

UNION COUNTY FISCAL MEETING

November 10, 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 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 October 27, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

Kim Humphrey and Ken Ford, representatives from Riverview Coal came before the Court to present their tax check. This check is between Riverview and UC Mining and it was in the amount of \$2,211,570.00 which was up from last year’s amount of around \$1.7 million. Ken said that the increase was due to additional properties that Riverview had acquired. He also stated that they were able to deliver a nice check to the Happy Pack Program from employee donations and the Angel Tree employee donations would begin soon. He also invited the Court to take part in an Emergency Management Zoom meeting that is held every year in the case of a disruption or an accident of a large scale, in which all the players that would be involved, come together to make sure they know what to do and are on the same page. Riverview has been able to navigate through the COVID Pandemic, even with a pause back in May to deplete their inventory and with quite a few positive cases and are very thankful to still be a very viable member of the community. He noted that some of the measures that Riverview is taking to ensure the safety of its employees is taking temperatures as employees are coming onto the property, having staggered shifts, more cleaning and disinfecting and at Portal #2, they’ve invested in an infrared body scan with temperature alarms that go off if a fever is detected and they are then diverted to the nurses station. Judge O’Nan stated that not only is the County thankful for the \$2.2million check that was presented from them being our largest taxpayer and employer, but equally important is the social thumbprint that Riverview and its employees have for being such huge supporters of so many different causes within the County. Kim, on behalf of Riverview, expressed her thanks to the County for all the support that they received in regards to the firsthand information they obtained during this COVID pandemic, as well as different Magistrates reaching out and making them aware of any information they felt they needed to know. She stated that Riverview wanted to be not only a good employer but also good corporate citizens.

Next Judge O’Nan presented to the Court a Resolution and Agreement of the City of Waverly’s COVID Funds. This is where the State and DLG has made a way for counties to take advantage of any COVID funds that a city has been awarded but do not meet the criteria to draw upon. Waverly has agreed to transfer the City of Waverly’s CRF funds, in the amount of \$21,212 to the County’s CRF funds to be used for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the County due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. Magistrate Clements made a motion to adopt said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Magistrate Clements

noted that the City of Waverly has some projects that need tended to and he is hoping that this money can be used to aide in seeing these through.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to re-appoint Carolyn Hancock and Tim Thomas to the Union County Extension District Board, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan brought before the Court for discussion, the need for offices and work areas for different agencies that we have:

1. Emergency Management-is lacking warehouse space and the type of facility to be able to operate efficiently in case of a large-scale emergency, such as an earthquake.
2. 911-where are we going to put this operation in order to best suit their needs.
3. Coroner’s Office-is in dire need of having a dedicated space that would include coolers, a viewing area for families and a place for organ donations
4. Sheriff’s Office-is operating currently as a two-fold office. There’s the administrative side where people will come in to pay their taxes, as well as the operational side where they have to conduct their criminal investigations. With the two of these offices being combined, there is just not enough room.
5. Jail-those that are working as transport officers.

The Judge’s proposal to the Court is that we look towards a building that will house all of these. Where a sally-port entrance can be used for the Coroner’s Office, the Sheriff’s Office and for transport. Where we would have room for various trainings. Where the Coroner’s Office would be able to start participating in the organ donation program. He has reached out to various agencies trying to find out what type of Grant monies there are for a building like this. He wants the Court to be aware that he will be bringing more information to them as he gets it. Coroner, Stephen Shouse stated that they had been trying to get a facility for 15/16 years and urged the Court to look into obtaining a building that would meet their needs. Sheriff, Mickey Arnold stated that his office is busting at the seams and is running out of room to comfortably perform the duties required of them. Jailer, Shawn Elder stated that it would best benefit transport services by keeping new arrestees from the “fight or flight” aspect if they had a sally-port entrance. With a sally-port it would be a smoother transition with arrested individuals not having anywhere to run. EMA Director, Greg Noel stated that his concerns were with not having a facility equipped to handle a large-scale emergency or disaster here in the county. He has no place for storage and is currently storing some things at the hospital and the Morganfield Fire Department. Cots are being stored in the basement of the Annex building. Sean Sheffer gave his opinion on the need for a facility based on the disasters he’s been through with the County, including the ice storm, tornados, record floods and now the pandemic. He stated that through all of these disasters the County has never had an organized facility called an Emergency Operation Center and we are in great need of one. With an EOC type of facility we could equip it with the electronics, the mapping and have a training/conference room to better navigate through a disaster.

Magistrate Clements asked if Coal Severance money could be used for this type of project and Judge O’Nan said yes. He stated that Joanna Shake from GRADD feels like we could get around a 1/2 million dollars in grant money, and we could use some of our Coal Severance money and use what we get from the sale of our ambulances to help fund this building. He also noted that it would probably be at least 2-3 years before it’s completed so we are still going to

move our 911 Dispatch to the Central Office Building (old School Board Office) until we can find an EOC facility. The cost to move 911 to the Central Office building is not going to be very expensive. It's going to take a fiber-line, which Ervin Cable has offered to install as part of their training and they are going to sell us the cable at cost. When we do find or build an EOC facility, the Judge is thinking of using the Central Office as shared office space like an innovation station for small business owners in the community that may not have good internet access, allowing them to have office space or a conference room that they may not have. Magistrate Byrnes asked if the Sykes Building could be used as an EOC facility. Judge O'Nan stated that it would too money to retro-fit it so that it could meet our needs. He did say that there is land adjacent to the building as well as land by the bypass that we may look into. Magistrate Ricketts and Magistrate Wyatt suggested that we move forward on this because it's something that is definitely needed.

County Clerk, Garrick Thompson gave the Court an update on the election. 6,588 people voted, which is a voter turnout out of 61.7%. That is more than the number of people who voted in the 2016 election. With 942 mail-in votes being sent out, they received 909 back. 4,055 people voted early between October 13 till November 2. 1,624 people voted in person on election day. He felt that there being 3 different polling centers that you could go to too vote helped with the good turnout. All in all, he felt that everything went very smooth.

Judge O'Nan presented a Diabetes Awareness Proclamation, proclaiming November 14, 2020 as Diabetes Awareness Day in Union County. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented a Kentucky Emergency Management Emergency Management Assistance Program Non-Supplanting Certification, stating federal funds will be used to supplement existing funds, and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to accept said certification, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

The Judge then presented a MOA for the 2020 EMA Program Funds in the amount of \$3million. Which will make us eligible to try to obtain some of this money. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the MOA, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan opened a sealed bid for equipment and ambulances that was bid as Surplus. The bid was from Deaconess EMS, LLC in the amount of \$390,700 with us paying an annual subsidy of \$150,00 and signing a Mutual Term Agreement with Community United Methodist Hospital, Inc. Magistrate Clements made a motion to take this bid under advisement, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

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

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the October, 2020 Treasurer Report, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried

Judge O’Nan wanted to publicly thank Will and Candy Reburn who are 2 of our Master Gardeners for all of their hard work and dedication. They volunteered 488 hours in producing 1612 lbs. of produce with most of it being donated to our Senior Citizens Program. He also thanked the Simmons family for letting the Senior Citizens Program use a refrigerated trailer when there was a mix up on delivery dates and to Mike Schmied and his road crew for helping unload this trailer.

With tomorrow being Veterans Day, Judge O’Nan expressed his Thanks to all Veterans and stated that JPII will have a Drive-By Veterans Day Parade.

He also noted that we have 17 new, positive COVID-19 cases reported today.

Magistrate Wyatt expressed his thanks to all the Veterans. He also expressed his thanks to all the first responders and dispatchers who responded to a very difficult run last week. They did an excellent job and all went smooth. He also asked where we stood with the new elevator for the Courthouse. Judge O’Nan state that DLG had still not opened the Grants and that when it is opened, we should hear something very quickly.

Magistrate Ricketts gave a preliminary report on the \$125,000 CARES funding allotted to local businesses per qualification. The scoring committee, which consists of Magistrate Ricketts, Amy Morris, Travis Neitz, Pat Donahue and Barb Gorman, met yesterday to score all applications that they had received. 40 applications were received, with 37 being approved. Approved applicants will receive from \$2500 to \$5000 dollars.

Magistrate Floyd thanked all that were involved in helping the kids have some form of normalcy for Halloween.

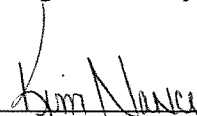
Magistrate Byrnes thanked all Veteran’s for their service.

Magistrate Clements asked Sean Sheffer if we had any additional steps that we’re taking with the Officer’s Club. Sean stated that at this time we do not and that he is going to get with Coach Steward to have him evaluate the building and go from there.


Magistrate Clements made a motion to go into Executive Session pending litigation KRS: 61.810(1)(c), seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive