

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
August 10, 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 Judge Executive Adam O’Nan presiding. The Union County Fiscal Court met in the upstairs Courtroom and the meeting was livestreamed on Facebook. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, and Clements.

The minutes from the July 27 and August 3, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Jessie Howard, with GRADD, came before the Court this morning to explain several resolutions and plans that are on our Agenda today. The first plan that was presented was the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan: This states that if the CDBG Covid Utility Assistance Project were to cause people in the County to have to move from their residence, the Union County Fiscal Court would provide relocation assistance to them. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

CDBG Program-Utility Assistance Resolution: This states that since the county applied for and received \$200,000 of Federal Money to assist our county residents with their utilities if they are in need, that the County understands that a procurement policy must be adopted, which ensures that maximum open and free competition is upheld in soliciting the professional services contract. The assistance will be based off of income. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the CDBG Program-Utility Assistance Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

KCDBG Procurement Code: This states that all procurements made by the Union County Fiscal Court involving the expenditure of local, state and federal funds on CDBG Project #20C-054 shall be made in accordance with the CDBG Procurement Code. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to adopt the KCDBG Procurement Code, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

UCFC/Audubon Area Community Services Agreement with DLG/Resolution: This authorizes the County to enter a legally binding Agreement with Audubon Area Community Services in regards to the CDBG Utility Assistance Program and authorizes Judge O’Nan to sign and execute any and all documentation of the Agreement. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the UCFC/Audubon Area Community Services Agreement with DLG, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried

Fair Housing Resolution: This states that it is the policy of the Union County Fiscal Court to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race,

color, religion, sex or national origin and expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. The Union County Fiscal Court will assist anyone who feels that they have been discriminated against due to race, color religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the Fair Housing Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the 2020 Unmined Coal Tax Report from Sheriff Mickey Arnold. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the 2020 Unmined Coal Tax Report, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the Union County Extension Board’s Tax Rate for 2021.

- Real Property 2.25
- Personal Property 2.25
- Motor Vehicle 1.6

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the Union County Extension Board’s 2021 tax rates, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the Union County Board of Health’s 2021 Tax Rates at 5.25 cents per \$100 for assessed valuation of all real property, 5.25 cents per \$100 for assessed valuation of all personal property, and 5.25 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all motor vehicles in Union County. Said rate was set at the Board Health meeting on July 7, 2021. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to accept the Union County Board of Health 2021 Tax Rates, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the first reading of an Ordinance reducing the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph for improved safety on Hart Huckeby Road. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt. Roll was called as follows:

- Magistrate Ricketts – Yes
- Magistrate Floyd – Yes
- Magistrate Clements – Yes
- Magistrate Wyatt – Yes
- Judge Executive Adam O’Nan – Yes

Motion carried.

Union County Attorney, Julie Wallace, presented the statement of the Cold Check Collection Fee Account from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, returning \$5,429.59 back to local merchants and \$221.57 was returned to the County. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the \$221.57 returned to the County from County Attorney, Julie Wallace from the Cold Check Collection Fee Account, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a HB 192 Resolution for 20 sets of Turn-Out Gear for Union County’s Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of \$55,140.00. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a HB 192 Resolution for the Payoff of Union County’s USDA Levee Bond in the amount of \$2,850,000.00. By paying this bond off, \$1.4 million of our tax payer’s money will be saved. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O’Nan stated that he had just received today’s press release from Clay Horton with the Green River District Health Department regarding COVID-19. It states that in our District we are averaging 134 cases a day. Since Friday, August 7th, they are reporting 523 new cases and 5 deaths in all counties, not just our district. New cases by counties in our District are as follows:

- Davis County - 239
- Hancock County - 14
- Henderson County - 100
- McClean County - 15
- Ohio County - 56
- Union County - 49
- Webster County – 50

He stated that it’s his understanding from his discussions with Clay, that COVID is in our businesses, in our Churches and in our families...It’s everywhere. He reminded everyone that vaccines are practically available anywhere you want to go, if you are inclined to do that and he encourages you to do so.

He also stated that we have already received \$50,000 of the \$100,000 in emergency funds that we applied for, for the Waller Omer Road Bridge.

He said that he’s heard several different people bragging on the County Road Department, especially for the tree trimming and he wanted to pass that on to Tony and his team.

Magistrate Wyatt thanked the Road Department for the great job that they are doing and he also thanked County Attorney, Julie Wallace for all that she does to keep the County going in the right direction.

He asked if there was any word on our elevator. Judge O’Nan said that we are waiting on DLG and he expects to get the Grant at any time.

He stated the he and Magistrate Clements are going to have a joint clean-up for Districts 1 & 5 on Saturday, September 11th and the staging sight will be in the back lot of the Museum. Judge O’Nan asked if they were going to make arrangements with Tri-County Waste to help with it or

did they want the County to assist with that? Magistrate Clements said that they would take any help they could get.

Magistrate Ricketts wanted to know if we had any hospitalizations in the County due to COVID? Judge O’Nan stated that as of Friday there were no hospitalizations but as of today, he knew of one, personally.

Ricketts asked where we were at on the EOC Building and Museum renovations? Judge O’Nan stated that we have not received anything concrete regarding the EOC Building and that he had met with Jeff Canter, who is an architect with PFGW regarding the Museum. They are preparing the final documents to send to our Construction Management Team that will give us an estimation on how it will be done. Jeff said that by the middle or end of September they will have some numbers in order to give the final go ahead.

He stated that Districts 3 & 4 had a very successful Cleanup. They filled 7 dumpsters & numerous tires were disposed of.

Magistrate Floyd stated that the tree trimming from the Road Department is very much appreciated and the work on Hwy. 130 is going really well. The road work is planned to be completed Friday.

Magistrate Clements stated that he appreciated the work that the Road Department has done on tree trimming and spraying mosquitos. He asked Tony how the trimmer was doing and Tony stated that it was down right now, and that it has to go to Evansville to get programmed and he is waiting for them to come and get it.

Clements stated that because the bridge on House Bridge Road is closed, it’s causing more traffic on the creek bottom area. He asked Tony if they could keep an eye on that and keep it maintained? Tony said that they would.

He asked if the inmates were still out in the County picking up trash and if they did that every day? Judge O’Nan said that yes, we still had the inmates working and that Danny had a crew out this morning. Tony noted that the mowing crew worked from Monday thru Thursday and the trash crew, as of right now, was only on Friday, but he thought it may be changed to Thursday and Friday.

Clements asked County Engineer, Sean Sheffer, what the County needed to do to get things moving on installing the bridge on House Bridge Road? Sean stated that bids will be opened on August 24th and depending on which contractor the bid is awarded to and how busy they are, will determine when they can get started. Nothing can be done until the bids are opened.

He asked Tony if there was anything the Court could do to help with the preparation of the site for the new Morganfield Rescue Squad Building? Tony said no sir, they are getting ready to get started on it this week. Clements wanted to know if all of the specs were in order for the building? Sean said yes, they were in order, they were out for bid right now and that there will be a pre-bid meeting next Wednesday, August 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fiscal Court Room.

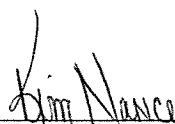
Judge O’Nan wanted to brag on our local Health Department in regards to the mosquito spray. He said that they had put \$15,000 in their budget, that comes to the County, to help pay for the spray and that we will utilize all of this and maybe more.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to go into Executive Session in regards to future acquisition of real property per KRS: 61.810(1)(b), seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

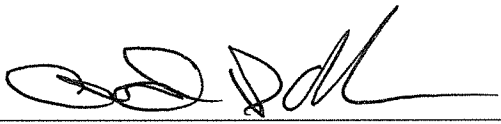
Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to purchase real estate located on Hughes Street from Pam Latham in the amount of \$20,000, subject to a clear title, with earnest money of \$500 and authorize Judge O’Nan to execute the purchase agreement and deed, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

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.



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive