

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT
April 28, 2020

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Judge Executive O’Nan opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a prayer and the pledge to the American Flag.

Due to the Corona Virus the Union County Fiscal Court met in a Zoom meeting that was livestreamed on Facebook with Judge O’Nan. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes and Clements.

The minutes from the April 14, 2020 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan presented the 2019/2020 Non public School Transportation Agreement and Resolution. Magistrate Wyatt Made a motion to approve the Nonpublic School Transportation Agreement and Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

The 2020-2021 County Road Aid Resolution and Agreement was to be approved, but due to Corona Virus Pandemic the amount of funding has been changed. The Court will wait for the updated changes to be released from Frankfort before approving the resolution. Changes should take place and arrive as early as this week, so the Judge hopes to have the Resolution and Agreement on the May 12th, agenda. He expects the figures to be down by at least 12% due to state expenses caused by the Corona Virus.

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to advertise for road material bids on May 6, 2020 and May 13,2020 and to open bids on May 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the first reading of an Ordinance Reducing the Speed Limit on Buckman Lane. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes. Roll was called as follows:

Magistrate Wyatt: Yes
Magistrate Floyd: Yes
Magistrate Ricketts: Yes
Magistrate Byrnes: Yes
Magistrate Clements: Yes
Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan: Yes

Motion carried.

Judge O’Nan brought before the Court a lease agreement with River View Coal that would allow the Fiscal Court the use of a building on their West Portal, which would allow us a place to keep 284 tons of road salt that we had purchased at auction but didn’t end up using for the 2019/2020 winter. This would keep us from having to pay a storage fee, that could end up being several thousands of dollars. The cost of the lease for the building would be us paying the taxes and insuring the property. The cost to do this would be minimal compared to the storage

fee. Because the Rusty Coffman family is scared that with the County leasing this building, it would open Bluegrass Road up to more traffic, Magistrate Clements voted no. Judge O’Nan and Treasurer, Lissa Gibson informed the Court that the County is working with KACo to refuse the delivery but still maintain a good working relationship with the salt company, so it is unsure at this time if the lease will be needed. If it is needed, Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the lease, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to extend Elevator Bids until June 30, 2020, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

The 2020/2021 Budget was electronically sent to the Magistrates for review. A workshop is wanted to be held with the Magistrates and the media in early May to review and discuss any budget items that need to be discussed. The first reading of the budget is set for the May 26, 2020, Fiscal Court meeting. Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the 2020/2021 Budget Presentation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan also presented the Court with the news that the City of Morganfield no longer wants to be responsible for ½ of the funding of the County’s 911 agency. The Judge anticipates that the City will submit a 90-day notice to discontinue their financial help for the agency as soon as Covid-19 is over. With both the City and the County splitting the cost, the service is about \$600,000.00 and with the City stopping their contribution that expense will fall solely on the County. The Judge hopes to not have to burden the taxpayers with added taxes, but it is not an option to go without this service. The location of the 911 Agency will not change. He also stated that the City of Morganfield is facing a \$20 million sewer project. So understandably that is what they have to focus on. This will be discussed further at the Budget Workshop to be held in the next few weeks and the Sturgis News will keep us updated with any new details.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept Transfer covering the Jail, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

All financial matters in the county were approved verbally by the Magistrates and are to be accepted by e-initial. Roll was called as followed:

Wyatt-Yes

Floyd-Yes

Ricketts-Yes

Byrnes-Yes

Clements-was actually present at the Courthouse, so he was able to initial in person.

After the approval of the claims and transfers, Judge O’Nan wanted to Thank a couple of local businesses for their service to the community during Covid-19. Huff Technologies has made sneeze guards for local businesses and Alliance Coal has provided face shields for our local hospital staff. The Judge met with other Judge Executives in the GRADD District by Zoom, on Monday. He learned in that meeting that a plan is in place to make people aware of what they need to do during this Pandemic. He also stated that the local Health Department has

worked overtime in order to keep the public informed. At this time Union County still has 7 Covid-19 confirmed cases with 4 recovered.

Judge O’Nan asked the Court to set May 6 and May 13 as advertising dates for the LGEA County Road Aid hearing which will be held before the May 26, Fiscal Court Meeting. Magistrate Clements approved the advertising dates, seconded by Magistrates Ricketts, motion carried.

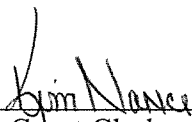
In other business, County Clerk Garrick Thompson went over plans for the June 23, primary election. He stated that every voter will be allowed to vote absentee with in-person voting to take place in one location probably at the Union County Court House. He added that counties have been advised to provide drive-through voting using drop boxes for absentee ballots. All voters will receive a post card in the mail which tells them how to request an absentee ballot. Several other voting changes were discussed, but the Clerk has additional video conferences for the state to clarify some changes to this year’s primary election. When the changes have been made, the Sturgis News will make the public aware of those changes.

All the Magistrates expressed their Thanks to the County residents for doing their part in keeping the local Covid-19 numbers down. Magistrate Wyatt stated that on Thursday between 6:40/6:45 p.m. all emergency vehicles will be circling the parking lot at the hospital to show their appreciation and support to all of the front-line workers during shift change.


Magistrate Floyd reported that the Uniontown clean-up day scheduled for June 1 may have to be rescheduled to a date in the fall, depending on the status of the Corona Virus. All County residents were reminded that drive-thru recycling at the Recycling Center continues, but no tires or electronics are being accepted at this time. Magistrate Floyd also reported that the County’s Census is at 56.67%, with Uniontown now being at 25.2%.

Magistrate Clements asked Mike Schmied, Foreman at the County Road Department if the mowing equipment is ready to go and if he had adequate help? Schmied stated that because of Covid-19 they were running a little behind, but that it will be ok.

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive