees. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
5. Quarterly Financial Report – M. J Haddix approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report from January 1 through March 31, 2020. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

Judge Morris reported that the court is on pace to have the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2020-2021 Budget in May. Current areas of concern will be addressed in workshop which will occur between now and then via email or phone/video conferencing, as necessary.

Questions about how the court system is currently function led to the topic of the jail bill. County Attorney Wright explained that incarceration numbers have gone down and the monthly bill has decreased as well.

Magistrate Haddix asked about Tax Projections for the budget. Judge Morris reported that there have been no complete layoffs but the factories are starting to adjust schedules.

Judge Morris also reported that the current road projects that are in the pipeline will begin within three to four weeks.

### **FLOOD PLAIN UPDATE**

Judge Morris recommended to table the issue at this time in hopes of a live meeting in May so that public comment can more easily be held. County Attorney Wright will update the language for the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Judge Morris gave an update in regard to the county's response to COVID-19. He reported that all county departments are following the directive of Governor Beshear for social distancing. He reported that there has been one confirmed case in the county of an individual who has been hospitalized for an extended period of time and is currently hospitalized. It is not believed the individual has had any outside contact with others. Magistrate Sullivan asked how many tests have been performed in the county. Judge Morris answered that he is unsure at this point. He added that the Health Department and First Responders are doing a fantastic job in the face of this uncertain time.

Magistrate Haddix asked if sanitizing is continuing during night shift. Judge Morris answered that it is still taking place and are doing what can be done to go around to wipe door handles, gas pumps and the like. Judge Morris also noted that Brandon Terrell is doing a great job with Emergency Management. He further added that Royce Neeley with Neeley Family Distillery contributions have been monumental in providing the hand sanitizer they are producing.

Magistrate Haddix asked if a weekly update on the status update could be provided from the department heads. Judge Morris agreed to implement the process.

Judge Morris informed the court that Emergency Management has provided letters to businesses as support to help if issues arise with crowds or other activity in defiance of necessary actions to combat COVID-19.

Judge Morris informed the court that 2000 pairs of protective gloves were donated by Jeff Fuehner of FCI Interior Woodworks. He and the court expressed their thanks to Mr. Fuehner.

Magistrate Haddix thanked Kyle and Tony Beach who donated 6 cases of gloves to the county.

Judge Morris reported that a policy has implemented for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders on a call to be in full protective gear. He further explained that should any of them need to be quarantined, we have partnered with NKU to be able to house them there so that they do not put their families at risk.

## **COMMENTS**

Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked if anyone from the National Weather Service contacted us about whether the storm last night was a tornado or straight-line winds. Judge Morris expressed concerns about the Napoleon Firehouse. Judge Morris reported that Brandon Terrell has been in contract with them but nothing has been confirmed as of yet.

Judge Morris also expressed his thanks and applauded the Road Department for their work. They started at 11 pm and finished at 4 am then were back at it at 7 am. They did a great job getting the roads cleared.

Lastly, Judge Morris reported that there are currently still folks without power throughout the county but work is being done to get it restored.

Magistrate Haddix asked about debris removal. Judge Morris reported that he is working with the cities to see what can be done and also will open the county barn up for storm debris collection where it had been closed due to COVID-19. Fees will be waived.

Judge Morris announced that the May 14, 2020 Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court would be held via Zoom Video Conference at 6:00 pm unless Social Distancing guidelines have been lifted by that time.

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