

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT
July 14, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order by Judge O’Nan 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 regular session with Judge O’Nan presiding. The Union County Fiscal Court met in the Fiscal Courtroom but social distancing was practiced and the meeting was livestreamed on Facebook. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes and Clements.

The minutes from the June 30, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan presented a list of the 2020 Surplus Items that are to be auctioned off on August 1, 2020 by Red Hat Realty. On the list is a 2000 Badger Excavator. If the Badger can be repaired, it will be taken off the list and we will keep. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the surplus list, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the IDA Resolution to the Court. The Resolution states that the Union County Industrial Development Authority may receive up to \$307,692.30 in TVA funds for the use on job retention and economic development on behalf of the residents of Union County. The contact person for the Union County Industrial Development Authority will be Melissa Coker. Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the IDA Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Union County Clerk, Garrick Thompson presented a Budget Amendment to the Court. The Clerk received \$7680 from the CARES Act for election expenses due to the Corona Virus. This money will be put toward offsetting the cost of poll workers and extra workers who were hired because of the mail in ballots.

Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire Sam Pentith for the Road Department at \$14.00. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Judge O’Nan’ s recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Kathy Stevens, from the Sheriff’s Department, submitted her reports showing the 2019 collection of property tax and franchise tax. 2019 property (real estate) taxes were 98.58% collected. Tangible property taxes were 99.89% collected. Franchise taxes were 100% collected. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the Sheriff’s 2019 property and franchise tax settlement, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried pending audit.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to change Tony Ratley’s , equipment operator at the Road Department salary, from \$15.00 to \$15.60. When County employee salaries were presented to the Court, Ratley’s salary was listed at \$15.00 and should have been \$15.60. Magistrate Floyd seconded; motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the yearly agreements for the Sturgis Rescue Squad, Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department, Sullivan Fire Department, Morganfield Rescue Squad, Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department, Union County Volunteer Fire Department, Waverly Volunteer Fire Department, Whispering Meadows Volunteer Fire Department and Uniontown Water Rescue Squad. By signing these agreements, Judge O’Nan is agreeing to the Fiscal Court paying each of these departments \$5500 for the year. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said agreements and to allow Judge O’Nan to sign said agreements, seconded by Magistrate Floyd. Magistrate Wyatt abstained from voting; motion carried.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O’Nan commended the Senior Citizens and the Road Department for the exceptional job they are doing in keeping the elderly in the County fed through this Pandemic. They are continuing to feed between 170-180 Seniors. The Road Department have not only kept up with their everyday jobs, but they have stepped up and helped the Seniors in getting many of these meals ready.

Judge O’Nan and County Attorney, Julie Wallace along with Jailer, Sean Elder will be getting together to come up with an agreement regarding the jail. He also stated that Deneatra Henderson, from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet said that road work on Hwy. 60 is to begin soon. Also, pending environmental approval the County is hoping to be able to purchase the Millikan property to house the Morganfield Rescue Squad. He is hoping to get a grant to help with the cost. He also, stated the he and Sean Sheffer would get together and bring more information regarding the elevator to the next Court meeting on July 28, 2020.

Magistrate Wyatt stated that he is wanting to present the 1st reading of an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Ben Shouse road. The Judge advised him to get with County Attorney, Julie Wallace to get the process started. Wyatt also expressed his concern about the safety of State Hwy. 1176. He will talk with Union County State Road Superintendent, Chuck Adamson, to see if we can get anything done to fix the problem even though it’s a state road. Another concern of his is having to call ambulances from Henderson to respond to Union County emergencies. It often takes 20-30 minutes for them to get to the individual who is needing the ambulance’s services and this is unacceptable.

Magistrate Floyd shared that the blacktop at the Uniontown Boat Ramp was complete as well as the dredging and a great job was done on both. Judge O’Nan said that he and others had met with the US Army Corps of Engineers to see about getting more extensive dredging done in that area. The Corps wants the County to work on both dredging and mitigation with them because the project is so large. Magistrate Floyd also stated that Saturday, July 18, 2020 is cleanup day in Uniontown.

Magistrate Ricketts was just curious as to whether or not the Corn Festival was going to be held this year.

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

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