

UNION COUNTY FISCAL  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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Judge Executive O’Nan opened the meeting 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 regularly scheduled meeting with Judge O’Nan presiding. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes, and Clements.

The minutes from the January 28, 2020 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

February being the month dedicated to heart health, the court had a Congenital Heart Defective Awareness Proclamation. Mrs. Jeannie Hancock presented the background on Congenital Heart Defects (CHD). The week of February 7-14 is nationally declared CHD week. Judge O’Nan read a 2020 CHD Awareness Proclamation declaring the week officially CHD week in Union County Kentucky. Magistrate Clements made the motion to approve the CHD Awareness Proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Ambulance Director Chris Winstead presented his recommendation for the new 2020 Ambulance be purchased from MidAmerica Ambulance Coach and Sales for a Ford F350 Medic 146 in the amount of \$155,215.00. The ambulance is ready now for delivery, and will save the county \$13,001.58. Magistrate Clement made a motion to purchase the MidAmerica ambulance for \$155,215.00, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Sheriff Arnold Presented a 2019 Sheriff Budget Amendment. Magistrate Ricketts made the motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Magistrate Clements. Magistrate Ricketts commented that he didn’t think amendment balanced. Treasurer Lissa Gibson did a quick calculation and confirmed the debits and credits did not balance. Motion Failed.

Mr. Cody Collins presented multiple quotes on a mower that matched the specifications from his request. H&R Agri Power had a 2019 Kubota for \$8082.92 with an unlimited 2-year warranty. Hodge’s had a Skaggs Cheetah for \$9758.00 and a 2-year limited warranty. Hodge’s also bid a Spartan Kawasaki for \$7874.00 with a 1-year warranty. Hutson Inc bid a John Deere \$10, 285.29 with a 36 month or 1200 hours warranty. Mr. Collins recommended the 2019 Kubota from H & R due to the unlimited warranty. He said the number of hours used at Moffit Lake would far exceed any limited warranty. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to purchase the Kubota for \$8082.92 based off Mr. Collins recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Sheriff Arnold came back to the court with Clerk Kathy Stevens who explained that she rounded on the amendment and that the excess money was being added to the excess fees to be turned over the fiscal court in March. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the Sheriff’s amendment, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Treasurer Lissa Gibson presented the January Treasurer's report. Magistrate Floyd made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Treasurer Lissa Gibson presented a list of transfers. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge Executive O'Nan turned to County Engineer Sean Sheffer for a 911 update. Sean says they are beginning to develop a solid budget and working with city and county on employees. They are open to any suggestions from the court. Currently the City of Morganfield and Union County Fiscal Court split the costs. The City of Morganfield doesn't want to continue with the current arrangement anymore. The question now how will the county come up with the money to cover the whole budget. HB 208 is being presented to help with land line fees going down cell phone fees are not being increased enough to cover the shortfall. Frankfort has encouraged a merger of multiple jurisdictions for regional 911 centers. The County 911 Board will meet again March. Hopefully they will be able to present suggestions to the court after that.

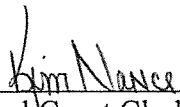
Judge O'Nan explained that every penny of a gas tax brings in 32 million dollars into the budget. Funding is necessary to better Kentucky road conditions. At [kickstartky.com](http://kickstartky.com) you can put in your own figures to test your own vehicle to see what your own person cost for a year would be. Engineer Sheffer stated that Civil Engineers Association is getting F ratings because infrastructure is not in good enough shape from roads and bridges. Kentucky Better Transportation is helping lead the push to increase It is definitely a statewide user tax.


Magistrate Floyd updated that the 2020 Census committee has made up cards to pass out explaining how important the census reporting is to the county. Melissa Coker says the next event is at the high school during one of the ball games. They will present the information and its importance at half time. Mouse in the House literacy program is scheduled for March 23 and there will be a booth set up there to help families fill out the census reports right there on the spot. The second week of March mailers will be going out. The committee is also attempting to get a mobile unit to go around the county to help families that need assistance filling out the form. Volunteers also plan to go to our local senior citizen centers to help our seniors.

Magistrate Clements reported the Hazardous Mitigation meeting went well and asked EMA Noel for an update. He reported that we are keeping our eyes set forward trying to see the possibilities for mitigation that will be long term issues in the future to let them look into those cases as potential mitigation now. He also asked for a coal severance update. Judge O'Nan explained the difference in LGEA and LGEDF funds. He reported that he had met with other coal judges with a coal representative explaining the skewed formula that has been accepted. The representative has stated he will immediately work to try to fix the formula so that only coal

counties will receive LGEDF monies. Riverview Coal in Union County produces 1/3 of the entire stat's coal production.

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

  
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Adam O'Nan  
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