

UNION COUNTY FISCAL MEETING
October 13, 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 September 22, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

With October being the month dedicated to Domestic Violence, Judge O’Nan read a 2020 Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation declaring October officially, Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Union County, Kentucky. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Also, Judge O’Nan read a 2020 Union County Extension Homemakers Proclamation declaring October 11-17, 2020 as officially Kentucky Extension Homemakers Week in Union County, Kentucky. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the Union County Extension Homemakers Proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion approved.

Kathy Stevens, from the Union County Sheriff’s Department presented the 2019 Oil Tax and Unmined Coal Tax with a collection of 98.57% for the Oil Tax and 95.19% for the Unmined Coal Tax. Kathy stated that these percentages are in the normal range of what they’ve received from year to year. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the 2019 Oil Tax and Unmined Coal Tax Report, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried pending audit.

Judge O’Nan presented the second reading of Ordinance 20-05 reducing the speed limit on Dekoven Road to 35 m.p.h. whereupon, the vote was called:

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

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said second reading, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented several HB 352 Resolutions:

- 2020 Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4x4-Sheriff \$46,832.00

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

- Bond payments for the Sturgis, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) Loan \$74,811.00
- Road Bond \$219,298.00
- Levee Bond Uniontown and Sturgis \$142,163.00
- Energy Efficiency \$10,000.00

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said expenses, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

- Expenses of closing our jail and housing our inmates at the Webster County Jail \$400,000.00

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said expenses, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

- Expenses incurred by Union County taking over 911 Dispatch \$563,060.00

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve said expenses, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

The Judge then presented a MOA for a FEMA Public Assistance Grant effective from 07-01-2020 to 06-30-2022. This is a yearly contract that has to be signed in order for us to be eligible to receive monies from a \$50,000,000 Grant from the state of Kentucky. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said MOA, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Melissa Coker presented a Grant update. Melissa, Tami Steward and Sean Sheffer have worked very hard on this project. A couple of months ago, Judge O’Nan mentioned that he would like to do something for the small businesses in Union County that were left out from SBA monies and other sources for one reason or another. Union County was allocated \$489,000 from the Department of Local Government (DLG) through the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to help us offset some expenses that we’ve incurred as a government. The Judge noted that the real reason for the money is to help our community, so he has proposed that Union County set aside \$125,000 of the \$489,000 to reinvest back into the businesses that received no assistance from other sources. In order to qualify you have to be a business with less than 50 employees, you cannot be one of the businesses that received assistance from another source, you have to be a business in Union County and you have to pay occupancy taxes. The minimum grant award will be \$2,500. They are trying to have the applications ready to go on October 16, with them having to be turned back in to us on October 30. They are hoping to be able to start issuing checks to qualified businesses on November 13, if no unforeseen circumstances arise. Melissa, Tami and Sean have created a very detailed rubric, in which the applications will be scored, but it is very user friendly. They have also chosen 5 members of our community, with various backgrounds to be on a “scoring committee”, with 3 people already confirming. Those 3 are: Pat Donahue, who is with the Union County Industrial Development Authority, Jim Ricketts, who is a member of the Union County Fiscal Court and Travis Neitz, who has worked with Union

County First on several different projects and works at United Community Bank. The other 2 have not yet confirmed, but once they do, Melissa will update the Court. This is going to be a "blind" application process and it is going to be done this way in order to keep it from being political. The applications will be received by Melissa and Tami, who will assign each application a number, with all identifying information blacked out and that number will be the only information given to the "scoring committee". So, only 7 people altogether will actually see the application, with Melissa and Tami being the only 2 who know the names of the businesses applying. A link for the applications will be made available on the Union County First website and this will be made known through that website as well as the link being posted on Facebook several different times. The committee will look at one application at a time, score it, and then go on to the next. When all the applications have been looked at, the committee will get back together to see how each applicant scored and move forward from there. The Judge feels that this is a process that is full of integrity, full of accountability and as transparent as it can be without divulging a business's identity. The Court will write Union County First a check for \$125,000 and from there they will write a check to the applicants who scored the highest and met all the requirements according to the "scoring committee". If there are any funds left over, the businesses will see that we get that money back. Judge O'Nan also expressed his thanks to Treasurer, Lissa Gibson on securing this grant money for our County. This will be advertised on the Judge's Facebook page, Melissa and Tami will send out emails to the business, it will be put on the radio (WMSK), Melissa will be talking about it on the Zoom, Chamber meeting on Thursday and in the Sturgis News if everything passes before the Court. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the process for businesses that did not qualify from other sources, to apply for the monies the Court has set aside from the C.A.R.E.S. Act, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

After reviewing all of the bids we received for the repair of the Annex roof, Sean Sheffer brought his recommendation before the Court. Judge O'Nan read all of the bids once again:

- GBS Enterprises, Inc. \$138,900.00
- Preferred Construction Services, Inc. \$ 94,700.00
- EverBuilding Group Inc. \$163,165.67
- Pride Industries, Inc. \$222,200.00

Sean recommended that we go with the lowest bidder which is Preferred Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$94,700.00 located in Henderson, KY. In moving forward, the Judge asked the Court to accept the recommendation from Sean for the lowest bidder thinking that AOC will reimburse us for this. We cannot allow the contractor to start until Judge O'Nan has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with AOC. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the low bid and to authorize Judge O'Nan to sign the MOA with AOC for the reimbursement of this money, pending County Attorney, Julie Wallace's approval, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan expressed to the Court a few weeks ago that Deaconess, who took over the Union County and Henderson Methodist hospitals, effective July 1, wants to take over our ambulance service. The Judge presented to the Court a list of items that Deaconess is bidding on at this time. These items have to be declared as surplus because of restrictions that counties have. They either have to be sold as a sealed bid or at a public auction. Judge O'Nan proposed that it be sold as a sealed bid in its entirety, as a block of equipment. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion

to declare the 20 items on the list as surplus, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to advertise for sealed bids on the list of equipment to be sold as a block on October 21 and October 28 with bids to be opened on November 10, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

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

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O’Nan stated that our 911 Dispatch will transfer to the Central Office along with EMA. He and Judge Newcom from Crittenden County are working together to potentially combine Crittenden and Union County’s 911, with Crittenden to operate from our facility. They are working to figure out the cost allocated with this move and how it can be a money saver for both counties. Also, he stated that he meets monthly with an Ambulance Leadership Team and they have worked through the issues we’ve had since Deaconess took over on July 1. He said the difference is from daylight to dark. He stressed that the issues were not from our Dispatch but from a lack of communication. Since the takeover, our Dispatch has to call Evansville’s Ambulance Dispatch and that’s where the breakdown in communication was occurring, but things are getting resolved now. He hopes to have an official agreement with Deaconess at our next meeting and County Attorney, Julie Wallace is looking over it at this time. He said that we are looking at what Henderson County is doing, since they are working on an agreement with them as well, we might as well be singing off of the same sheet music. They had originally wanted a 10year contract but he said that was not going to happen. Judge O’Nan has purposefully slow walked that agreement because there is no sense in signing an agreement until we know that we’re moving in the right direction. Even after an agreement is signed, we will still be in the ambulance business. We will still pay a yearly stipend and what we budget, is what they’ll get.

Magistrate Ricketts asked the Judge for an update on the jail and he stated that there are a few issues that need to be worked out and that hopefully they can be addressed next week. As far as the logistics and how it’s working, everything is smooth.

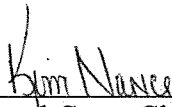
Magistrate Wyatt expressed to the Court that since there is now better communication between Dispatch and EMS, things are much better when responding to an emergency call. He also stated that when the pandemic slows down, he would like to have a cleanup in District 1.

Magistrate Floyd asked the Judge if he had heard anything about the Road Flex Funds. Judge O’Nan stated that he would have an update at our next meeting.

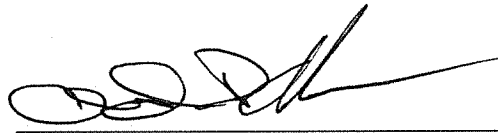
Magistrate Byrnes asked the Judge for an update on Moffits Lake. Judge O’Nan stated that last week they put in the septic system and we’re waiting on the electricity and the plumbing to be hooked up and there needs to be some shoring up underneath them. He said that these cabins need to be finished. Byrnes said that he had talked to Coach regarding the Museum and he feels like something needs to be done soon in getting things repaired. Judge O’Nan stated that Sean Sheffer is going to come up with bid specs on all that needs to be done so that we can bring it before the Court to set dates for advertisement.

Magistrate Clements asked Melissa if there were any updates on the Census. She stated that the numbers had not been released yet. He asked Mike Schmied if they were still spraying for mosquitos. Mike said that because they had run out of spay, that had been halted and they were waiting until next year to order more. Clements also wanted everyone to know that there are 2 extensive amendments on the ballot when you go vote so that you could read over them ahead of time and know which way you're going to vote before you get there.

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