

UNION COUNTY FISCAL  
May 11, 2021

All supporting documents to these Minutes may be found in the office of the County Judge/Executive.

The meeting opened at around 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 April 27, 2021 & May 3, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Emily Deason and Ethan Johnson from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet presented the 2021/2022 Union County Rural Secondary Road Recommendations. The recommendations for KYTC Funds of \$587,469.00, which were up from last year, were as follows:

- KY 141-Asphalt Resurfacing-MP 15.884 to 19.368(3.48 Miles)-from T.L. Bishop Rd. to US 60
- KY 141-Culvert Replacement-MP 3.15(0.1 Mile)-at Cast Iron Road
- KY 270-Asphalt Resurfacing-MP 8.36 to 10.9(2.54 Miles)-from 0.5 miles west of General Holt Rd. to KY 141
- KY 2091-Base Failures-MP 2.7 to 3.7(1 Mile)-from US 60B to US 60
- KY 2091-Superelevation Correction-MP 2.0 to 2.2(0.2 Mile)-at Heriges Lane

Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the recommendation for Rural Secondary Roads in the amount of \$587,469.00, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

The recommendation for Flex Funds of \$154,000.00 were as follows:

- KY 365-Asphalt Resurfacing-MP 0.00 to 1.569(1.569 Miles)-from Union-Crittenden Line to US 60

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the recommendation for Flex Funds in the amount of \$154,000.00 and to accept into our county road system, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan, on behalf of Mayor Byrd of the City of Uniontown, asked the Court to approve moving forward with a Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement. This agreement, which will be drawn up by County Attorney, Julie Wallace will state that because the City of Uniontown has been without a Police Officer for close to a year the County will allow the Union County Sheriff’s Office to enforce Uniontown’s City Ordinances until Uniontown hires a Police Officer.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve moving forward with said Agreement, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan then presented to the Court a Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement for the purpose of fire/rescue services and related special operations. This agreement is between the twelve counties in KYEM Area 2. It states that the counties of KYEM Area 2 are geographically vulnerable to a variety of emergencies and disasters. The counties in this agreement recognize the importance of having each local entity respond in a coordinated and efficient manner to a community stricken by an emergency or disaster regardless of location of that community. KRS authorized Kentucky political subdivisions to enter into mutual aid agreements to provide for the coordination of, communications for, training for, response to and standby for planned events and emergency responses within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The parties to this agreement have chosen to become a party to this agreement and wish to provide mutual aid and assistance to other parties in time of emergency and disaster. The twelve counties referred to in this agreement are:

- Christian County
- Crittenden County
- Daviess County
- Hancock County
- Henderson County
- Hopkins County
- McLean County
- Muhlenberg County
- Ohio County
- Todd County
- Union County
- Webster County

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said agreement, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the 2021/2022 County Road Aid Resolution and Agreement with a total of \$1,039,965.03 in road aid money for 2021/2022 fiscal year. Roll was called as follows to approve said resolution and agreement:

Magistrate Wyatt – Aye  
Magistrate Floyd – Aye  
Magistrate Ricketts – Aye  
Magistrate Byrnes – Aye  
Magistrate Clements – Aye  
Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan – Aye

A 1.4%, 2021/2022 Cost of Living increase for Elected Officials (County Attorney, Coroner, and Magistrates) was presented. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to accept said increase, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the salaries for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to set the salaries as presented, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for the House Bridge Road Bridge (bridge only) on May 19, 2021 and May 26, 2021 and to open bids on June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to advertise for the part-time Deputy EMA position on May 12, 2021 and May 19, 2021 and to accept applications until May 28, 2021, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for the part-time Animal Control position on May 12, 2021 and May 19, 2021 and to accept applications until May 28, 2021, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to advertise for the 911 Dispatch position on May 12, 2021 and May 19, 2021 and to accept applications until May 28, 2021, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for the Turn-Out Gear for the fire departments on May 12, 2021 and May 19, 2021 and to open bids on May 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried. This is for 4 sets of gear for 5 fire departments totaling 20 sets.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the elected officials training for Magistrate Jerri Floyd, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts came before the Court asking for approval to purchase a John Deere Bunker and Field Rake for the Sturgis Ballpark, using the same quotes that Magistrate Floyd obtained for the Uniontown Ballpark’s John Deere Bunker and Field Rake. The quotes are as follows:

- \$16,500.00 – Hutson in Paducah, KY
- \$17,148.00 – Hutson in Chandler, IN
- \$14,993.36 – ERB Turf Equipment

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to accept the quote for \$14,993.36 from ERB Turf Equipment, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the first reading of the 2021/2022 budget in the amount of \$21,874,466.35. Judge O’Nan noted that this budget was quite a bit higher than previous years, but there were several Coal Severance Projects included in it. Those projects include:

- The payoff of a \$2.8million dollar loan for the Uniontown & Sturgis Levee Project Paying this off will save the taxpayers \$1.4million dollars in taxes and will free up around \$150,000 a year in cash.
- The Sewer Project at Job Corp in the amount of \$700,000
- The Elevator Installation Project in the Courthouse in the amount of \$700,000 If we receive grant money, we will only have to pay 15% of this amount.
- The EOC Building (Sykes) Project in the amount of \$2.5million dollars
- The Museum Renovations Project in the amount of \$750,000
- Two new Fire Trucks Project in the amount of \$600,000
- The Turn-Out Gear Project in the amount of \$50,000
- The new Henshaw Fire Department Project in the amount of \$600,000
- The new Morganfield Rescue Building Project in the amount of \$150,000
- The Security Upgrade Project for the Courthouse, Animal Control and Senior Citizens in the amount of right around \$100,000

The budget, also reflects the increase from \$5,500 to \$6,000 for our 9 volunteer fire departments, the almost \$2.9million dollars coming from the Federal Stimulus money, the increase in the building maintenance fund for the Senior Citizens building and the Courthouse. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the first reading of the 2021/2022 Budget, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. Magistrate Clements stated the he had requested that the budget have some funds allocated for blacktop and since there wasn’t any included, he chose to vote No. He noted that there were several roads in need of blacktop throughout the county. Judge O’Nan said that he had reached out to the state in regards to discretionary funds for blacktop and at the time there was none available. He is hoping that after July 1, at the beginning of the new fiscal year, there will be some available to us.

Judge O’Nan presented the preapproved expenses for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 preapproved expenses, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

All claims are to be paid.

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

Judge O’Nan said that he and Magistrate Floyd had been working on the HWY. 130 project and that all questions that they may have had were answered by Emily Deason and Ethan Johnson earlier in Court.

Magistrate Wyatt noted that he agreed with Magistrate Clements in that there are roads in the county that need blacktopped. He also stated that he had been approached by some parents and by Mayor Greenwell of Morganfield asking if new LED lights could be installed at the Morganfield Football Field.

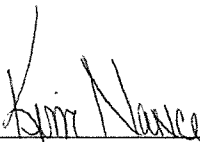
Magistrate Ricketts noted that the Sturgis Ballfield needs lighting as well. He gave an update on the Henshaw Fire Department Building saying that he and Judge O’Nan met with Chief Williams last week to look at the site and that Sean Sheffer is in the process of developing some drawings for the building, trying to get a bid packet fixed up. He wanted to recognize Tony Ratley for the job that he’s doing, but specifically for his communication with him. He said that if Tony is doing work in his district, he will either send a message or call and let him know what’s going on and he really appreciates that.

Magistrate Floyd thanked Judge O’Nan for letting him talk with the state on Friday regarding the road work being done on HWY 130. The information that he received helps him to be able to explain to the homeowners what’s going on and what the plan is. He again thanked the Court for the Field Rake for the Uniontown Ballpark.

Magistrate Byrnes stated that Sturgis Kiwanis is sponsoring a truck, car and motorcycle show on June 5, if anyone is interested is attending or putting in an entry.

Magistrate Clements also thanked Tony Ratley for his communication, keeping him informed on what’s going on in his district, he really appreciates it. He wanted to know what the Court needs to do to get the ball rolling on the Morganfield Rescue Building? Judge O’Nan said that they are making sure that we can put it where we are wanting to put it, then Sean Sheffer will start the design of it with the chiefs and those at the Morganfield Rescue.

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



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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nahce



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Adam O’Nan  
County Judge/Executive