

GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
August 10, 2017

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on August 10, 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 August 10, 2017 were approved by Jeff Wallace. Sally Davis seconded the motion. All ayes.

Consent Agenda: Eric Moore moved to approve the consent agenda. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay which included the added blue sheet. Treasurer Lesa Bullard noted that the amount shown for Jail includes the state allotment and medical that gets transferred back out. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the vendor claims as presented and Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

July 2017 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending July 31, 2017. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
2. Interfund Cash Transfers – Eric Moore moved to approve the budget transfers and Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
3. Budget Transfers – Jeff Wallace moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of July. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.
4. Budget Amendment 081017 #1: 1st Reading W/C Master & Cozine Towing – Vehicle Loss. Miscellaneous revenues paying down Sheriff debt/lease. Budget amendment approved by Jeff Wallace and seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

Judge McFarland offered to the court the matter of the Real Property Tax Rate. He explained that the state recommended a raise to the taxes. He noted that he felt no need to raise rates and recommended to keep the rate the same at 8.9 cents per \$100 of value. Eric Moore made a motion to keep the tax rate the same. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

MOTOR VEHICLE AND WATERCRAFT PROPERTY TAX RATE

Judge McFarland also brought before the court the matter of Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Property Tax Rates. He explained that again the state recommended an increase in the rate but he feels the increase is not necessary at this time. Jeff Wallace made a motion to set the motor vehicle and watercraft property tax rates at the same rate as from 2016 at 16.3 cents per \$100 of value. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

GED PROGRAM

Judge McFarland presented the 2017 Performance Report for Gallatin County from Kentucky Adult Education. The report noted that 19 people from Gallatin County had received their GED via this program. Funds have been set aside in the budget for this program, \$1,000 of which is needed now and an additional \$1,000 will be funded in January after the next satisfactory report to the court. Sally Davis motioned to release the \$1,000 to the program. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

KENTUCKY CAREER CENTER

Judge McFarland provided an FYI to the court and those in attendance to direct anyone that may be in need of the services detailed on the handout from the Kentucky Career Center – Carrollton Location to please direct them to the Judge's Office for more information.

DATA BREACH POLICY

Judge McFarland read aloud the Data Breach Policy. This policy was effective May 11, 2017 and is amended to include all county offices, including the County Clerk, Sheriff's Office, Central Dispatch and Ambulance Service. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the amended Data Breach Policy. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

ASHLEY ESTATES – BLACKTOP PROJECT – AGREEMENT & OTHER PROJECTS

Judge McFarland reported that the agreement for the blacktop project in Ashley Estates has been signed by the developer for a three year guarantee. Joel Shinkle moved to proceed with the projects with Ohio Valley Asphalt. Jeff Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

Judge McFarland also reported that Homestead Acres, Mars Place and Scenic View are all scheduled, Ashley Estates and River Valley Run have been bonded and thirteen slips in Steele's Bottom needing repair had the paving finished today. That work was completed by the state and more is planned for the future.

ORDINANCE – ASHLEY ESTATES AND RIVER VALLEY RUN BONDING

Judge McFarland presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 081017. An ordinance approving the bonding lease agreement for Ashley Estates and River Valley Run. He noted that the interest rate is 3.69%. Eric Moore moved to approve the ordinance. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

TIMBERLINE ROAD – ABOLISH TAXING DISTRICT

Judge McFarland reported that he and Magistrate Joe Shinkle met with residents of Timberline Road and they want to abolish the taxing district there. It is not a county road, they are taxing themselves and it only takes 30% to abolish it, which was more than achieved at their meeting. They hope to proceed with pricing new road improvements. Judge McFarland asked for a motion to accept the abolishment of the Timberline Road Taxing District. Joel Shinkle made the motion. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

GLENCOE BANK BUILDING – BIDS

Judge McFarland informed the court that no bids were received for the work advertised to be done at the Glencoe Bank Building. He recommended allowing for a couple more weeks in hopes that some bids may be received. The work advertised to be performed was as follows: roof inspection and repair, paint the building, secure facial boards, plumbing and electrical inspection and repair as needed. Magistrate Sally Davis asked what the plans are for the building and explained that a citizen had inquired about having drug awareness meetings there. Judge

McFarland answered that he envisions the building being used as a multi-purpose community space to serve for events just like what Mrs. Davis mentioned. Motion to leave the bid open for two additional weeks was made by Jeff Wallace. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

NUCOR PROPERTY TRANSFER

Judge McFarland informed the court that Nucor is in agreement to trade 13 acres of Riverfront property for 13 acres of road frontage property on Hwy 42 with their neighbor Mr. Diuguid to proceed with their new project. The court must sign off on the transfer as the county is the owner of the property per deed. Judge McFarland has a copy of the plat which was approved by Planning and Zoning. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the Plat as presented. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

PROCLAMATION – JOHN FUELLHART

Judge McFarland read aloud a Proclamation recognizing Deputy Fuellhart for his service of great distinction for 16 years.

COMMENTS

Glencoe Fire Chief Bud Webster came before the court expressing concern as both fire chief and as a citizen in regard to the current status of the dispatch service. He explained that he was not pointing fingers or placing blame but feels that there are needs for training there. He continued on noting some critical calls that were not handled timely and wanted to point out that improvements need to be made for everyone's safety.

Judge McFarland thanked Chief Webster for his concern and input. He explained that the issues are being addressed and planning efforts are in place. He noted that close to \$100,000 has been spent in the past year and a half in an effort to make improvements and hope to continue to improve the service. He added that there is a need to be able to find folks to fill positions and maintain continuity, as often times people are lost upon completing their training time due to their ability to go elsewhere and make more money.

Magistrate Shinkle asked if there is a specific problem related to personnel or equipment. Judge McFarland answered that it appears to be some of both or a combination of the two at different times. The equipment issues have either been addressed or are in the process of being addressed.

Magistrate Sally Davis asked how the work at the Fairgrounds is going. Judge McFarland explained that it all appears to be moving forward and making steady progress. Overall costs of getting the issues taken care of is approximately \$20,000 for excavating with about \$5,000 of grading remaining and a bid of \$19,000 for lights. Mrs. Davis asked who was paying for all of the work, is it the county? Judge McFarland answered that it was the county.

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