

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
June 15, 2017

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on June 15, 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 May 11, 2017 were approved by Joel Shinkle. Sally Davis seconded the motion. All ayes.

Consent Agenda: Eric Moore moved to approve the consent agenda. Jeff Wallace 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.

May 2017 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending May 31, 2017. Eric Moore moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Joel Shinkle moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of May. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Eric Moore moved to approve the budget transfers and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

JULY 1st – SILVER STATUS

Judge McFarland informed the court that the deadline for employees to earn Silver Status with the county’s insurance provider is July 1. Malinda will be following up with the 2-3 employees that have yet to meet the needed level.

2017 – 2018 SALT BID WINNER

Judge McFarland & Treasurer Bullard informed the court that the salt bid for 2017-2018 was received in the amount of \$60.00 per ton from YEC, LLC via reverse auction. This amount was \$30 less than the previous year.

MOWING, CULVERT REPLACEMENTS, ETC

Judge McFarland reported that right of way mowing, culvert replacements and such has been delayed due to the amount of rain that has occurred so far this year. He added that it has been the busiest year he can remember but that it is getting caught up.

FAIR GROUND EXCAVATING

Judge McFarland reported that the job is progressing and it looks very nice. Gary Richardson has done a great job. He added that there is a little more to be done before the job is complete.

CITY OF WARSAW - \$2,000 DONATION TO SENIOR CENTER

Judge McFarland reported that the City of Warsaw has made a \$2,000 donation to the Senior Center. He expressed his and the Court's thanks to both the Mayor and City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

2nd READING – 2017/2018 BUDGET

Treasurer Bullard reported that the 1st Reading of the 2017/2018 Gallatin County Fiscal Court Budget was approved by the Department for Local Government. Judge McFarland reiterated his thought that the budget was very sound. He noted that there will be a carryover of \$1.7 million. Joel Shinkle moved to accept the 2nd Reading of the 2017/2018 budget. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

FISCAL COURT MINUTES APPROVAL

As an FYI Judge McFarland explained to the Court that the minutes are not official until after the approval at the following month's meeting. He noted that the minutes are often requested prior to the approval at the next meeting, but it is the policy of the court to not release those minutes until they have been approved.

Jeff Wallace made a motion to make the minutes of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court official upon the reading and approval of the minutes at the following meeting. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

HWY 42 BLACKTOPPING

Judge McFarland informed the court that approximately 1,000 tons of blacktopping to be completed hopefully by the 4th of July.

SENIOR CENTER CARPET

Judge McFarland explained to the court that the carpet in the Senior Center needs to be replaced and noted that it is in the budget to do so. The Magistrates agreed that the carpet was showing signs of wear and replacement was in order.

HWY 1992 – PATCH SLIPS, APX 150 TONS BLACKTOP

Judge McFarland led discussion in regard to some bad slips and areas of concern on Hwy 1992. He noted that he has been in touch with the state to get it taken care of, and added that if the state does not complete the work then the county may have to look at using flex funds to make the repairs.

NICHOLAS RIDGE/JENNA DRIVE (ASHLEY ESTATES) – VOTE RESULTS - APPROVAL

Judge McFarland informed the court that the voting results were received from the property owners in the respective areas and there were only 3 NO's. Judge McFarland added that he will request a five year warranty on the work to be completed. Joel Shinkle made a motion to accept the voting results and bid approval. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

CULVERT – HILLANDALE and KNOX LILLARD

Judge McFarland explained that a culvert was put in last year and the county has been asked to maintain it as Hillandale is a county road. He noted that the county will not assume the landscaping maintenance. Motion to take the culvert into the county road system was made by Jeff Wallace. Seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE 07132017 – SERVICE FEES FOR DEPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SVCS

County Attorney Wright read aloud Ordinance 07132017 which allows Emergency Safety Service Departments to bill for services rendered to both the insured and insurance company. Eric Moore moved to approve the ordinance. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

JOE LOWE – GALLATIN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COUNCIL

Joe Lowe of the Gallatin County Soil and Water Conservation Council presented their annual budget and gave an overview of what they do. Jeff Wallace made a motion to accept the budget. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

COMMENTS

Magistrate Joel Shinkle asked about ambulance transports to the hospital, as to who decides where the patient is taken. Miranda Baker of Gallatin County EMS answered that they have a good relationship with the St. Elizabeth hospital group and also the other hospitals in the area. Each facility may have a certain specialty that lends itself to be chosen over another but generally speaking the goal is to get the person to the nearest capable facility in an effort to meet their needs. Further discussion about the specifics of how and why certain hospitals may be chosen over others, continued. County Attorney Wright weighed in saying, that it is the policy of the county that protocol be followed to ensure patients are taken as close as possible for practicality and liability reasons. Magistrate Shinkle, Moore and Judge McFarland all acknowledged that it was not the choice of the Fiscal Court to take a patient to one hospital over another as some had previously claimed.

Jeff Wallace asked what could be done about ticket sales on private property, following up from a previous discussion in Fiscal Court. Judge McFarland recommended that the folks concerned could be directed to the office of District 6 since the issue is mainly around the speedway and that is a state road. Judge McFarland will provide the contact information to Magistrate Wallace.

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

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk