

UNION COUNTY FISCAL MEETING
December 8, 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 22, 2020 meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan read a resolution regarding the transportation department showing Frankfort the support by the Union County Fiscal Court to encourage more funding for roads at the local level. Union County Resolution to support transportation needs across the Commonwealth including Union County from HB 826 to modernize transportation funding and act quickly in the 2020-2021 session was read and motion to approve the resolution was made by Magistrate Ricketts and Seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan updated on the EOC building that he and County Attorney Wallace had been reviewing the agreements that had been submitted to The County. Judge O’Nan stated that the agreements will be presented at the December 22, 2020 court meeting.

Judge O’Nan reported that the county owns a seventeen-year-old excavator that has gone down. There is an estimate that \$9000 might fix it, but not guaranteed and the part would have to come from Germany. Judge O’Nan recommended that it be time to replace the excavator. Foreman Mike Schmied presented to the Court the problems and issues that he is having with the excavator, and that the equipment committee met with him and looked at three state contract priced excavators from Rudd a Volvo, Boyd a Caterpillar, and ERB a John Deere. Magistrate Ricketts, who serves on the committee reported that the three state contract prices were:

Volvo \$201,641.80 with an additional \$6930.00 for the thumb. A standard 12-month warranty is included and a trade in value of \$15,000.00. Also \$4000.00 for bracket and \$3500 for extended warranty. Total cost \$201,071.80

Caterpillar \$213,269.32 with an additional \$8000.00 for the thumb. An extended 48-month warranty is included and a trade in value of \$10,000.00. Total cost \$211,269.32

John Deere \$235,388.61 with an additional \$5800.00 for the thumb. An extended 36-month warranty is included and a trade in value of \$16,000.00. Also \$4000.00 for bracket. Total cost \$229,188.61.

The committee recommends the Caterpillar from Boyd for \$211,269.32. The county is familiar and happy with the experience of Caterpillar equipment and feel the additional 36 month included warranty is worth the additional \$10,000.00. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to purchase the Caterpillar excavator from Boyd on state contract not to exceed \$215,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt. Boyd has the excavator currently in stock and ready for delivery Magistrate Ricketts reported. Motion Carried.

Judge O’Nan explained that Treasurer Gibson checked in to single county coal severance funds and we will be able to pay for the excavator in its entirety with Single LGEDF funds. Magistrate Wyatt made the motion to purchase with coal severance funds, seconded by Magistrate Floyd motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to declare the existing seventeen-year-old wheeled excavator as surplus for trade in, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan read the MOA from the Department of Local Government regarding the sheriff’s truck that needed his and Attorney Wallace’s signature so the county could get the reimbursement back. Magistrate Clements made the motion to approve the MOA seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that the Kentucky Department of Transportation has asked the County to approve a Resolution of updated official County roads. Last court meeting the road listing had not been given to the court, and now that it had we were ready to proceed. County Road Foreman, Mike Schmied and Johna Clevidence, with the Union County Planning Commission, agreed to the list of roads to be accepted in the Resolution received from the state. Judge O’Nan read the Resolution to the Court. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, Magistrate Clements stated that Cardinal Court and Cardinal Court Spur in the same road there is no Cardinal Court Spur, Magistrate Floyd and Ricketts agreed to strike the Spur on the list of their motion and second, motion carried.

All claims are to be paid.

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

Judge O’Nan reported that the funding for Hwy 130 had been let in December meaning construction should begin Spring 2021 and that should help take care of part of the problem at Samples Curve.

We are still in the red zone for COVID-19 which will keep schools in the virtual learning. We have 4 cases today which is good, but still around 46 active cases. The courthouse will open back to the public on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Judge O’Nan noted that Engineer Sheffer is performing the phase 2 EPA study on the property the County has been looking at for the Morganfield Rescue Squad.

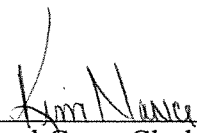
Judge O’Nan informed The Court of a new Healthy at Home Program that can help residents of Union County leaving at the 200% poverty mark, can get assistance with both and water and utility needs. These funds are first come first serve and residents should call 270-389-3472 for more information. Along those same lines Judge O’Nan said he was disappointed in the loss of the federal USDA Farm to family program.

Magistrate Wyatt just wanted to congratulate our own Paul Monsour on being named The Morganfield Christmas Parade Grand Marshall. The parade will be held December 19 from Morganfield through Uniontown. He also reported that he and Magistrate Clements had together been contacting the state highway department regarding the curve on HWY 2091 and Heriges Lane. Judge O’Nan interjected that the state reports that there is no statistics of accidents. He encourages everyone even if they can get themselves out to report the incident so that it can be documented in the CAD system so that the incident is counted.


Magistrate Ricketts asked for clarification on what offices are being moved to the Central Office. Judge O’Nan explained that Adult Ed is currently there and a large conference room that all county departments will be able to use. The Coroner’s office, and EMA are in moving stages.

Magistrate Clements wants to schedule a meeting with Coach Steward and Magistrate Byrnes on the repair needs to the James D. Veatch Camp Breckinridge Museum and Arts Center while The Museum is still closed to large public gatherings. The Museum renovations have been needed and now is the time to get all the work done. Judge O’Nan stated it is the next building in line to start work.

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