

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

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office Annex, Warsaw, Kentucky. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live. Magistrates present were Ethan Moore, Donnie Sullivan and Joel Shinkle. Magistrate M. J Haddix was absent. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** County Attorney Wright clarified that the minutes from June 11, 2020 should reflect that when the Health Insurance Policy was referenced, it should be Section 5.3 rather than 5.4. Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2020 with the clarification as noted. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** No one in the audience requested to speak and the Facebook Live feed was checked and there were no requests to speak there.

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

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval to pay. Treasurer Bullard informed the court that the jail bill from June has not yet been received and asked for approval to pay once it has come in.

Motion to pay the bills with the addition of the jail bill was made by Ethan Moore and seconded by Donnie Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

**June 2020 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending June 30, 2020 and end of Fiscal Year. Joel Shinkle made a motion to approve the report and Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of June. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Joel Shinkle moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of June. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
4. Quarterly Financial Report – The quarterly financial report for April through June of 2020 has been uploaded to the Department for Local Government and is in balance. Motion to approve the quarterly financial report made by Donnie Sullivan and seconded by Ethan Moore. All Ayes.
5. Annual Financial Report – Treasurer Bullard reported that the annual financial report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is in balance and uploaded to DLG. Motion to approve the annual financial report made by Ethan Moore and seconded by Joel Shinkle. All Ayes.
6. Budget Amendment #070920 #1 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the budget amendment relating to early payoffs on Mars Place assessments. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. All ayes. Upon Treasurer Bullard's discussion with Department for

Local Government, it was determined that a budget amendment was not needed at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **TRASH COLLECTION CONTRACT**

Judge Morris informed the court that another provider, Best Way, had been located but they declined to bid. The Judge reported that he was able to renegotiate with Rumpke to a 4 year contract with no increase for the first 2 years, keeping the rate at \$16.50 and then a 3% increase for years 3 and 4, which will take the rate to \$17.00. The revised contract is dated July 8, 2020.

Joel Shinkle moved to approve the contract with Rumpke as revised. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

### **FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

County Attorney Wright provided a summary of the Flood Plain Ordinance, namely the removal of the additional two feet of freeboard and putting the county's flood plain in line with the Kentucky State Flood Plain Level. The ordinance will be effective upon publication. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Flood Plain Ordinance. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE**

Judge Morris informed the court that the insurance policy will need to be amended by ordinance and provided two options for discussion and consideration. He outlined proposed eligibility options and sample communication to employees with the court. Magistrate Sullivan asked how many people would be affected by the change. Judge Morris reported that it would be five or six employees. Magistrate Shinkle asked what the savings to the county is and what time frame will be given for the change to be made by the affected employees. Judge Morris informed Mr. Shinkle and the court that the savings is roughly \$800 per month, per employee by dropping their spouse, which is \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year. After discussion about time frames the court determined that 90 days seemed to be reasonable. Ethan Moore moved to amend the Health Insurance Benefits Summary portion of the Personnel Policy to make a legal spouse ineligible for health insurance coverage if the spouse is offered medical coverage at their place of employment. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

### **JAIL CONTRACT**

Judge Morris and the court discussed the jail contract proposal and possible savings versus the expenses. Judge Morris reported that he spoke to the Grant County Jailer who said Gallatin County could use the substance abuse program once it is in place. Joel Shinkle moved to reject the contract as written. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

Judge Morris said he will continue to work with Grant County in regard to their substance abuse program.

### **NKU WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT**

The court discussed the \$3 Million NKU Watershed Restoration Project and considered Ordinance Number 061120 which is related to the matter. Judge Morris reminded the court of the concerns with the road with the necessary equipment traffic. The current weight limit is 44,000 pounds and he has received no response in regard to whether the heavy equipment traffic would be thought to cause further deterioration. Mr. Morris also reported that David Hull has spoken to NKU and they have no problem working with the county to use lighter loads and more trips if

that helps. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance Number 061120. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

#### **GALLATIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS APPOINTMENT**

Judge Morris offered Beth Lynn as the Fiscal Court's appointment to the Board of Assessment and Appeals. Donnie Sullivan moved to approve the appointment. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CARGILL SALT CONTRACT**

Judge Morris reported that Cargill was the lowest of the three sealed bids received at \$69.80 per ton with no minimum required. Donnie Sullivan moved to accept the low bid from Cargill. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

#### **CRF APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

Judge Morris read the CARES Relief Fund Resolution which will enable the court to submit COVID related expenses after the resolution is passed. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the resolution. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

#### **FARMS TO FAMILIES**

Judge Morris reported that the Farms to Families event was again held and 315 families were served on July 8. He again thanked the community for its help and support. He is hopeful it will take place again on August 12.

#### **KOHS 2020 KY 911 SERVICES BOARD GRANT**

Judge Morris informed the court that Dispatch was able to apply for and was awarded a grant of \$40,611.50 which will require a county match of approximately \$4,500. He credited their hard work with securing this for the county. This grant will allow for the county to be able to deploy IP based radio. The county will have to first spend the money and then will be reimbursed.

#### **FERALLOY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Judge Morris announced that Feralloy will be coming to the county and occupying space at Nucor and also will build additional space. They will employ an estimated 16 people initially and increase that to approximately 30. These positions will start at \$25 per hour. This is a \$17.5 Million investment in Gallatin County that required no incentives from the county.

#### **COMMENTS**

Magistrate Joel Shinkle expressed concerns in regard to cleanup around the county. Judge Morris and Magistrate Donnie Sullivan also noted issues they were aware of that needed attention in this regard. They acknowledged that one on Boone Road is being worked on with Code Enforcement.

Magistrate Sullivan reminded the court that it is time to start planning for a fair in 2021. Judge Morris agreed with his thoughts and noted that the plans to move forward that have been discussed need to be finalized. Magistrate Shinkle asked what needs to take place first. Judge Morris stated that the current issue needs to be resolved first, then form the Fair Board. He noted that the previous regime has not yet fully relinquished control. The court agreed that this needs to be taken care of by the next court meeting.

Magistrate Ethan Moore requested an update on the Nuisance Board. He was informed that on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of July they will meet and elect officers and set the ongoing schedule of meetings.

Judge Morris reported that from discussions with Magistrate Haddix there is some concern with debris at the 127 Boat Launching Ramp that needs to be cleaned up to make the area usable. Mr. Morris will reach out to the Division of Water for notification.

With no further business before the court, Ethan Moore made a motion to adjourn. Joel Shinkle seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Miles  
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk