

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
June 8, 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 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, Byrnes and Clements.

The minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan made a recommendation to re-appoint Joyce Greenwell to a four-year term to the Union County Water District Board of Commissioners. Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Resolution for Adoption of the 2021 Green River Area Development District Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to adopt the Resolution Update, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

At our May 25, 2021 Fiscal Court Meeting, Judge O’Nan presented to the Court the Appraisal, in the amount of \$50,000, for the building that the Union County Water District rents from us and is wanting to purchase. At that meeting, Judge O’Nan stated that the Water District had, at their own expense, purchased a new air conditioning unit for \$4,700 for the building and asked the Court if they wanted to take the \$4,700 off of the purchase price, lowering it to \$45,300 or leave it at the appraised amount of \$50,000? The Court voted to keep the purchase price at \$50,000. When Judge O’Nan presented the building to the Water District for \$50,000, they made a counter-offer, stating that they would like to be reimbursed the \$4,700 for the new air conditioning unit, either by subtracting it from the \$50,000 purchase price or by them paying the \$50,000 and then the County reimbursing them the \$4,700 for the a/c. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the Water District paying \$50,000 and the County reimbursing them \$4,700 for the air conditioning unit and having the invoice go in with today’s claims, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried. County Attorney, Julie Wallace, is going to draw up the deed and will then get it to Judge O’Nan.

Also, at our May 25, 2021 meeting, Tom Dempewolf with Sonitrol of Evansville gave a presentation to the Court regarding new security systems at our Senior Citizens Building and our Animal Control Building. After talking to County Attorney, Julie Wallace, Judge O’Nan said

that we are going to get another quote for both buildings and that he has already talked to another vendor and they should have them ready for us by the June 22 meeting.

Judge O’Nan presented road material bids for asphalt, pipe and rock for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. The following bids received were:

Asphalt:

- Road Builders Paving
- Rogers Group

Rock:

- Jeff Ratley Trucking

Pipe:

- Welden and Sons

Magistrate Clements made a motion to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation at the June 22, 2021 Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented one sealed bid for House Bridge Road Bridge (Bridge Only). The bid was as follows:

- E & H Bridge - 65ft. x 24ft. steel beam bridge with a 0-degree skew - \$134,267.00

Magistrate Clements made a motion to award the bid as presented, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that he was going to get with County Engineer, Sean Sheffer and will hopefully have bid specs for the bridge installation at our next Court meeting on June 22, 2021. He also said that he had reached out to Craig at the Department of Rural Road Aid regarding the 80/20 funds and he has not heard back from him yet. He doesn’t anticipate that we’ll have any trouble with getting it and as soon as he hears something he will let the Court know.

Judge O’Nan stated that after meeting with EMA Director, Rick White and Magistrate Wyatt, in looking over the Turn-Out bid that we received at the May 25th meeting, they recommended that we reject the bid and re-advertise. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to re-set bid advertisement dates for the Turn-Out Gear to be ran on June 9th and June 16th with the bids to be opened on June 22nd during our Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan told the Court that during the Audit Exit Interview, the auditor indicated, that the State Auditor’s Office is trying to encourage all Courts not to have a Petty Cash Fund. We have a Petty Cash Fund that we use to pay for County vehicle licenses, mortgage and deed recording fees, foreclosure fees, etc., that are due in between Court meetings, which are then reimbursed back into the Petty Cash Fund. Since these fees were not included in our Pre-

Approved Expenses an amendment is needed to include these fees. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the amendment, allowing Treasurer, Lissa Gibson to write a check the day the fees need to be paid and include them in claims, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that Sean Sheffer and Melissa Coker have been doing a lot of work in the Deputy EMA position without being compensated for it, especially with the FEMA documentation and processing. Melissa is also our County Information Officer and no one knows more about the FEMA paperwork than Sean. He along with EMA Director, Rick White recommended that we split the Deputy EMA Director’s salary of \$11,355.61 between the two and hire them as the Co-Deputy EMA Directors. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Jailer, Jason Newton came before the Court with a recommendation for a Part-Time Transport Officer hire. He recommended that the Court hire Sam Evans as a Part-Time Transport Officer at the rate of \$11 an hour. Sam was a former Shift Supervisor at the jail, prior to its closing. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve Jailer Newton’s recommendation to hire Sam Evans as a Part-Time Transport Officer at the rate of \$11 an hour, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that the Road Department is in need of purchasing a new tractor. The 2010 Tractor that they currently have, has 5,060 hours on it and has had a lot of issues. They obtained a quote from Hutson for a new John Deere 6145M Cab Tractor, that is almost exactly like the 2010 Tractor they’re wanting to replace, minus the loader, in the amount of:

\$133,873.61	New Tractor (State Contract Price)
<u>\$-29,000.00</u>	Trade-in-Value of 2010 Tractor
\$104,873.61	Total Purchase Price

Judge O’Nan and the Road Committee recommended that the Court purchase this new tractor for the Road Department. It can be delivered right away, less the duals, which will be put on when they come in, and be put to use immediately. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the recommendation to purchase a new John Deere 6145M Cab Tractor in the amount of \$104,873.61 and to add the 2010 tractor to surplus, to be used for a trade-in, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the second reading of the 2021/2022 Budget in the amount of \$21,874,466.35. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2021/2022 Budget, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Magistrate Clements voted NO.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

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

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the April 2021 Treasurer's Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan wanted to mention that the Union County Fair is next week, June 14-June 19 and that the Ervin's are once again hosting their Annual Wrestling Camp from June 9-June 12 and June 16-June 19 at Moffit Lake.

He stated that he had gone to Webster County and met with Senator Paul, Judge Henry and Judge Whitfield regarding the Rare Earth Mineral Project at the closed Dotiki mine. He said that it was a really good meeting and he was glad to be able to attend and get educated on this project.

Magistrate Wyatt stated that he really like how the EOC Building was looking from the preliminary drawing.

Magistrate Floyd stated that work continues on HWY. 130 and that the Uniontown Clean-up was a great success.

Magistrate Byrnes wanted to Thank, Tony and his crew at the Road Department for cleaning a ditch in his district and he also stated that one of his constituents has complained that her mailbox cannot be seen because of high grass. Judge O'Nan said that with the purchase of the new tractor, mowing should be getting caught up.

Magistrate Clements asked Sean Sheffer if he had an update on the Rescue Building? Sean said that he completed the plans and had been down to the lot to make sure that it was big enough for the building and that everything looked good. He said that we should be able to start taking bids right at the beginning of the new Fiscal Court year.

Clements said that a few people had asked him what the new Jailer/Transport Officer, Jason Newton, was making. He said that he would reply that Jailer Newton is making a little less than what Jailer, Shawn Elder was making. Judge O'Nan stated that it was about \$10,000 less.

Clements asked the Judge if he had found out anything about the damage that was caused on Ben Ladd Road from road work being done? Judge O'Nan said that he had not, but that he will see what he can do

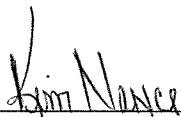
Clements wanted to know if we were going to continue to hold Court in the upstairs Courtroom. Judge O'Nan said that for a while longer, Court will be held upstairs but that eventually we will start holding Court back in the Fiscal Courtroom.

Clements asked Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley, if he was doing everything he could to keep up with the mowing. Tony replied that, yes, he was doing everything he could and that they have been mowing past quitting time to try and stay caught up.

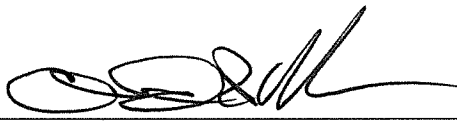
Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to go into Executive Session for pending litigation, per KRS 61.810 (1) (c), seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

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.



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive