

UNION COUNTY FISCAL MEETING

November 24, 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 November 10, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

Gina Boaz, with the Green River Area Development District (GRADD), came before the Court to make us aware that GRADD is offering a COVID-19 Business Relief Working Capital Loan Program for small businesses that have been affected by the pandemic. GRADD has received \$3.3million from the Economic Development Administration to be able to deliver some loans to small businesses, either new or existing in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster Counties. The loan can help with startup cost, equipment, machinery purchases, working capital or even a building purchase if it’s all related to COVID. The interest rate may be 0% for the first year and 75% of prime, for the remaining term of the loan and can range from \$5,000 to \$250,000 with terms from 5 to 15 years, depending on the purchase. Recently, the GRADD Board of Directors approved for GRADD to offer a specific working capital only loan, because the normal process was taking up to 60 to 90 days and that was having an impact on existing businesses getting the funds that they need. The application and the process are a lot simpler. These loans, which range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 can help with payroll, supplies, inventory, rent or lease but they cannot be used for construction or remodeling. They can also be offered at 0% interest for the first year and 75% of prime for the remaining 4 years of the term, also deferring them for 6 months. They will be able to review these in house which means funds can be allocated a lot faster, usually within 10 to 15 days. If the business has previously received PPP or Economic injury idle funds, GRADD will not be able to duplicate them, but if they have used up all of the funds they did receive, they can discuss this and GRADD may be able to help in another area. Potential applicants should contact the GRADD office to discuss eligibility. Following eligibility determination, an application must be submitted to GRADD for staff review and preliminary approval. Applications can be found on the GRADD web-site at gradd.com under the business section and it’s called the Revolving Loan Fund. Also, businesses that received assistance from the funds that we allocated from the CARES Act Grant can still qualify. Anyone interested in applying can contact Gina Boaz at GRADD.

Judge O’Nan presented to the Court the DRA Authorization. About a year ago, the County, along with the City of Morganfield, applied for a grant through DRA on behalf of the city, for around \$700,000 for sewer upgrades. The upgrades have started to take place and payouts are needing to be made, but because the County applied for the grant, we have to have an authorization letter to send in to DRA, transferring our ownership of this project to the City of Morganfield. The city has taken on the responsibility of paying the engineer and contractor

directly, since the engineer is the city's engineer of record and because the city also owns the infrastructure being replaced. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the DRA Authorization, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented a Proclamation to the Court, proclaiming November 20, 2020 as Adoption Day in Union County. Being an adopted child himself, Judge O'Nan, on behalf of the Court, commended Nathaniel and Jordan Fuller on the selection of Adoptive Family of the Year and all of those who have opened their heart and home to give the gift of a family. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

The Kentucky Department of Transportation has asked the County to approve a Resolution of updated official County roads. County Road Foreman, Mike Schmied and Johna Clevidence, with the Union County Planning Commission, compiled the list of roads to be accepted in the Resolution. Judge O'Nan read the Resolution to the Court. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, but Magistrate Clements wanted time to look over the list, so they unanimously voted not to accept the Resolution, until they had time to look over the inventory list of roads. This Resolution will be brought before the Court at the December 8th meeting.

At the last Court meeting, the Court asked Judge O'Nan to renegotiate the contract amount that was presented to the Court for the surplus ambulances and equipment that Deaconess EMS, LLC bid on at the November 10, 2020 meeting. The bid was for \$390,700 for all of our ambulance equipment and that we would provide \$150,000 of an annual subsidy and that we would agree to the mutual term agreement. The Judge and County Attorney, Julie Wallace worked on the contract, and after talking to Deaconess, they agreed to lower the annual subsidy to \$130,000. The contract term would be 3 years plus 1 if we are in agreement, instead of the original 10 years that they originally requested. This is our proposal of the contract but Judge O'Nan thinks that they will be in agreement. Julie just changed a few things for the protection of the County. The Judge noted that Deaconess has agreed to come before the Court quarterly to give time, runs and various other information, so that we can hold them accountable for their service. Magistrate Byrnes, made a motion to give the Judge authorization to execute the contract, assuming that Deaconess is in agreement, so that we can get moving on this project, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the asset purchase agreement of \$390,700, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented a MOA for a Chevy 5500 Diesel 4x4 dump truck that the County purchased. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the MOA, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented an update on the EOC building. The Judge, Melissa Coker and Sean Sheffer met with Jim Codell, Mark Workman and Jeff Cantor to look at the Sykes Building as maybe a possibility for the EOC building. Mark Workman told the Judge that we didn't need to look any further than this building. This is the building we need to use for the EOC. There is a roof issue with the building and Melissa has already sent this information to them, for them to be aware of. Sean Sheffer sent plans to the architect who is going to be working on some

preliminary drawings of how it might look. It already has a generator that would be necessary for the building. Sheriff Mickey Arnold has requested that the EOC building have an impound lot and there is a place for that at this building that is surrounded by trees. We are proceeding on the path to use this location. They are going to give us some rough estimates and the Judge feels like we will have a contract or two before us maybe in December or maybe after the first of the year of some preliminary costs that the architect will want to charge to come up with some detailed drawings that will include the departments we are looking to house there, what they actually need and how to make it work in that building. In the technology room of the building there is a raised and cooled floor that they were really impressed with. They stated that it is very expensive to install a floor like that and it will be a perfect location for 911. Melissa stated that one thing that caught her attention was the flexibility of the building. It has so much space it would be able to accommodate our needs. The Judge has met with the Authority Board, who owns the building, and he feels like we would be able to obtain the building from them. This is just an update and no action need to be taken at this time. Judge O’Nan told the Court that he will keep them updated as information becomes available.

Judge O’Nan presented the first reading of the 2020/2021 budget amendment in the amount of \$1,127,163.00. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the first reading of the budget amendment, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

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

All claims are to be paid.

Judge O’Nan congratulated our Union County Schools Superintendent, Patricia Sheffer for being awarded the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, “Superintendent of the Year.” He commended her on a job well done.

He stated that over the weekend there had been another wreck on Samples Curves. He sent a picture to Deneatra Henderson, our District 2 Engineer, telling her that we had been promised that work was going to be done on this area for a good while and asked when is going to happen. Deneatra told him that the good news is that she saw an email saying that it was in the December letting. Meaning that it will be bid out in December and construction should begin in the spring of 2021. Help is on the way. Judge O’Nan will keep the Court updated.

Judge O’Nan noted that on December 8th, our phase 2 EPA study will be done on the property the County has been looking at for the Morganfield Rescue Squad. He also reported to the Court that we have a wheeled excavator issue and that he was hoping to have some contract price bids to present to them today. The gear on that excavator has locked up and it’s going to be \$9,000 to maybe fix it. It’s a part that comes from Germany, so it may or may not fix it. This is a piece of equipment that we use very frequently and is going to need to be replaced and we are going to work on a trade in. He said that we will bring this back up at our next meeting. In closing he stated that we had 4 new Covid cases today.

Magistrate Wyatt just wanted to congratulate Patricia Sheffer for the “Superintendent of the Year” award, to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to stay safe.

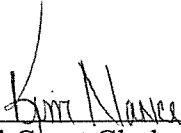
Magistrate Ricketts gave an update on the Union County Small Business Coronavirus Relief Grant Program. He stated that there were 40 total applications and 37 of those were awarded some funds. There were 5 that received \$5,000, 9 that were awarded \$4,722.23 and 23 that were awarded \$2,500. The sectors were (2) agriculture, (2) childcare, (4) construction/carpentry, (3) exercise/fitness (4) food service, (10) hairdresser/barber, (2) medical, (5) miscellaneous, (3) rental and (2) retail. He also wished everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving and encouraged everyone to help their neighbor. He finished with a quote from Theodore Roosevelt. “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

Magistrate Floyd thanked all of those who were involved in the Union County Small Business Coronavirus Relief Grant Program. He commended the County residents for stepping up and helping out those in need. He also noted that on Highway 130, he had talked with Chuck and the state about a project they were doing coming out of Uniontown. Hopefully that’s a start of more work to be done on 130.


Magistrate Byrnes thanked Mike Schmied and the road crew for helping to hand out food at the Senior Citizens Building and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Magistrate Clements wanted to know how the Adult Ed was working out at the Central Office. Judge O’Nan said that they were moved into the building, but with the Covid, there’s not a lot that they can do right now. Clements also wanted to know if the County was going to be reimbursed for advertisement expenses from the election. The Judge stated that he thought there was some CARES money available for that but he’d need to check with Garrick about that and would try to have an answer at the next Court meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and congratulated Superintendent Patricia Sheffer.

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive