

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
November 23, 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 a regular meeting with Judge Executive Adam O’Nan presiding. The Union County Fiscal Court met in the Fiscal Court Courtroom. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, and Clements.

The minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan stated that from time to time he wanted to invite different County employees to Court to recognize them for being the great innovators and thinkers that they are and to let everyone know how Blessed we are as a County to have them on our team. Starting today, Judge O’Nan invited two. First, Shelby Jackson, TAC Officer from our 911 Dispatch, came before the Court to explain to them what measures she has taken in order to keep law enforcement in Union County safe. Being a dispatcher with our 911 Dispatch Services, Shelby was made aware of the rise in Fentanyl use in the county, as well as the dangers law enforcement face when responding to these calls. Seeing the need, Shelby, on her own time and out of her own pocket, assembled and distributed “Fentanyl Decontamination Kits” to every Officer, Deputy and Kentucky State Trooper in Union County. Her goal is to be able to provide all volunteers/first responders with a kit and she is working on that now. The kit consists of 2 bottles of water, a bottle of soap and information regarding Fentanyl. First Responders are most likely to experience passive Fentanyl exposure through skin contact with liquids or gels containing Fentanyl, which can be highly toxic. First Responders who come into contact with Fentanyl on their skin should immediately wash the affected area with cool water and soap. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer DOES NOT remove opioids and may enhance absorption of Fentanyl through skin, possibly causing harmful effects and possible death. Although Shelby wanted no attention or Praise for what she calls “one simple token.” Judge O’Nan and the Court feel that we need to celebrate successes, initiative and ingenuity and that everyone should know what her “one simple token” is doing to keep all law enforcement and first responders safe in our County.

Second, Judge O’Nan introduced our Senior Services Director, Melissa Polites to come before the Court. He then read a media release from Leslie Wilson with GRADD stating: The Department for Aging and Independent Living hosted the first Kentucky Senior Hunger Summit in 2019, with the goal of connecting community partners in finding real solutions for tomorrow to start transforming systems currently in place. Due to the pandemic, the summit was not held in 2020. The 2021 Summit was held virtually on November 17, 2021. The virtual event ended with the presentation of three awards: Legislative, Corporate and Local Senior Hunger Champions.

GRADD would like to congratulate Union County Senior Services, chosen as the 2021 Local Senior Hunger Champions. Due to the pandemic, Union County Senior Services was thrown into a unique situation allowing them the opportunity to make a tremendous difference in the lives of Union County senior citizens. Due to the COVID-19 shutdown, students at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy had to leave campus, which meant that thousands of pounds of food needed to be dispersed. Union County Senior Services gladly accepted the donation consisting of over 33 pallets of frozen and shelf-stable food. Senior Services staff repackaged the food to be distributed to the 195 Union County senior residents who were receiving meals, as well as reached 150 clients through the 3,200 commodities distributed since the start of the pandemic. They also served as coordinator and distributor for the Farms to Families program, helping to get over 5,800 cases of food to Union County residents.

Since March of 2020, Melissa and her staff have served 59,000 meals to Union County senior citizens. They prepared over 5,000 freezer meals to ensure meal clients had extra food during weekends, weather closures or to use as a second meal for the day. Their raised bed garden program produced over 1,400 pounds of food this year and went into the homes of seniors and grant funding was recently secured to start a fruit grove for seniors, as well. They also provided food to several local food banks, distributed food boxes thru local churches and worked with the Audubon Area Head Start Program to help grandparents and great-grandparents raising grandchildren. With the commodities, over 3,500 pounds of dog and cat food was delivered, helping seniors maintain their loved companions during Covid.

Melissa wanted to thank her staff and tell them how appreciated they are. They went above and beyond to do whatever needed to be done in order to make sure the seniors and others in the county were taken care of throughout this pandemic. She also wanted to thank our Road Department & Elliot Simmons Trucking for helping out when they needed it. Melissa stated that they couldn't have done it without them.

She said that they were going on 3 weeks of being open to the public at their Morganfield location and that things are going well. She is hoping that the Sturgis location will be open to the public in a couple of weeks.

Judge O'Nan then brought before the Court to view a new County Logo for our new website, which is expected to launch in February or March 2022. He stated that while working on updating our website it got them thinking that we needed to update our logo as well. He feels that the logo needs to represent how the county brands itself and that it needs to be welcoming. Community leaders from around the county, who are outside of county government, were brought in to help. Tami Steward, Melissa Coker, Sean Sheffer and Rick White presented the new logo to the Court, with Judge O'Nan explaining that it is extremely unique, in that it cannot be duplicated and it's not what most people would typically expect as a government logo. The tag line on the logo is "Plant Your Future" which is interchangeable, meaning that it can be changed for whichever county entity you're using it for. For example, on Moffit Lake's or the Museum's web page, where we're trying to draw tourism, it may say "Historic Hospitality." He said that in order

for Union County to grow we have to have people want to come to Union County because of our way of life. We have Historic Hospitality, a county that truly cares about one another, we have a relaxed and relatively safe community. Now a days, more and more people are wanting a more “Mayberry” type of life and that’s what we have to offer and that’s what we want to portray.

After the presentation, Magistrate Floyd made a motion to adopt this as our County Logo, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan then introduced Lewis Chaney and Neil Kellen, who reached out to the Judge in regards to doing a documentary on murals at our Breckinridge Museum. The murals were painted by Daniel Mayer, a German POW who stayed at Camp Breckinridge during WWII and Lewis and Neil want to tell his story and the impact they’ve had on the history of Union County. Lewis stated that they are wanting to do this in an 80-90 minute, hi-definition documentary, which will include scenes from visits to Germany that they are planning to take in hopes of speaking to the POW’s daughter, other family members and his hometown people, as well as our local residents, who know the history of the area. Lewis said that they are hoping to enter the documentary, tentatively titled “War Paint: The Murals of Camp Breckenridge” in at least nine film festivals, starting with one in Berlin. They appeared before the Court to ask for funding for the film, which is likely to take a couple of years, one year to film and one year to promote, in the amount of \$362,000. The Court made no decision on the documentary today, choosing to review the written proposal for the project and to bring it back to the next Court meeting, scheduled for December 14, 2021.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the advertising dates of December 1 and December 8, 2021 to receive Proposals from Qualified Engineers for our EOC Building and to be opened on December 14, 2021 at our next Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the advertising dates of December 1 and December 8, 2021 to receive Proposals from Qualified Construction Managers for our EOC Building and to be opened on December 14, 2021 at our next Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the advertising dates of November 24 and December 1,2021 for the rebidding of 2 new fire trucks and to be opened on December 14, 2021 at our next Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan read a letter to the Court regarding a road sign recommendation. The letter states that the Union County Chamber of Commerce endorses a recommendation by Chamber member, Dennis O’Nan that the Court install/erect a “Home of Mallory White” highway sign, depicting the accomplishment on Mallory being named National FFA Eastern Region Vice

President. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the installation of a “Home of Mallory White” highway sign for her being named National FFA Eastern Region Vice President, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion approved.

Judge O’Nan asked the Court to approve the following items to be sold as surplus:

- Road Truck #5 1983 Dodge ¾ ton
- Road Truck #12 1993 International Dump Truck with Snow Plow
- 8’ Insert Dog Box
- Woods 60” 3-point hitch finishing mower
- Cram-A-Lot 3 phase cardboard baler J V Manufacturing #9634
- Road Maintainer (drag)
- Animal Control Truck #6101 Ford F-150 VIN# 1FTFW1EF8DKE88975

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said items to be sold as surplus, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

After Bobbie Brown, Rick White and Sean Sheffer interviewed 9 candidates for the 911 part-time position, Judge O’Nan brought their recommendation of Samantha Tapp at \$13.50 an hour before the Court. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve hiring Samantha Tapp for the 911 part-time position at \$13.50 an hour, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

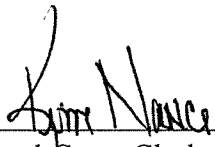
Judge O’Nan asked for the Court’s approval for Jailer, Jason Newton to receive his elected officials training pay. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve Jailer, Jason Newton’s elected officials training pay, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

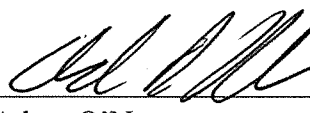
Claims are to be paid as presented.

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

Judge O’Nan asked for the Court’s approval to cancel our 3rd Court date of the month, on November 30, 2021. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve cancelling our 3rd Court date of the month, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

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


Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance


Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive