

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
November 12, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ryan Morris on November 12, 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, Joel Shinkle. M. J Haddix joined via phone. Assistant County Attorney Brian Newman was also present. Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2020 were approved by Joel Shinkle via motion. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

**Recognition of Audience:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** Magistrate Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Vendor Claims:** Claims were presented for approval to pay. Treasurer Bullard noted that one additional bill was received the day of the meeting from IHS Pharmacy for inmate prescriptions during the month of October totaling \$492.38. Donnie Sullivan moved to pay the bills as presented. Ethan Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**October 2020 Financial Reporting**

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the Fund Cash Statement Summary for the month ending October 31, 2020. Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the report and Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Ethan Moore made a motion to approve the budget transfers for the month of October. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the interfund cash transfers. Ethan Moore seconded. All ayes.

Judge Morris noted that discretionary funds from the rural secondary roads program have been received.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR BOARD UPDATE**

Judge Morris reported that he and each Magistrate have a nomination for the Fair Board. The Fiscal Court will continue to serve as Directors as is currently listed with the Kentucky Secretary of State. The members once approved will also be listed with the Secretary of State. The members of the board will be charged with setting the by-laws and operating procedures and will be assisted by the Fiscal Court. The court will not be actively taking part in the operation of the board once the by-laws and procedures are set. The nominations to the board are as follows:

Ethan Moore nominated Tyler Boaz of Warsaw.  
M. J Haddix nominated Wayne Dunkerly for Glencoe/Veteran's Memorial.  
Joel Shinkle nominated Scottie Doolin for Concord/Napoleon.  
Donnie Sullivan nominated Adam Riddle for Sparta/Gold Star.

Judge Morris nominated Ethan Burlew for the at-large seat.

Judge Morris explained that the President can be any of the five nominees or someone elected via membership once established. Magistrate Haddix commented that it sounded like a really good board to him.

Treasurer Bullard noted that there initially is no funding other than the roughly \$2,000 in the account that was turned over. Judge Morris added that he felt like events held will support the activities, but that from the restrictions that were in place and the inability to have Summerfest this year, those funds could be moved for start-up assistance and noted that the board will handle their own funds. Magistrate Haddix asked if the accounts could be set up as a "county fund" in order to achieve some level of oversight. Treasurer Bullard answered that there would be some logistics to work out. Judge Morris recommended that be discussed at the December Fiscal Court meeting. Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked if there is an ideal size of the overall board or maybe that will be established by the by-laws. Judge Morris agreed and mentioned that there could possibly be voting and non-voting members. Further discussion took place in regard to membership and M. J Haddix noted that possibly John Peck of Top Dog Promotions could hold an event to help support the board in the first year. Judge Morris will reach out to Mr. Peck about that possibility. Magistrate Haddix made a motion to approve the nominations to form the initial membership of the Gallatin County Fair Board. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Judge Morris presented two Library Board appointments, each that will serve a 4-year term. Joanie Rodgers to replace the expiring term of Diane Coleman and Amanda O'Connor to a new term upon the expiration of her current term. Ethan Moore moved to approve the Library Board appointments. Donnie Sullivan seconded. All ayes.

### **CARES RESOLUTIONS; SPARTA & GLENCOE**

Judge Morris explained that if cities had no eligible Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) expenses of their own, they could turn their allotted funds over to the county via resolution. The City of Glencoe approved to send their allotment to the county in the amount of \$26,318. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the resolution accepting the funds from the City of Glencoe. The motion was seconded by Ethan Moore and passed unanimously. The City of Sparta approved to send their allotment to the county in the amount of \$19,774. Donnie Sullivan made a motion to approve the resolution accepting the City of Sparta's allotment. Motion seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

### **EMS BUDGET**

EMS Director Bud Webster presented his plan for the EMS Budget. He noted that the budget was scrubbed for necessary and unnecessary expenses and has created a capital projects plan that will ensure that the county should not get into situations where the fleet is under stress and incurring extreme amount maintenance on aging equipment. The new plan will allow for the county to update the fleet as needed and very possibly without the need to finance the vehicles at that those times if the budget is kept as proposed. Significant discussion took place in regard to maintenance costs, current budgeted payments as well as some grant funds that are available. The total cost of a new gas V-10 unit would be \$84,990, and with the use of budgeted lease payments, a \$10,000 grant and \$20,000 from the maintenance budget only \$28,000 - \$29,000 will be needed which can be taken care of from available LGEA funds. The lead time to have it road ready, once one is identified would be 90 to 120 days. Chief Webster also noted that the

fuel costs have been down due to running the gas unit and not having to use the 4x4 unit except only when necessary. This also helps to ensure the 4x4 unit will have a longer life span.

M. J Haddix made a motion to purchase the new squad unit as outlined via a full cash purchase with no financing. Magistrate Shinkle noted that the plan seems like a no-brainer for the county. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **COMMENTS**

Magistrate Ethan Moore asked if the CRF Funds covering EMS and Sheriff Deputies hazard pay needs to be renewed. Judge Morris and EMS Director Webster answered that if the payments are to be continued then it will need to be renewed after November. Judge Morris will bring the issue back as an agenda item in December.

Judge Morris informed the court that \$50 million in CRF funds were held back by the Department for Local Government, \$10 million of which will be provided to the Department of Education to provide hot spots for virtual learning. He added that it is likely that the county will have more funding allocated from the remaining \$40 million.

Magistrate Donnie Sullivan informed the court that the City of Sparta has contacted Cincinnati Bell to discuss broadband options. Judge Morris has asked if the county could subsidize in areas that Cincinnati Bell didn't think it was financially feasible for them to provide the service and has not yet received an answer. He added that he believes the company that purchased the county internet service hopes to offer better options throughout the county through the upgrades that they are currently undergoing. Mr. Morris continued by saying at the December meeting a discussion can take place in an effort to support Glencoe and Sparta in their efforts to secure broadband access.

Bud Webster asked if there is any remedy for customers that are with Cincinnati Bell that are supposed to receive 200mb speed and are not receiving it. Assistant County Attorney Newman answered that most likely there are disclaimers in the contract stating that speeds may not be available in all areas. Judge Morris will contact Cincinnati Bell about the issue and pledged that he will continue to fight to get them to bring better access to the county.

Mr. Morris also informed the court that KACo is planning to take this issue to the legislature to lobby on behalf of the counties to help further these efforts.

Judge Morris reported that the pothole repair on Gridley Hill should be finished in the coming week. He also reported that he has spoken to Ken McCarty of District 6 about Highway 1130. That work could be let for bid in December.

Judge Morris also reported that gates will be installed at the Fairgrounds to prevent vehicles from getting past the shelter areas as has been noted as a concern.

Judge Morris thanked the county attorney's office for their efforts in working to have the house trailer at the fairgrounds removed. He hopes that it will be taken care of before weather gets bad.

Magistrate Joel Shinkle made a motion to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition per KRS 61.810(1) (b). Motion seconded by Ethan Moore. All ayes.

Ethan Moore made a motion to return to open session. Donnie Sullivan seconded the motion. All ayes.

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

Doug Miles  
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk