

UNION COUNTY FISCAL MEETING  
April 13, 2021

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. Magistrate’s present were Wyatt, Floyd, Byrnes and Clements.

The minutes from the March 30, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Taylor Burchett from the Green River Area Development District was present to hold a Public Hearing before Court regarding the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Program (CDBG-CV) for Utility Assistance. Judge O’Nan called Court into session so that he could present the following proclamations, then Court will be adjourned in order for the Public Hearing to be held and then it will be called back into session.

Judge O’Nan presented a proclamation, proclaiming April 13, 2021 through April 20, 2021 as Wrestlers Week in Union County. The Union County Wrestlers accomplished winning 18 straight Regional Titles, 13 State Championship Titles, with 6 State Championships being consecutive, along with Wrestling Coach Robert Ervin being named the KY High School Wrestling Coach of the Year. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a proclamation, proclaiming April 2021 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Union County. Several members from UCWEECAN were in attendance and Mr. Lark Buckman presented the Court with several facts regarding child abuse and neglect in Kentucky. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion for Court to adjourn in order for the Public Hearing to be held, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

After the conclusion of the Public Hearing, Judge O’Nan called Court back into session and Taylor presented the Court with information regarding the CDBG-CV Utility Assistance Program. Taylor stated that the reason for the Public Hearing is to provide information to the public, concerning Union County Fiscal Court’s proposed application of \$200,000 of CDBG-CV Public Services Utility Assistance Application Funds to be submitted to the Department of Local Government and to obtain news on housing and community development needs. This hearing also serves to inform low to moderate income persons that there is technical assistance through the Green River Area Development District in developing grant proposals for the CDBG Program. Effective August 10, 2020 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made CDBG-CV funds available to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus. \$38million was set aside for the CDBG-CV Utility Assistance Program that local governments can now apply to.

Judge O’Nan then read a Resolution to the Court that states that what this will do is provide \$200,000 worth of public assistance for residents who have fallen behind on their utility bills. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements wanted to know if this was a match Grant and Taylor stated that it was not. Magistrate Floyd inquired about how the funding worked and Taylor replied that anyone wanting to apply for the assistance will have to go through Audubon Area Services.

Judge O’Nan presented a MOA for HB352 Moffit Lake Cabins in the amended amount of \$145,611. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve said MOA, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a MOA for HB352 to purchase a CAT M316F Wheeled Excavator not to exceed the amount of \$215,000. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said MOA, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented two salt auction bids from the reverse salt auction. The bids were as followed:

- Compass Minerals - \$114.00 per ton
- Magic Salt - \$115.00 per ton

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to award the salt auction bid to Compass Minerals at \$114.00 per ton, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the second reading and adoption of the 2020/2021 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$646,688. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve and adopt the second reading of the budget amendment, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Resolution for the Application and for Administration of Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Projects grant for the Union County Fiscal Court’s Drone Project. The Court is wanting to purchase an inferred Drone which will aid in searching for any missing individual and in covering certain events held within the county. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried. County Engineer, Sean Sheffer and EMA Director, Rick White told the Court that only licensed pilots will be able to operate the drone and that in order to become a licensed pilot one has to attend pilot school. Sean stated that the drone will not be used for recreational purposes and Judge O’Nan stated that it will be under the supervision of Rick White.

Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire Leo Rednour, who is a previous employee of the County Road Department, as the part-time Road Department hire, starting at the pay rate of what he was previously making an hour, as recommended by Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Leo Rednour as a part-time road employee, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements wanted to know if Tony needed part-time seasonal help to help with mowing and different jobs. Tony said that it would be really good if he were able to hire some part-time seasonal help.

All Claims are to be paid as presented.

Ross Roberson with HARP Enterprise in Lexington, KY and Bob Heisner with Hart Intercivic in Austin, TX came before the Court to do a high-level demonstration on some different voting machines that the County may be interested in purchasing. After a very informational and demonstrative presentation, Judge O’Nan stated that before anything can be purchased, County Clerk, Garrick Thompson and the County Election Board will have to decide on how they want to handle the election. After these decisions have been made, we can then look into what machine would best fit our needs.

Judge O’Nan stated that the organ donor flag at the Annex had been raised yesterday which signifies that for every 1 donor, 8 people will receive an organ. The Judge stated that with the County getting an Emergency Operation Center, our Coroner will have the ability to become certified to have CODA come here in order to harvest organs.

Jailer Elder let the Judge know, right before Court started, that he had received a letter from the Kentucky Department of Corrections stating that our plan to have the inmates perform trash pickup in the community has been approved and that this could possibly start as early as the end of this week.

Judge O’Nan stated that we have 4 new COVID cases today. We’ve had a total of 6,005 doses of the vaccine administered in Union County. We have about 20% of the total population vaccinated with 52% of the people over 65 vaccinated.

Magistrate Wyatt expressed his thanks to Kathy Baird and Kim Wolfe at Animal Control for all of their hard work.

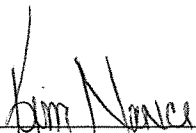
Magistrate Floyd also expressed his thanks to Animal Control and to Jailer Elder for his work in getting the inmates working in the community again. He also wanted to bring to the County’s attention that this is the time of year when people start doing yard and home cleanup, and people start to burn things. He stated that there were a lot of regulations on what you can and cannot burn and when you can and cannot burn. Pamphlets are available with this information if anyone is interested.

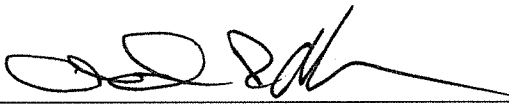
Magistrate Byrnes stated that he recently attended the KCJEA/KMCA Joint Summer Conference in Lexington. Byrnes said that it was very educational and he was glad he had the opportunity to go.

Magistrate Clements stated that some of the fire departments are wanting to update their turnout gear. He just wanted the Court to be thinking about this and he’s hoping that the Court will provide 4 sets of new turnout gear per fire department.

Judge O’Nan gave an update on the Rescue Building. He stated at the last Court meeting that paper work for the Brownfield Grant was being completed. County Engineer, Sean Sheffer has completed his part of the paper work and now a licensed geologist or a licensed engineer will need to finish the plan at a cost of \$4,500. Judge O’Nan said that he thinks we need to move forward with this project and wanted to get the Court’s input on this. Magistrate Clements wanted to know, if the Court were to pay the \$4,500, did Sean see any problem with the geologist or engineer signing off on it? Sean said that he did not see any reason why they would not sign. Magistrate Clements made a motion that the Court will proceed with this plan, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Let it be noted that Magistrate Wyatt abstained from voting due to his connection with the rescue squad.

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.

  
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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nance

  
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Adam O'Nan  
County Judge/Executive