

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT
July 28, 2020

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The meeting was called to order by Judge O’Nan at 9:00 a.m. Prayer was said by Brother 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 July 14, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

The Fiscal Court had a guest this morning. Judge O’Nan introduced to the Court, Mallory White. Mallory was recently elected the President of the Kentucky Future Farmers of America (FFA). She just returned from a state office workshop which allows officers to do virtual visits to county FFA chapters. Because of many common misconceptions regarding Ag, Mallory chose to become an Advocate for it. She has created the Advocate for Ag program to help clear up these misconceptions. Her voice is heard through Facebook, Instagram and other social media avenues. Mallory expressed to the Court that through local FFA chapters is where county leaders get their start. She encouraged the Court and community to support our local chapter. Along with attending Murray State University this fall as a freshman, she will also be conducting FFA workshops for many different schools. She expressed her dedication to the community as well as to FFA and is excited to represent the community, Union County and the statewide FFA chapters.

The Court commended Mallory on her achievements, her dedication to the Ag community and to Union County.

Next, County Attorney, Julie Wallace presented her cold check collections report for the 2020 fiscal year. Julie reported that her office collected \$14,033.06 in the last year which will be turned over to local merchants and \$492.67 will be turned over to the county. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the report and the funds, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented to the Court a complete list of surplus items to be auctioned in August. Some of the items on the list were vehicles, a compressor, fuel tanks, mowers, a metal bridge, a milling machine, as well as other items. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to accept the official surplus list, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan, Sean Sheffer, 911 Director Bobbi Brown and 911 Trainer Cassie Rzepka made up the committee who interviewed the applicants for the 911 Dispatcher position. After conduction 3 interviews, the committee recommended that the Court hire Megan Collier at \$13,80 an hour. Megan will be able to start her training within the next two weeks. Magistrate

Wyatt made a motion to hire Megan Collier for the 911 Dispatcher position, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Sheriff Arnold came before the Court asking if we could purchase a new vehicle for his department. He would like to purchase another Dodge from Freedom Dodge in Lexington for the state contract price of \$31,782, which is included in our 2020/82021 Budget. Magistrate Clements made a motion to purchase a new Sheriff vehicle, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

The Court also heard a Census update from the Census Field Supervisor, David Hart. David stated that door to door knocking would begin on August 11 and will continue until August 24. He urged anyone that has not filled out their Census survey, to please do so now and he noted that they can be filled out on a Smartphone, also. Training for Census workers will begin next week and they will get busy going door to door on the 11th. Their goal is to get as many surveys completed as possible. 66.7% of Union County residents have filled their surveys out. Statewide, 65.7% have been filled out. Judge O’Nan asked that all residents cooperate with the Census workers and to get their surveys filled out. Several county programs are funded by the amount surveys filled out per County. Such as Senior Citizens, school lunches and several others. David stated that he will “do his best to see that Union County is covered 100%.”

The Court has wanted to install an elevator in the Courthouse for several months and has bid twice for this project. Since that time Judge O’Nan has learned of a grant, that because of COVID-19 may be available to through GRADD. Because of this he asked that the Court reject the latest bid that we received at our last Court meeting so that we can pursue this grant that may pay 50 to 75% of the cost. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to reject the latest elevator bid that the Court received, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the June, 2020 Treasurer’s Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s 2019/2020 Year End Statement, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Quarterly Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

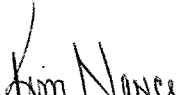
Judge O’Nan also stated that he, Shawn Elder and County Attorney, Julie Wallace are still working on a detailed plan for closing the County Jail and contracting with other counties to house our inmates. After they have come up with a plan, they will share it with the Court and the county. He also noted that the County is waiting to hear from a grant that will pay for the cost of an EPA assessment on the property that the County has agreed to purchase to house the Rescue Squad.

Magistrate Wyatt noted that the residents on Ben Shouse Road wanted the speed limit reduced and speed limit signs installed. County Attorney, Julie Wallace will have an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit at the next Court Meeting. Magistrate Floyd stated that Uniontown’s

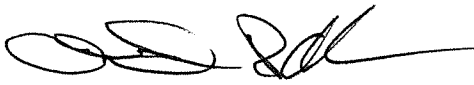
clean up was a big success. Magistrate Ricketts expressed his Thanks to the road department for the work they have done in District #3. He asked if Judge O’Nan would contact the state about getting speed limit signs put up on KY 2917. Magistrate Byrnes, also expressed his Thanks to the road department for a job well done. Magistrate Clements stated that Meadows Road needs to be addressed either by spraying or mowing. District’s 1, 3 and 5 will host clean ups in the fall.

Judge O’Nan encouraged the residents of the County to “be considerate of one another. Union County is something to be proud of. We all have different views, but we must be considerate. When COVID is over we will be stronger as long as we don’t tear one another down getting there. We have so much to be proud and thankful for. Don’t lose sight of what we have.”

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive