

UNION COUNTY FISCAL
December 17, 2019

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The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with a prayer by Bro. Jerry Manning and the pledge to the American Flag.

The Union County Fiscal Court met in a special called meeting, due to date change, with Judge O’Nan presiding. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes, and Clements.

The minutes from the December 10, 2019 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

County Clerk, Garrick Thompson presented his 2020 budget with estimated receipts of \$4,144,700.00, estimated disbursements being \$4,015,963.00 and estimated excess fees being \$128,737.00. In 2020 estimated excess fees will likely increase by \$51,000.00 more than 2019 due to increased fee changes that are being mandated by the state. The fee increase is for the filing of deeds and mortgages. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the County Clerk’s 2020 budget, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

County Sheriff, Mickey Arnold presented his 2020 budget with estimated receipts of \$864,130.00, estimated disbursements being \$854,500.00 and estimated excess fees being \$9,630.00. In 2020, excess fees will likely increase by \$1,980.00. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the County Sheriff’s 2020 budget, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

County Sheriff, Mickey Arnold set maximum salaries for his department at \$575,000.00. Bailiff’s salary will increase but will be reimbursed by the state. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the Sheriff’s maximum salaries, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion approved.

Judge O’Nan presented the second reading of a 2019/2020 budget amendment. After the cost of the elevator was taken out, the amendment amount came to \$209,215.63. Judge O’Nan stated that grants make up the majority of the amended budget. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the second reading, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the second reading of an Ordinance #19-04 prohibiting smoking on any county property, with parameters set forth for smoking areas and a fine system to be implemented for those not abiding. This Ordinance will supersede the policy that is now in effect. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said ruling, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, so that Magistrates could discuss the matter, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements wanted to know if Moffit Lake would be included in the Ordinance. Judge O’Nan said that it would be, except in designated areas. Which would be determined by the Court. Magistrate Ricketts said that he thought putting signs in prohibited areas would be better, otherwise, the Ordinance, as presented, could be hard to enforce. After discussion, the

court chose to unanimously vote down the Ordinance as written, have it rewritten and then bring it back before the Court to re-evaluate, with roll called as follows:

- Magistrate Wyatt – No
- Magistrate Floyd – No
- Magistrate Ricketts – No
- Magistrate Byrnes – No
- Magistrate Clements – No
- Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan – No

Motion failed.

Magistrate Clements asked for a clarification on the county’s policy for putting rock around mail boxes on county roads. The county’s present policy states that the postal service is to call the County Road Foreman and request when this type of work needs to be done.

Clements also wanted to know about putting “local truck traffic only” signs at the intersection of Mason Creed Road and Hwy. 359, due to semis having overturned. According to County Road Foreman, Mike Schmied, the signs have already been ordered and will be placed there as soon as they come in.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve transfers, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Court, a motion to adjourn was made by Magistrate Ricketts, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance

Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive