

UNION COUNTY FISCAL MEETING
October 27, 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 Bro. Jerry Manning, and the Pledge to the American flag.

The Union County Fiscal Court met in regular session and because Judge O’Nan was unable to attend, Magistrate Joe Clements presided. 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 October 13, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

Jailer Shawn Elder presented a jail update to the Court, stating that from October 1st thru October 26th we currently have 29 inmates housed in the Webster County Jail. They have done 40 new arrests transports, transported 12 to Union County District Court from Webster County Jail then back to Webster County Jail and served 24 Civil papers, not including the ones they made contact with, who came to the Sheriff’s Office to pick up themselves. There have been a couple of incidences that have occurred during transport. One being a deer hitting the side of the older Tahoe that is being used for transports. It was dented up pretty bad, but it’s still operational and no one was hurt. They’ve ran across two different collisions on Hwy. 56 that they stopped and assisted with traffic control until a deputy arrived and the scene was cleared. He also gave an update on the vehicles used for transport. They have a 2008 Crown Victoria with 164,000 miles and a 2011 Tahoe with 176,000 miles. They will be receiving a vehicle from the Sheriff’s Office with about 113/114,000 miles on it. He also stated that things are going a lot smoother than he had anticipated.

Congressman James Comer briefly addressed the Court, being that he was in the County for other purposes. He stated that he has been very honored, for the last four years to be our representative. He is very honored to be presenting a check to the City of Morganfield for over a million dollars and a 2 million, 40year loan for sewer improvements. He also said that he has worked very closely with the Job Corp in Washington, stating that there has been a movement, by certain members of Congress, in the last few years to eliminate them. There are Job Corps that aren’t performing as well as our local one, which he feels is the model for the nation. He is always meeting with representatives from Earle C. Clements Job Corp, in Washington and working closely with them to try to improve their infrastructure. He said that one thing they are working on in Washington, that is very important to our County, is Broadband and that they are going to do everything in their ability to see that improvements are made. He also stated that if there is anything that he can do to be of assistance to us in the future, for us not to hesitate to reach out to him. Magistrate Clements thanked him for all of the support that he’s given to Earle C. Clements Job Corp and how much the county appreciates it, being that it’s a vital business that employees many people from here and throughout the tri-state.

Magistrate Clements presented a Kentucky Retired Teachers Proclamation to the Court, proclaiming the week of October 19-23, 2020 as Kentucky Teacher's Appreciation Week. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. After the proclamation the Court welcomed Union County retired teacher, Cheryl Ladd. Cheryl thanked the Court for recognizing retired teachers and their dedication to guarding and managing the resources here in Union County, one being retired teachers. She gave an update on the different things that retired teachers do after retirement, such as keeping up with the Kentucky Teacher Retirement Association volunteer hours. Last year the retired teachers in Union County had 6,000 volunteer hours. A lot of these volunteered hours were with the school system, churches, Happy Feet, local food banks and other various organizations. Two of the main programs they work on, that they feel are very important to kids in Union County, are the Happy Pack and the School Supply Donation programs. The School Supply Donation program is held in December and is alternated between the 3 elementary schools, Uniontown, Sturgis and Morganfield. They also provide two scholarships. Along with United Community Bank, a \$2000 scholarship is awarded to a local senior student who will be pursuing a degree in education. This year they had enough money to award two \$2000 scholarships, one to Grace Holloran and one to Mariah Van Sickle. A \$200 scholarship is awarded by them, along with the 2nd District to a junior or senior who is a current education major and that was awarded to Macy Crump.

Braves to College asked the Court to present an in Memorium to the family of Mrs. Julia Sprague, who passed away a few months ago. Braves to College wanted to express their deepest sympathy to the Sprague family and to all who share in the loss of this esteemed lady. Julia was unwavering in her support for the Braves to College Program for Union County students and served on the Board from the time of its organization until her passing in 2020. The family humbly accepted the in Memorium, stating that Julia would have been so very touched by this because of her firm belief, that ALL people are worthy of the chance to receive an education.

Magistrate Clements presented the Union County Public Health 2020 tax rate. The rate was set at 5.25 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all real property and at the rate of 5.25 cents assessed valuation of all personal property; and at the rate of 5.25 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all motor vehicles in Union County as of January 1, 2021. This rate is the same rate that was set by them last year. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the Union County Public Health 2020 Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements presented the Union County Extension Board 2020 tax rate. The rate was set at 2.25 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all real property and at the rate of 2.25 cents assessed valuation of all personal property; and at the rate of 1.6 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all motor vehicles in Union County. This rate is the same rate that was set by them last year. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the Union County Extension Board 2020 Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements presented an Agreement and Resolution for the 2020 Flex Funds in the amount of \$186,397. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said Agreement and Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts. Roll was called:

Magistrate Wyatt

Yes

Magistrate Floyd	Yes
Magistrate Ricketts	Yes
Magistrate Byrnes	Yes
Magistrate Clements	Yes
County Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan	Not Present

Motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the September, 2020 Treasurer Report, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

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

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve transfers, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

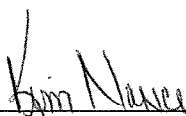
Magistrate Wyatt commended our custodians noting that they are doing an awesome job with what we are going through in this pandemic. Our ambulance service is getting better every day, as well as the radio communication. Everything is working out really well.

Magistrate Floyd noted that the Halloween hours will be from 3-6 p.m. in Uniontown. The yearly trunk or treat will not be held this year because of the pandemic, but that different booths will be set up in various places handing out candy so that social distancing can be followed. He also thanked, not only the retired teachers but the currently active teachers too, for seeing that all students in Union County receive an education.


Melissa Coker updated the Court on the Small Business Grant Program. To date we have only received a handful of applications and in talking to different business owners, she believes the only reason for this, is because of the SBA requirement that we placed on the application. The requirement was that if a business had received SBA funding previously, they were not eligible to apply. She asked the Court if they would feel comfortable with changing the eligibility requirement to say, if a business had received less than \$5000 of SBA assistance, they would be eligible to apply? They would still be following the scoring rubric, they would still be put into two different tiers, as previously explained and preference would still go to the businesses that did not receive any assistance earlier. She stated that we had the deadline set for October 30th and asked the Court if they would extend that for one week, which would put the deadline at November 6th? That would still keep us on track to be able to give out the awards on November 13, 2020. Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the changes regarding the application

requirements, along with changing the deadline date, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive