

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
March 9, 2017

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on March 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin County Senior Center, Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Eric Moore, Jeff Wallace, Joel Shinkle and Sally Davis. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2017 were approved by Eric Moore. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. All ayes.

Consent Agenda: Joel Shinkle moved to approve the consent agenda. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay which included the added blue sheet. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the vendor claims as presented and Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

February 2017 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending February 28, 2017. Eric Moore moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Jeff Wallace moved to approve the budget transfers. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Joel Shinkle moved to approve the transfers and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment 030917 #6: 1st Reading realizing unbudgeted receipts from Sheriff Excess Fees, Miscellaneous Revenues, County Clerk Excess Fees and other Miscellaneous Revenue all totaling \$137,461.12. Budget amendment approved by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Jeff Wallace. All ayes.
5. Budget Amendment 030917 #7: Emergency Amendment, requiring only a 1st Reading. \$30,910 in Miscellaneous Revenues from a vehicle claim. Emergency Amendment in order to allocate funds to initiate payoff and secure lien release. Eric Moore moved to approve the emergency budget amendment. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

ETHICS COMMITTEE – RON TACKETT

Judge McFarland offered the name of Ron Tackett for appointment to the Ethics Committee per the recommendation of Magistrate Sally Davis. Sally Davis moved to approve the appointment of Ron Tackett to the Gallatin County Ethics Committee. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

SHERIFF’S ADDITION - PROGRESS

Judge McFarland reported that the Sheriff’s addition is nearly complete, with countertops needing to be installed and final inspections in hand. He hopes it will be open in the next 10 days or so.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEE REASSIGNMENT OF BONDS FOR NUCOR CORPORATION

Judge McFarland presented a request for approval of Trustee Reassignment Nucor Corporation Bonds. He noted that there is no change to the bonds' length, terms, etc., but that the reassignment must be approved by Fiscal Court. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the reassignment of the bonds and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

HISTORICAL MARKER REPLACEMENT

Judge McFarland reported that the historical marker at the 127 Ohio River Overlook had been stolen a few months back. The Judge was informed via email by the State Historical Society that a replacement would be \$2,300. Judge McFarland noted that he has spoken to Jacqueline Mylor from the local Historical Society about sharing in the cost of the replacement. Joel Shinkle asked if funds from Tourism could help with replacement. Judge McFarland agreed that Tourism could be a good partner. Jeff Wallace and Eric Moore gave their opinion to get as much help as possible to get the marker replaced.

COUNTY CLERK SETTLEMENT

County Clerk Tracy Miles presented her settlement for 2016. She turned over \$28,636.11 in excess fees to the county. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the County Clerk's settlement. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

FAIRGROUNDS EXCAVATION BIDS

Judge McFarland and County Attorney Wright opened 4 bids for needed excavation at the County Park in Glencoe. Bids were received from Gary Richardson, Larry Lewis, Top Notch Excavating and Utter Construction, Inc. Judge McFarland noted that the bids are for the excavation work only and that there will be additional work that needs to be performed such as seeding and straw once the excavation is complete. Jeff Wallace made a motion to accept the low bid of Gary Richardson at a price of \$75 per hour for a 650 Dozer and \$75 per hour for a Trackhoe. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0, with Jeff Wallace, Joel Shinkle and Eric Moore all voting for the measure and Sally Davis abstaining.

FOOD PANTRY VAN

Judge McFarland informed the court that a van has been donated to the county as well as a refrigerator, freezer, tables and supplies. He further expressed his thanks to Life Line Ministry and Dave Williams for the donation while adding that it is a great asset for the county to have. Judge McFarland further noted that the Road Department has gone through the vehicle for a complete service. Sally Davis moved to accept the donations. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

STORM REPORT

Judge McFarland noted that the timing of the day was very bad with it coinciding with school pickups and unfortunately a few roads were closed but he further reported that the Road Department was able to get everything reopened within a few hours. He thanked them and the others around the county who pitched in to help out for their efforts.

REGIONAL AG PROMOTION PROGRAM

Judge McFarland explained a new program aimed at setting up a market for local farmers to have access to distributors for their produce. The market will be located in Grant County and \$1500 from the county would help pay for the study. David Hull and the Gallatin County Extension Office will be involved with helping the project.

CONSENT AGENDA

GALLATIN COUNTY SEWER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge McFarland informed the court that Dick Koenig is stepping down from the sewer board. Mr. McFarland thanked him for his time and service. Judge McFarland then offered the name of Barb Phelps who lives in Hillandale and has an accounting background as the replacement. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the appointment. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Judge McFarland informed the court that he is expecting there to be an increase in Health Insurance this year. He explained that in an effort to offset the costs to the county, he would like to make it mandatory each employee participate in a biometric screening performed by Humana, which will produce a savings of 7%, which equates to approximately \$28,000. This will allow the county to continue to cover the full premium for the employee. Jeff Wallace made a motion to require a mandatory biometric screening for all employees participating in the county's insurance. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

PLANNING & ZONING – NUGENT SAND

Judge McFarland informed the court that a proposal by Nugent Sand to expand was rejected by Planning and Zoning. Judge McFarland felt it necessary from recommendation by legal counsel of Planning and Zoning, Steve Huddleston, to provide a transcript of the meeting to the Magistrates in order for them to make an informed decision. County Attorney Wright notes that there was a court reporter present to record the meeting. The transcript and written findings in report form will be provided. He added that no action is needed from Fiscal Court unless the decision is challenged by Nugent. He further added that over the time that Planning and Zoning has been in place, Fiscal Court has historically affirmed the recommendations of Planning and Zoning. Discussion between County Attorney Wright, Judge McFarland and members of the audience surrounding the current operations at the Nugent site and possible violations took place. Mr. Wright explained that his office can take complaints and follow up with them. Other concerns voiced were in regard to speeding in the area. County Attorney Wright explained that those complaints need to be directed to the Sheriff and or DOT. Further discussion of the Nugent operations and surrounding area took place. Melia Ogburn then came before the court on behalf of property owners of over 200 acres of farmland in Steele's Bottom, with a letter vehemently opposing the proposed zoning change and asking that it be included in the minutes.

Jeff Wallace moved to go into closed session per KRS 61.810c to discuss litigation. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

Jeff Wallace moved to return to open session. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

Eric Moore made a motion to accept drafted letter as written and send to Hargis Davis, The Gallatin County Fair Board and the Gallatin County Executive Fair Board. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0, with Eric Moore, Jeff Wallace and Joel Shinkle voting yes. Sally Davis abstained.

With no further business before the court, Eric Moore made a motion to adjourn. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk