

UNION COUNTY FISCAL  
June 9, 2020

All supporting documents to these Minutes may be found in the office of the County Judge/Executive.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with a Prayer by Judge O’Nan, and the Pledge to the American flag.

The Union County Fiscal Court met in regular session with the Honorable Adam O’Nan presiding. Due to the Corona Virus the Union County Fiscal Court met in the upstairs Courtroom so that social distancing could be practiced and the meeting was livestreamed on Facebook. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes and Clements.

The minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

Ethan Johnson, Jason Ward, Emily Deason, Mason Little and Tommy Snow with the Transportation Cabinet presented the 2020/2021 Union County Rural Secondary Program recommendations. The recommendations for KYTC Funds of \$368,000.00, which were down due to COVID-19, were as follows:

- KY 141-Asphalt Resurfacing-2.5 Miles-from Griggs Rd. to T.L. Bishop Rd.
- KY 758-Asphalt Resurfacing-1.867 Miles-from intersection of KY 141 to Dyson Creek. This should complete KY 758 for the next 10/15 years.
- While in the area of KY 758 they are going to put DGA on the shoulders of Higginson Henry.

The recommendation for Flex Funds of \$139,000.00 were as follows:

- KY 365-Asphalt Resurfacing-1.5 Miles-from Crittenden-Union County line to US 60.

The County can either keep the Flex Funds to use for local projects or we can return them to the State for them to complete a recommended project.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the recommendation for Rural Secondary Roads in the amount of \$368,000.00 and to take the Flex Fund recommendations in the amount of \$139,000.00 under advisement, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan read a Proclamation recognizing Dr. Soni’s 40 years of service to Union County. Dr. Soni is retiring and will be moving to Louisville. The Judge expressed his sincere Thanks for Dr. Soni’s contribution to our County and stated that he is a True Blessing. The Magistrates were all in agreement and concurred that he will be Truly missed. Magistrate Clements made a motion to declare June 10, 2020 as Dr. Soni day here in Union County, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Russell Wyatt, with the Morganfield Rescue Squad, came before the Court to ask that the County agree to purchase the Millikan Automotive building on US 60 for their use. Wyatt stated that they had looked at several different properties, but none were as conveniently located as the

automotive building. The Rescue Squad is currently sharing the Morganfield Fire Department's building and because of the lack of space, many of the members take equipment and records home to be stored. Wyatt stated that about \$72,000.00 worth in renovations will need to be done before they can occupy it, but that both the squad and the community will benefit from it. Magistrate Ricketts approved the \$60,000.00 purchase of Millikan Automotive for the Morganfield Rescue Squad, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

The Judge presented the bids for a Tandem Axle Dump Truck for the Road Department.

- UHL Truck Sales-2021 HV507 SFA(HV507)-\$161,528.65/14' Plow Truck-\$61,484.00...Total \$203,061.36
- McBride Mack Truck Sales-Granite 64FR/Crysteel Dump Body-\$203,061.36
- VoMac Truck-Granite 64FR-\$131,666.20/Plow & Body Equipment-\$68,768.90...Total \$200,435.10
- VoMac Truck-VHD64F300-Flink Plow & Body Equipment-\$196,411.24
- VoMac Truck-VHD64F300-J. Edinger & Son, Inc. Flink Plow & Body Equipment-\$196,426.37
- VoMac Truck/-VHD64F300/Buyers Snow Plow & Body Equipment-\$192,335.73
- VoMac Truck/J. Edinger & Son, Inc.-Granite 64FR/Flink Plow & Body Equipment-\$200,450.25
- VoMac Truck-Granite 64FR/Buyers Snow Dogg Plow & Body Equipment-\$195,940.00.

Magistrate Jim Ricketts made a motion to take all bids under advisement and to return with a recommendation at our next Court meeting on June 23, 2020, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Judge O'Nan, Magistrate Ricketts, Magistrate Wyatt and Road Foreman, Mike Schmied will meet to review bids.

Judge O'Nan recommended that all road material bids that were opened at the previous Court meeting, be approved. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said bids, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

The second reading and adoption of Pride Industries, Ordinance #2003, which gives the company a ½ percent rebate on their occupational taxes, was approved. The Ordinance, will become effective upon the adoption and publication of the Ordinance. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts. Roll was called and the votes were as follow:

- Magistrate Byrnes-Yes
- Magistrate Clements-Yes
- Judge O'Nan-Yes
- Magistrate Floyd-Yes
- Magistrate Ricketts-Yes
- Magistrate Wyatt-Yes

Motion carried.

At the May 26, 2020 Fiscal Court Meeting, Judge O’Nan brought concerns before the Court, regarding the Union County Jail and what options the County has for housing inmates. Because of the expense of operating a jail, he told the Court that the County has three options:

1. Build new jail at the cost of several million dollars.
2. Operate the jail as we are now, using \$750,000.00 or more of the general fund to balance the Jail budget.
3. Close the Jail and contract out housing inmates to another County.

Judge O’Nan provided the Magistrates with the budget that was approved that shows that the County pays three quarters of a million dollars in order for the Jail to operate and that number could very likely rise because housing state inmates is where we receive the majority of our funds and with the Corona Virus so many of the state inmates have been released early. Then the Judge provided a second budget that shows if the Jail were to close, how much money the County would spend to place inmates in an adjoining county. The estimated cost that he gave is \$587,000.00 annually & that is based on 30 inmates per day, at \$30 per day. We now pay \$20 a day per inmate, but effective July 1 that will change to \$30 per day. We house some inmates in Webster County to make room for state inmates. If the County decides to close the Jail some of the current Jail employees could be kept to help transport inmates and to help serve papers for the Sheriff’s Office.

Judge O’Nan stated that he and Webster County Judge Executive, Steve Henry have met and discussed medical costs and other issues that may arise. The County Attorney’s for both counties would work on an agreement if our jail were to close. He has also inquired about inmate housing cost with Crittenden County, but their cost is higher than Webster County. Magistrate Clements asked if he had checked with Henderson County and Judge O’Nan said that he had not. Because Union and Webster County already have an existing relationship, he feels like that would be our best option.

No definite decision was made in regards to closing the county jail. The Court asked for more information to be gathered. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion for Judge O’Nan to come up with a detailed closure plan and to bring the information back before the Court, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, opposed by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion that Rulene Berry, who is a contract laborer at the Museum, go from being paid \$8 an hour to being paid \$10 an hour. Magistrate Byrnes seconded the motion, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to set advertisement dates, to rebid plastic and metal pipe for Road Material, for June 10 and June 17, open on June 23. Magistrate Floyd seconded motion, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Pre-Approved Expenses for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, seconded by Magistrate Clements.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept Transfers, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan announced that Deaconess EMS will take over the County’s Ambulance Service on July 1, 2020. He feels like they will come to us in September or October with a proposal to purchase our Ambulance fleet. This will allow more on call trucks in the county. With the purchase, they will be responsible for maintaining the equipment, too. Magistrate Wyatt feels that this definitely a positive move for all involved.

Sheriff Arnold came before the Court to share that the Union County Sheriff’s Office has been awarded a \$500,000.00 grant for 3 years, to be put toward salaries and benefits for 4 additional officers. Treasurer, Lissa Gibson and Deputy Lee Chandler played a huge part in applying for this. With this grant the Sheriff’s Office would have a total of 10 officers. The County would only be responsible for having to put up 25% of the cost of their salaries and benefits. Sheriff Arnold stated that it takes about a year for a deputy to complete their training.

Magistrate Wyatt extended his Best Wishes to Leo Rednour on his retirement and his Thanks for Leo’s many years of service to the County. He also wanted to Thank Michelle O’Nan and Shannon Hazel for how diligent they are about keeping the Courthouse and the Annex so clean.

Magistrate Ricketts expressed his Thanks to Magistrate Wyatt and all First Responders for their service to the County. He also expressed Thanks for how good of a job Cody Collins is doing at Moffit Lake. All 51 campsites are full and there is a waiting list for an opening to become available. The new cabins will be delivered soon.

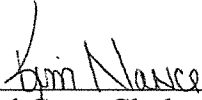
Magistrate Floyd said that he has had several compliments in regards to Moffit Lake. He also stated that the dredging, that is to start in front of the boat ramp in the Ohio River in Uniontown, will have to be delayed until at least July 1, 2020, because of the river levels and because the fish are spawning. No work is allowed to be done until spawning is over. M. Bowling, Inc. was awarded the bid for the dredging project. Uniontown Community Cleanup will take place in July or August. Hopefully July. Blacktop has been done in Uniontown.

Magistrate Byrnes just wanted to Thank everyone for the Awesome job they have done in keeping the County running so smoothly during this pandemic.

Magistrate Clements asked Road Foreman, Mike Schmied how mowing was coming along in the County and which employees were operating the mowers. Mike stated that mowing had been delayed in certain areas due to trees and that Bobby Henshaw, Don Buckman and Tony Ratley had been operating the mowers.

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

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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nance



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Adam O'Nan  
County Judge/Executive