

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
July 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 Bro. Jerry Manning, and the Pledge to the American Flag.

The Union County Fiscal Court met in regular session with Magistrate Joe Clements presiding. The Union County Fiscal Court met in the upstairs Courtroom and the meeting was livestreamed on Facebook. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes and Clements.

The minutes from the June 22, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Magistrate Clements explained to the Court that at our last Fiscal Court Meeting on June 22, when discussing the part-time hire pay at Animal Control, Judge O’Nan stated that the pay would be at \$11 an hour. After Court, the Judge realized that he was mistaken and that \$14 an hour had been budgeted in the 2021/2022 Budget and he asked that this be corrected at today’s meeting. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the pay for Sara Conyers, who was hired part-time at Animal Control from \$11 an hour to \$14 an hour as is listed in the Budget, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Kathy Baird, Director of Animal Control, came before the Court to ask for approval for the County to match the funds of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Spay/Neuter Grant that she has applied for, in the amount of \$3,000. She stated that last year the Grant was for \$2,500 and the County matched those funds as well. Last year there were 126 Low Cost Spay/Neuters performed. Dr. Shirel and Dr. Stone have agreed to continue providing these services for the County and Dr. Young is considering joining them. The cost for a Low-Income Dog Spay/Neuter and a Cat Spay is \$75 with a Cat Neuter costing \$40. Any animal owner that receives a Low-Income Voucher through the Grant, that will run from January 1st through June 30th, will be required to pay \$25 and will have to get the animal vaccinated for rabies at their own cost. These vouchers will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the matching funds in the amount of \$3,000 for the Spay/Neuter Grant, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt, EMA Director Rick White and the Volunteer Fire Chiefs had met previously to look over the Turn-Out Gear Bids that we received. After going over each bid and discussing what would work best for each department, Magistrate Wyatt brought before the Court the recommendation to accept the bid from Fire Department Service & Supply in the amount of \$55,140. Magistrate Wyatt stated that although Vogelpohl Fire Equipment’s bid was lower at \$54,840, the decision to go with FDSAS was due to the turnaround of 7-10 days compared to months, the comfort and for service reasons. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the

recommendation to purchase 20 sets of Turn-Out Gear from Fire Department Service & Supply in the amount of \$55,140, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to advertise for a General Laborer at the Road Department at \$14 an hour on July 14, 2021, to accept applications until July 21, 2021 and hoping to have a recommendation at the July 27, 2021 Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried. Road Foreman, Tony Ratley stated that it would be great if the applicant already had a CDL but if they didn't, they would need to have it within 6 months of being hired.

Magistrate Clements requested approval for the Union County Clerk, Garrick Thompson's 40 hours of training in the amount of \$3,279.72. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Union County Clerk, Garrick Thompson's 40 hours of training, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion that the Court approve District 3 & 4 combining their Clean Up Days on Friday, July 30th and Saturday, July 31st, with the containers being located at the John Arnold Arena, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Wyatt thanked Tony Ratley and the road crew for all of the work that they do in his district. He stated that on August 4th a meeting will be held at the Waverly Fire Department regarding new fire trucks. He also stated that the Sheriff's Department is in need of new radios and that he and the Sheriff would talk to Adam about this when he returned from his conference.

Magistrate Floyd stated that work continued on Hwy. 130. They are patching today and in a couple of weeks they should start blacktopping. He expressed his thanks to Tony and the road crew for the great job that they do.

Magistrate Ricketts thanked Tony and the road crew for the quality of work that they do and for being very responsive in taking care of anything he's needed done.

Magistrate Byrnes reminded everyone that the Rally was being held this weekend and for everyone to look out for the bikers and to be cautious when driving. He thanked Tony and his crew for the awesome job that they do.

Magistrate Clements thanked Tony and his crew for cutting down 2 dangerous trees in his district and for keeping all the Magistrates up to date on what work they are doing. He asked Tony if they were still spraying for mosquitos and Tony stated that, "as often as the weather permits". Clements also stated that Sean Sheffer had everything lined up to get bids on the Rescue Building. He asked Tony if the fence at the building site had been moved and Tony said that "they had cleaned everything up around it so that it can be moved".

Union County Clerk, Garrick Thompson, came before the Court just to let everyone know, that for the last few days the License Department had been closed due to the State's computer system being down. He stated that it was a statewide issue but that as of today they were up and running.

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

Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance

Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive