

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
October 12, 2017**

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on October 12, 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 September 14, 2017 were approved Jeff Wallace and seconded by Eric Moore. 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. Judge McFarland commented that the jail bill has been higher than expected over the last couple months. We explained that County Attorney Wright among others are doing what they can to speed the legal process up to make for less impact to the county, but there are still delays. Eric Moore moved to approve the claims as presented. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

September 2017 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending September 30, 2017. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.
2. Interfund Cash Transfers – Joel Shinkle moved to approve the interfund cash transfers and Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.
3. Budget Transfers – Treasurer Bullard explained that the transfers covered Mobilecom Invoices for tower improvements. Eric Moore moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of September. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.
4. Quarterly Financial Statement – Treasurer Bullard presented the quarterly financial report for the month ending 09/30/2017. She reported that the statement was in balance and has been uploaded to the Department for Local Government. Eric Moore moved to approve the Quarterly Financial Statement. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

NUCOR - DEED EXCHANGE

Judge McFarland reported that the deed for the Nucor property exchange had been received and is ready for his signature. He noted that the exchange will result in a slight increase to the county's tax roll. Joel Shinkle moved to authorize Judge McFarland to sign the deed as necessary. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTE FLOWERS – TUTORING AND BINDERS

Conte Flowers of the Family Resource Center came before the court to report on the tutoring program supported by Fiscal Court. She provided a fact sheet of statistics about the program and the plan for this year. She also reported that the Welcome to Gallatin County Binders have been well received, and while it is completed it is still being continually updated. Treasurer Bullard also noted that comments she has received about the binders have been good. Mrs. Flowers also reported that the All-Pro Dad organization, led by Chris Olivigni and Brad Hopperton has had a great turnout. The group will be working on the bank building in Glencoe on October 21. Judge McFarland reported that the water and electric are on at the building. Judge McFarland also commented that he along with Fiscal Court appreciate Mrs. Flowers' work and love seeing the improvements being made, adding that the court will be happy to support these efforts as long as it can do so financially.

NUCOR - COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES

Judge McFarland informed the court that Nucor would be holding community open houses on October 14 and 28 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

CARROLL COUNTY WATER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge McFarland informed the court that he has been contacted by Obie Cox of the Carroll County Water Department about the need to replace Doug Terry on the Board who is stepping down after 30 years of service. Judge McFarland asked Magistrate Jeff Wallace to be thinking of possible candidates for the position since most of the area is in his district. The appointment will be needed at the first of the year.

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE – ASHLEY ESTATES AND RIVER VALLEY RUN BONDING

Judge McFarland reported to the court that there are plans for a 24x40 shelter at the park and the project was in the budget but it has not yet been built. He feels it is the right time to move forward with it. He noted that the budget was \$13,000 but expects to be well under that figure. Jeff Wallace then made a motion to accept River Valley Run into the County Road System. Eric Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Judge McFarland noted that the court will still need to accept Ashley Estates into the County Road System once it is completed.

INTERNET TOWER QUOTES

Judge McFarland reported to the court the details for constructing a 180 foot 45G tower in the west end of the county. The tower will cost between \$25,000 - 28,000. He explained that with 80 customers the tower would be paid for in one year and as few as 40 new customers would pay for the tower in two years. He added that the tower will also improve and enhance emergency radio coverage, which has been an issue in areas. He continue by noting that a couple of potential sites have been looked at but has not contacted the property owners. He explained that generally, free internet is given in exchange for the space.

Jeff Wallace made a motion to use up to \$30,000 to construct a new tower and instruct Judge McFarland to pursue potential locations with land owners. Eric Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

Judge McFarland provided the court details about the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. He explained that the banners, which honor veterans, active duty servicemen and women, first responders and law enforcement are available through purchase and stay up from May to November. He added that he felt it would be appropriate for the county to be willing to help support the program up to a certain amount. Sally Davis moved to advertise the program in the newspaper to seek interest in the community. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

Judge McFarland presented a benefits summary to be added to the Administrative Code to put into writing what has been the practice for county employees. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the addition to the administrative code. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

PARKING LOT BIDS

Judge McFarland reported that after working through some red tape with AOC, the county has received a bid from OVA to pave the parking lot behind the Sheriff's Office. This will be for overflow and should support 30 – 35 spots. The bid amount was for \$22,320 and must be approved by AOC. The AOC funds will be used. Treasurer Bullard asked what if it is not approved by AOC? She explained that the representative she was with mentioned it may not be a high priority. County Attorney Wright offered to attempt to get letters of support from the District Judges. He added that a review of the ordinances is in order to make sure that AOC has the ability to use those funds for improvements that they would like to put ahead of this. Judge McFarland gave his opinion that the repairs AOC is wanting to make to the interior of the courthouse should be covered by around \$5,000. He also mentioned AOC needs to consider the work that has been performed by the county without sending them a bill, items such as patching the roof and fixing gutters, among other items.

Jeff Wallace moved to go into closed session per KRS 61.810c. Joel Shinkle seconded the motion. All ayes.

Joel Shinkle made a motion to come out of closed session. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

Jeff Wallace moved to authorize the County Attorney to seek damages for repairs made by the county to restore the property at the county park/fairgrounds in Glencoe if all issues are not completely resolved on Wednesday October 18, 2017 in court. Eric Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with Magistrate Sally Davis abstaining.

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