

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING  
May 25, 2021

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

Judge O’Nan opened the Budget Hearing regarding the propose of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. Since no public comment was made, Judge O’Nan closed the hearing.

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.

Tom Dempewolf, Security Design Consultant with Sonitrol of Evansville, owned and operated for over 50yrs. by the same family, came before the Court to give a presentation on the security system that we are wanting to install at our Senior Citizens and Animal Control buildings. At our Senior Building they are looking to install a 16-channel network video recorder with live footage with 10 indoor/outdoor Surveillance Cameras, 2 outdoor Mini Bullet cameras for the parking lot, one on each side of the building and 2 Wireless Panic Buttons. The Panic Buttons work like a two-way pager with a two button depress. Upon depression, Sonitrol will dispatch emergency personnel to those facilities. The Panic Buttons have an Impact Activated Audio Sensor, that is only turned on when the button is depressed. The cameras come on at the same time at Sonitrol’s Central Station, allowing them to hear and see what is going on in that emergency situation. While the emergency is taking place, they are able to call dispatch here in Union County and give them a play by play of what is transpiring and what is being heard at the time. This allows the emergency responders to know what equipment and what actions they will need to take upon arrival. Tom clarified that the cameras are continuously running but that Sonitrol cannot hear or see anything taking place until the Panic Button is depressed. The cost for this security system and installation is \$11,033.81 and there is room for expansion if something needed to be added at a later date.

Animal Control’s system will consist of 11 indoor/outdoor cameras, 2 outdoor Mini Bullet cameras, a Wireless Bridge with 2 cameras at the entrances and 2 Wireless Panic Buttons. Other than Animal Control having a few more cameras and more technology because of the Wireless Bridge, everything is exactly the same as the Seniors. The cost for Animal Control’s system is \$14,014.73 and it is also expandable.

This is a 36month agreement that provides a lifetime equipment and service warranty, an annual preventative maintenance visit, lifetime support & training, lifetime technical assistance and NVR & camera health monitoring. It will be the same agreement at both locations.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to take this agreement under advisement and let County Attorney, Julie Wallace look back over it and bring it back to our next meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for road material bids on May 26, 2021 and June 2, 2021 and to open bids on June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented 1 turn-out gear bid from Fire Department Service & Supply for 20 sets of gear in the amount of \$68,940.00. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation at the June 8, 2021 Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan read a letter to the Court from the Griggs-Alvey American Legion Post #48. The letter stated that Post #48 offers to donate to the County lot #5 consisting of .611 acre to the County. The property will be donated in exchange for the following:

1. Union County will provide Post #48 with a meeting place for as long as they exist. Union County will provide tables and chairs for the Post’s meeting in the meeting room.
2. Union County will provide a revue for Post #48 to host a dinner 4/5 times a year.
3. Union County will provide all maintenance and upkeep to include any painting, carpeting, or repairs of the meeting room.
4. Union County will provide keys to the building and meeting room so the Post will have access to it and to relieve the Museum and Arts Center staff of opening and closing the building for evening meetings and dinners.

Lot #5 is adjacent to the Senior Citizens Building and would provide space for expansion, a garden, or any other use deemed appropriate by the County. Magistrate Clements made a motion to take the agreement under advisement to let the Museum Committee and the County Attorney look over it and bring it back before the Court on June 8, 2021, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Gary Lovell who was representing the Post said that they truly appreciated the County for allowing them to meet at the Museum.

At our March 23, 2021 Court meeting, Judge O’Nan stated that the Union County Water District was interested in purchasing the building that they are currently renting from the county. The Court agreed to have the building appraised so that a purchase price could be determined. Judge O’Nan presented the Summary Appraisal Report from Duncan & Associates to the Court,

stating that the building appraised at \$50,000. The Union County Water District just recently installed a new air conditioning unit in the amount of \$4,800 at their own expense, so Judge O’Nan asked the Court if they wanted to take the \$4,800 off of the purchase price of the building, making the amount \$45,200 since the Water District paid for it themselves or leave it at \$50,000. Magistrate Clements made a motion to not deduct the \$4,800 from the purchase price, leaving that amount at \$50,000, and allowing Judge O’Nan to proceed with discussions with the Water District regarding the purchase and allowing County Attorney, Julie Wallace to work on an agreement, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

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

It was brought to the Judge’s attention that he had skipped over the Minutes at the beginning of Court, so at this time he asked if the Court approved the Minutes from the May 11<sup>th</sup> Court meeting. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that he would be meeting with Senator Paul next week, along with Judge’s, Jack Whitfield and Steve Henry, regarding abandoned mine lands and also a Rare Earth Project going on at Dotiki.

He met with AOC, Administrative Office of the Courts, yesterday. They came and inspected both the Courthouse and the Annex. He said that the only noteworthy thing that he wanted to mention was that he, Coach Steward and Sean Sheffer had an hour and a half interview with the gentleman who was over the inspection regarding our facilities and the Judge said that it is amazing, the wealth of information that Coach Steward has in his head pertaining to these buildings. AOC was very impressed and told Judge O’Nan that the facilities were in exceptional shape and we were much better than most. O’Nan said that he tells the Court this because he wants to brag on Coach Steward, Eddie Clevidence, Michelle O’nan and Shannon Hazel for the Great job they are doing.

He said that Sean Sheffer is working on designs for both the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department and the Morganfield Rescue Squad. Sean will get together with both of them to make sure that his vision on paper is what their vision is in their minds.

Judge O’Nan gave an update on our vaccine total: on a county level of all populations, we are at around 24.6%, those over 18 that have been vaccinated is around 30.18%. At this time, he had not been notified of the number of cases for today, but stated that we had 2 cases yesterday. He reached out to Alex Caudill this morning and was told that St. Ann’s will hold a vaccine clinic tomorrow, from 10 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested can get on the Covid web-site and

schedule a vaccine or just drive up in the parking lot by the Parish Hall and they will get it taken care of.

He stated that he had talked to Jeff Cantor, our engineer of record, who is working on the remodeling of our EOC building and the Breckinridge Museum and Jeff is hoping to have a rough drawing of the EOC building available by the end of the week. He wants the department heads, who were instrumental in getting that vision on paper, to look over this drawing and then he will get a more detailed drawing to our construction management company. There will be about 3 different groups that will be working on a cost estimate, that will come back to us for us to decide whether or not we want to proceed. Jeff is also working on the Breckenridge Museum and should have information and a bid packet on that, hopefully within a month.

Judge O’Nan wanted to address something from our last meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, in regards to there not being any road money in the budget. He stated that since 2018 we have received around 1million dollars in Discretionary Funds. He went back to 2013 and there has not been any money for blacktop in the budget, per se. Judge O’Nan said that at the last meeting when Magistrate Clements asked if there was money in the budget for blacktop, and when he replied that there was not, that answer was incorrect. He said that we have applied for a rubber tire asphalt grant on a new pilot project where the Kentucky Transportation Department pays for a mile and we’ll pay for a mile. He’s anticipating the County receiving this grant and if so, it will be used on Meadows Road. So, to be correct, he stated that there are blacktop funds in the budget and that he will continue to go after Discretionary Funds, of which we have received quite a bit of over the last couple of years and he anticipates that next year it will open up as we move forward to catch up the Road Fund coming out of this pandemic. He then said that he does not see a threat of any of our county roads going back to gravel and that no one on this Court will allow that to happen.

Magistrate Wyatt stated he met with Billy Steve Peak regarding some drainage issues on Gibson Road and that Road Foreman, Tony Ratley is aware of this. Wyatt told Billy Steve, that as soon as Tony is caught-up he will be out there to look it over.

He also stated that when we have the Turn-Out gear meeting, he would like for all the Fire Chiefs to be involved. Judge O’Nan said that would be fine.

Magistrate Ricketts wanted to let the Court know that a grant has been secured for a 2<sup>nd</sup> playground at Moffit Lake.

Magistrate Floyd stated that work continues on Hwy. 130. He said that he sent Judge O’Nan some pictures of the stop in Uniontown, by Uniontown Food Mart and Hannah’s Place, where water stands, that needs to be addressed. Judge O’Nan stated that Ethan from the Kentucky Transportation Department had messaged him and said that they are going to look at this area and try to incorporate it into the plan and get it fixed.

Floyd wanted to know where we stand with the Interlocal Agreement between Uniontown and the Sheriff’s Department. County Attorney, Julie Wallace said that she and Mike Williamson

are working on the agreement and then it will be sent to DLG (Department of Local Government) for their approval. Judge O’Nan said that he and Magistrate Floyd have reached out to Mayor Byrd about the Sheriff’s Department having more presence in Uniontown since they haven’t had any luck in hiring someone for their Police Department. They have asked if Uniontown would be interested in applying the amount of money, they have set aside for a Police Officer, to the County, where they would have a regular presence there by the Sheriff’s Department. Magistrate Floyd said that he attended the Council Meeting and it was brought up and talked about for quite a while and when he or Judge O’Nan has more information on that, they will update the Court.

Judge O’Nan also stated that he had talked to one of the individuals that he and Jerry had both spoken to previously in regards to his yard being torn up because of road work. Ethan from the Kentucky Transportation Department along with another individual met with the property owner and they committed to them, that if the State didn’t put his yard back to his satisfaction, that they would come down there themselves and do it. Judge O’Nan thought that was a pretty nice touch from those guys with them being as busy as they are and said it meant the world to the property owner.

Magistrate Byrnes just wanted to remind everyone that the County Fair will take place in about 3 weeks.

He also wanted to make the Court aware that in Winn Addition on Chestnut Street there’s about a 9” overlay of blacktop before you drop down to the curb. He said that it’s only supposed to have about a 2” overlay and wanted to know if there is anything that can be done about it? Judge O’Nan said that he and Tony Ratley will look at it to determine if it can be fixed. He noted that Tony has been extremely busy working on FEMA projects.

Magistrate Clements wanted to know what the status was on getting the property for the Rescue Building? Judge O’Nan said that we have the property, it’s owned by the County. There is a small piece of property next to it that would be nice to have but the property owner is not interested in selling, although the Judge thinks that the owner will provide an easement for parking. Not much parking will be needed until a run is made or a meeting is held. Sean Sheffer has the initial drawings and is going to meet with the Rescue Squad to make sure it meets their needs. Clements asked if the property was adequate for the building? Sean said that it may be tight but it is adequate.

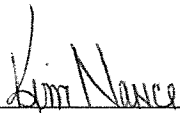
Magistrate Clements asked what the status was on the House Bridge Road Bridge? The Judge said that the advertisement for bids was set at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and were to run for 2 weeks, May 19 and May 26. They are to be opened on June 8 and we will go from there.

Magistrate Clements wanted to know if we were still doing trash pick-up? Judge O’Nan said that because we are short of help, we are rotating between trash pick-up and mowing. Tony Ratley and Shawn Elder are overseeing that.

Magistrate Clements said that 2 years ago, when work was being done on Hwy. 60 at Royster’s Curve, the contractor tore up the blacktop on Ben Ladd Road when hauling dirt. He said

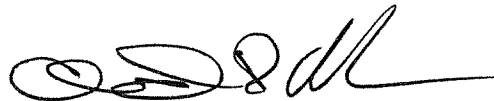
that he had talked to the Road Supervisor, Mike Schmied when it happened and he was supposed to turn it in. Since Mike has retired, Judge O’Nan said that he would check on that and see where they are at with it.

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



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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nance



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Adam O’Nan  
County Judge/Executive