

UNION COUNTY FISCAL
September 22, 2020

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

Judge Executive Adam O’Nan opened the public hearing regarding the CDBG at 9:00 a.m. There being no comments from the public the hearing was closed.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Bro. Jerry Manning and the pledge to the American Flag.

The Union County Fiscal Court met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Judge O’Nan presiding. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes, and Clements.

The minutes from the September 8, 2020 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

GRADD Director Joanna Shake and Webster County Judge Executive Steve Henry along with Alliance Coal representative Kim Humphrey presented a partnership agreement with both Henderson and Madisonville Community Colleges for a training center in Webster County for CDL, Linemen Training, and Diesel Mechanic training. Adding this facility in Webster County will triple the number of individuals that can be trained in one year through this program. The proposed program facility will be at the previous Dotiki Mine in Webster County currently owned by Alliance Coal. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will allow Webster County to match a Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Grant. The CDBG that is being applied for requires a team of counties to join together as applicants and therefore Judge Executive Henry is reaching out to neighboring Union County to be the co-applicant for a grant of \$500,000.00 that will match the DRA Grant that was awarded to the project earlier this week in the amount of \$357,000.00. The project total will be \$857,000.00 and will be enough to pay for the acquisition of property from Alliance Coal, which is selling to the county at a discounted rate, and the modifications to the facility for the training center to be fully functional for all three training program requirements. By Union County agreeing to be a co-applicant Webster County can receive \$500, 000.00 instead of \$250,000.00.

Judge O’Nan read a Resolution to sign the CDBG joint application with Webster County for the West Kentucky Regional Training Center. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the resolution allowing Judge Executive O’Nan to co-sign the application, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion approved.

Jailer Elder presented a check in the amount of \$34,000.00 to the court for a transfer of County Sheriff Mickey Arnold’s 2019 Sheriff Tahoe which is already equipped with screens, sirens, lights, and radios for the purpose of transporting inmates to the Webster County Detention Center and also transportation back to Union County for court appearances. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the transfer of the vehicle and accept the check from Jailer Elder’s commissary account for the vehicle, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion approved.

The first reading of Ordinance 20-05 changing the speed limit on Dekoven Road to 35 mph was read by Judge Executive O’Nan. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-05, seconded by Magistrate Floyd. A roll call vote was done:

Magistrate Ricketts yes
Magistrate Wyatt yes
Magistrate Clements yes
Magistrate Byrnes yes
Magistrate Floyd yes
Judge Executive O’Nan yes
Motion carried.

Advertising for the second reading of the ordinance will be on September 30, 2020 and October 7, 2020. The second reading and adoption will be October 13, 2020.

Judge O’Nan opened bids for the new roof on the Annex. There were four bids.

- 1) GBS Enterprises a total bid of \$138,900.00 with an addendum of \$4.00/sq ft for replacement of installation.
- 2) Preferred Construction Services total bid \$94,700.00.
- 3) Ever Building Group, Inc. total bid \$163,165.67.
- 4) Pride Industries total bid \$222,200.00.

Judge O’Nan asked for a motion for the bids to be taken under advisement for County Engineer Sean Sheffer to review and bring back a recommendation to the court. Magistrate Floyd made the motion, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes motion approved.

Engineer Sheffer gave an update on the potential fire and rescue building. An initial environmental assessment study has been completed and by the REC standards there were three findings. 1) The building was an old gas station. 2) An oil tank is behind the building that was used for disposal of oil from oil changes. 3) The concrete floor had oil stains and a drain in the floor. In response to the findings 1) The current property owner says the gas tanks were removed by prior property owner. 2) The oil tank in the back of the building must be emptied, cleaned, and removed in a properly approved manner. 3) The City of Morganfield has to verify the drain in the floor goes down to the city sewer system. Recommendations by the Phase I study says to move forward with Phase II study. The Super Fund will possibly pay the cost of Phase II, which will verify by soil testing of any contamination that may possibly be present and if not will satisfy the RECs in Phase I. The Brown Field Liability Grant Program has a \$2500.00 application fee, but is a program that If the EPA has concerns or findings from Stage 2 the program alleviates the County from all liability.

Judge O’Nan gave an update on the ambulance service. July 1, 2020 Deaconess took over the Union County Ambulance Service along with Methodist Hospital. Deaconess wants to buy our ambulances to get us completely out of the ambulance business of purchasing and insuring. We have to declare all of our ambulances as surplus and then take sealed bids for all ambulances as a whole. The declaration of these ambulances to surplus will take place at the next court meeting.

The August Treasurer's Report was presented for approval. Treasurer Lissa Gibson stated that with the exception of one new bank account for the Federal COPS grant, the report should look the same as usual. Magistrate Clements made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion approved.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O'Nan reported that last week he was invited by Superintendent Sheffer to review the school system set up with the safety precautions in place for the start of school. He was grateful for the opportunity and was impressed with the social distancing precautions set forth at all the schools.

Judge O'Nan reported that the COVID-19 Pandemic has hit Union County hard. We currently have the highest amount of cases per population state wide, and are twice as high as the next county. He strongly urges Union Countians to remain socially distant, wearing masks, sanitizing, and frequently wash your hands. This is not something of which Union County wants to be #1 in the rankings. Due to the high number of cases in Union County Judge O'Nan requested a motion to cancel next week's fifth Tuesday meeting. Magistrate Byrnes made the motion to cancel the September 29, 2020 meeting, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion approved.

Magistrate Floyd stated that this would end the quarter and two new magistrates needed to be named to the Bill Review Committee. Magistrate Ricketts and Magistrate Wyatt will serve on the committee for the October-December 2020 quarter.

County Clerk Garrick Thompson presented an update on the November general election. Clerk Thompson's election plan has been approved by Frankfort. Due to the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic any citizen is allowed to vote early for the election. All early voting will take place October 13, 2020 to November 2, 2020 at James D. Veatch Camp Breckinridge Museum and Arts Center Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All Saturday voting will take place 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The locations for Saturday voting are going to be October 17 Sturgis Kiwanis Club, October 24 The K.C. Hall in Waverly, and October 31 Camp Breckinridge Museum. The General election will be Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. all voting will take place at three precincts: Camp Breckinridge Museum, Sturgis Elementary School, or The Turner Building in Uniontown. Mail in absentee ballots can be requested by October 9, 2020 at the County Clerk's office or online. Those ballots can be mailed in or submitted in the ballot box at the courthouse. All registered Union County voters, regardless of where they live and normally vote, can vote at any of the voting locations.

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