

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
June 22, 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, Ricketts, Byrnes and Clements.

The minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan presented the Union County Sheriff’s Office 2020 Property, Oil, and Franchise Tax report. The 2020 property (real estate) and oil tax was 99.04% collected. Tangible property taxes were 99.95% collected and Franchise taxes were 100% collected. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the Sheriff’s 2020 property, oil and franchise tax settlement, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Sara Blackburn, with the Union County Clerk’s Office, came before the Court stating that during the Clerk’s Office audit, it was noticed that there was an error made on their 3rd Quarter Affordable Housing Trust Fund Fee payment, made to the Kentucky State Treasurer. The payment should have been for July, August and September, but only September’s payment was made. After speaking with the auditors, Shari Scott and Terra McCann, they said that it needed to be paid out of the same account. Sara requested \$2,226 back from the Fiscal Court, out of the Excess Fees that the Clerk’s Office had turned over to us previously, so that they could deposit it back into their account to pay July and August’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund Fee payments. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve her request and to add it to today’s claims, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Due to a resignation, Judge O’Nan was asked to appoint a new member to the Tax Appeals Board. This Board was formed so that anyone who doesn’t agree with the PVA’s Tax Assessment can make an appeal before the Board. They are also responsible for the overseeing of the employees of the PVA’s Office to make sure that their assessments are correct. Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court appoint Leicia Schneider, employed with United Community Bank, to fill the vacant seat on the Tax Appeals Board. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan made a recommendation to hire Sarah Conyers for the part-time Animal Control position at \$11 an hour. Magistrate Clements made a motion to hire Sarah Conyers for the

part-time position at Animal Control at \$11 an hour, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

At the May 25, 2021 Fiscal Court Meeting, Judge O’Nan told the Court that the Griggs-Alvey American Legion Post #48 has offered to donate a .611 acre located in the Griggs-Alvey American Legion Post #48 Subdivision to the County, in exchange for the County granting Post #48 the right to use a meeting room in the James D. Veatch Breckinridge Museum & Arts Center, for their monthly meetings, the right to use the Museum for five dinner meetings per year, providing them with a key for access to the Museum, along with a few other stipulations. This donation of land, that is adjacent to the Union County Senior Citizens Building would allow the County space for expansion, a garden, or any other use deemed appropriate. Judge O’Nan provided the Court a copy of a tentative agreement asking them to look over it and to bring their recommendation to a future Court meeting. At today’s Court meeting, Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the donation of the .611 acre by the Griggs-Alvey American Legion Post #48, agreeing to their stipulations and allowing Union County Attorney, Julie Wallace to draw up an official Facility Usage Agreement and a Deed of Conveyance, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Resolution and Agreement for CB01 bridge funds in the amount of \$80,000 to replace the bridge on House Bridge Road in Union County. Roll was called as follows to approve said Resolution and Agreement:

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

Judge O’Nan recommended that all road material bids that were opened at the previous Court meeting, be accepted. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to accept all road material bids, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the bids for 20 sets of Turn-Out Gear. The bids were as follows:

- Fire Department Service & Supply (FDSAS) - \$55,140.00
- Mid-America Fire & Safety LLC - \$65,651.00
- Mid-America Fire & Safety LLC - \$62,480.80
- Mid-America Fire & Safety LLC - \$61,281.40
- Mid-America Fire & Safety LLC - \$64,355.00
- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment - \$65,860.00
- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment - \$58,420.00
- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment - \$58,020.00

- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment - \$54,840.00

The Judge recommended that the Court take all bids under advisement and after having EMA Director, Rick White, Rick Wyatt, the Fire Chiefs and himself look over them, bring their recommendation to the July 13, 2021 Court Meeting. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the reading of an Emergency Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,396,692.50, which will take effect as soon as it is signed and sent back to DLG. The Department of Local Government (DLG) has sent these Emergency Budget Amendments to every county in the state to account for the ARPA funds that they received. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the Emergency Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,396.692.50, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Melissa Coker and Sean Sheffer presented the Court with some information regarding a new website. Due to Covid and with having to shut the Courthouse down, they realized that our website needed to be updated in order to better serve the residents of Union County. Melissa stated that our website was established in 2009 making it 12 years old. It has no search bar, there are not enough tabs, some of the sights cannot be accessed and there are several more glitches due to it being an old system. After almost a year of research, she feels that Granicus could provide us with just what we’d need. Some of the benefits this new website can provide are:

1. It will be very secure
2. It will allow us to reach our community quicker
3. It will have a search bar
4. It will be user friendly
5. It will have Lexfind. A user could type in an address and it will pull up every service that is available at that address.
6. It will have political information. You will know what district you are in and who your Magistrate is.
7. It will have a Community Events & Meetings page. This will be constantly updated.

Melissa stated that Granicus is the largest government tech company, trusted by 4,500 government organizations around the world. They invest \$20million in research and development yearly. They only provide websites for government agencies. They do not provide websites for the private sector. As far as cybersecurity goes, everything is secured with Cloud. If the website were to go down, all of our data would be secure. There is a 24/7 team available for us to contact at any time.

Before developing our website, Granicus will send out a survey to all stakeholders and then to the community to find out exactly what we are lacking, exactly what we are wanting and exactly what we are needing. Every month they will have a meeting to go over what’s been done in that time and they will get our approval before they go to the next step. Once the website is completed

and launched, they will still be tracking what is being used. By using heat maps they can see exactly who is touching what parts of the website in line data.

After their presentation, Judge O’Nan asked the Court for their approval to enter into an agreement with Granicus for a new website at a one-time set up fee of \$39,000, with additional maintenance fees to follow for 5 years.

- 1st Year - \$ 7,500.00
- 2nd Year - \$12,025.00
- 3rd Year - \$12,866.75
- 4th Year - \$13,767.42
- 5th Year - \$14,731.14

After 5 years, we can renegotiate or if we’re not satisfied, we can choose not to renew the agreement.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve entering in to an agreement with Granicus for a new county website, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

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

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the May 2021 Treasurer Report pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that the Senior Citizens Building will be open to the public on July 15th, pending approval from GRADD and another organization. They will be closed the week of July 5th for cleaning.

He stated that he reached out to the State regarding the damage to Ben Ladd Road and they told him that with discretionary money they will get it taken care of, but that it probably wouldn’t be until August.

He announced that the Union County Fair was a huge success. He also expressed his Thanks to all of those who work so hard to make the Fair possible.

Magistrate Wyatt offered his condolences to Magistrate Floyd and all the family for the passing of his brother, Chuck.

He commended all the 1st Responders, the Morganfield Fire Department, the Rescue Squad, EMS, Sheriff and the Morganfield Police Department who worked a very, very difficult run, on Sunday.

He expressed is Thanks to Bill Rose and the Eureka Lodge for all that they do for the kids in the County.

He noted that the County received an \$11,000 invoice from EWM for work done on Dyke Road and wanted to know if it was something that we couldn't have done ourselves. Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley stated that it was out of our reach and EWM had to rent special equipment to complete the work. Judge O'Nan said that the County would be reimbursed for this project through FEMA.

Magistrate Ricketts stated that Saturday, July 1, 2021 was 1st Responders Day and that there was going to be a little celebration at the Fire Department from 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

He invited the public to come and enjoy the Caseyville Fireworks on Saturday, June 26th, starting at 4:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment with 3 bands, food vendors and lots of fun.

Magistrate Byrnes wanted to remind everyone that with July 4th coming up if you see anyone, past or present from the military, be sure to thank them for their service.

Magistrate Clements announced that St. Peter's drive-thru picnic will be held on Saturday, June 26, with pickup starting at 10:00 a.m.

He asked Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley if the first round of mowing had been done and Tony replied that it had.

He commended Kathy Baird and Kim Wolf on how nice and clean the Animal Control building is.

He and Magistrate Ricketts volunteered to go over the bills for the next quarter, starting in July.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to cancel our 5th Tuesday Fiscal Court Meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to give County Attorney, Julie Wallace approval to proceed with a Pharma Bankruptcy Plan, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to give approval to Judge O'Nan to sign a MOU for the Kentucky Opioid Settlement, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to give approval for a tax foreclosure at map location SU1-03-04-01, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

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

Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance

Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive