

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
December 14, 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 upstairs Courtroom. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Byrnes and Clements.

Before getting into the business matters of Court, Judge O’Nan asked a group to come up in front of Court. Those in the group were Road Foreman Tony Ratley, Road Crew members: Eddie Clevidence, Jerry Dempsey, Chase Hooper, Stephen Bryant, EMA Director Rick White, County Engineer/Deputy EMA Sean Sheffer, Coroner Stephen Shouse and Deputy Coroner Lee Baird. Judge O’Nan told the Court that the reason he has this group up here is to brag on them and to thank them. While monitoring the storms on Friday night he talked to Tony and again early on Saturday morning, in regards to the damage and devastation left behind from the tornadoes that hit our neighboring counties. Tony and his crew, with County equipment they would need, willingly left Saturday morning, heading to Dawson Springs to begin the task of clearing roads. While there, it became a little more than just clearing roads when it became a search and retrieval effort and that’s tough stuff. Rick and Sean were there as well, with Rick taking on the task of being the “Accountability Guy”, listing residents as Recovered or Alive somewhere else and working on that diligently for two or three days. Sean helped out in several different areas. Stephen and Lee headed to the candle factory in Mayfield, where from Saturday noon till Sunday 8 a.m., staying all night, they worked to retrieve the eight people who were killed there. Judge O’Nan quoted Psalm 34:18, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and He rescues those who are crushed”. He told the group that “he thinks the Lord uses people like them to help those who were crushed and for that he can’t thank them enough.”

The minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to appoint Cody Crowdus and Callie Ratley to the Union County Extension Board, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented Sheriff, Mickey Arnold’s 2022 Budget with estimated receipts of \$1,067,850 with estimated disbursements being \$986,050 and estimated excess fees totaling \$81,800.00. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the Sheriff’s 2022 Budget, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that Sheriff Arnold is asking the Court to set the annual maximum amount, which he may expend for deputies, assistants and other employees at \$720,000. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the annual maximum amount, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a statement from Sheriff, Mickey Arnold of the amount needed to be advanced each month for the operation of the Sheriff’s office. January 2022 \$50,000, February 2022 \$50,000 and March 2022 \$50,000 which totals \$150,000. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve these advancements, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Resolution for funding assistance through the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Community Projects Program for the installation of an elevator at the Courthouse. He stated that instead of the amount of \$787,000 that was applied for from a previous grant, this grant is for \$1Million and funds will be available a lot sooner. He also noted that a Public Hearing in regards to this project will be held tomorrow, December 15, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Fiscal Courtroom. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to accept said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes.

The Proposals for Qualified Professional Engineers for the EOC Building were opened. There was only one and it was from PFGW out of Paducah, KY. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to take the proposal under advisement, letting the Judge, Magistrate Ricketts, EMA Director Rick White and County Engineer Sean Sheffer look over this and bring a recommendation back to court at our December 28th meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan opened three sealed bids for two new Fire Trucks. The bids were as follow:

- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment, Inc./Erlanger, KY - They supplied a NO Bid stating that they could not provide a competitive bid or meet the published specifications.

- Fire Department Services & Supplies/Louisville, KY. (2) KME Flex Bodies on International Chassis in the amount of: \$737,900.50
 -\$ 15,736.00 pre-pay discount
 \$722,164.50

- Atlantic Emergency Solutions/Bowling Green, KY. (2) Freightliner Chassis with Pierce Bodies in the amount of: \$350,000.00
 -\$ 6,000.00 pre-pay discount
 \$344,000.00
 *(exact same bid for both trucks)

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to take the bids under advisement, letting the Judge, Magistrate Wyatt, EMA Director Rick White, Fire Chief Josh Millikan and Fire Chief Dale Pierce look over them and bring a recommendation back to court at our December 28th meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan opened two sealed bids for the Henshaw Fire Department Building. The bids were as follow:

- Sheffer Construction & Development, LLC/Evansville, IN - \$486,916
- Timmons Electric/Morganfield, KY - \$534,100

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to take the bids under advisement, letting himself, Judge O’Nan, County Engineer Sean Sheffer and EMA Director Rick White look over them and bring a recommendation back to court at our December 28th meeting, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan opened three sealed bids for the Ice Skate Rink. The bids were as follow:

- Clay Divine/Morganfield, KY - \$ 5,251
- City of Livermore/McLean Co. - \$18,500
- Central City Tourism Commission - \$22,501

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to take the bids under advisement, letting the Judge, Road Foreman Tony Ratley, Magistrate Clements and Finance Officer Kim Nance look over them and bring a recommendation back to court at our December 28th meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Lewis Chaney and Neal Kellen, who are interested in doing a documentary on the paintings done by WWII, German POW, Daniel Mayer at our Breckinridge Museum, were back this morning to receive feedback from the Court regarding this project. At our previous meeting, Lewis and Neal, proposed the idea of the documentary which would entail, talking with Daniel Mayer’s family in Germany, talking with the locals and featuring Union County and the Museum in an 80-90 minute, hi-definition documentary at a cost, to the county, of \$362,000. After much discussion, Magistrate Ricketts stated that “he is not in favor of using the taxpayer’s money to finance a project that has no financial benefit for the county, with, in his opinion, Lewis and Neal not having much skin in the game. He is in favor of giving them access to everything they’ve asked for to produce the documentary but felt they need to seek private financing.” All Magistrates were in agreement. Lewis stated that their investment, is investing two years of their lives to the project and that if private investors had to be found, with other museums being out there that are similar, the focus would not be just on Union County. As to the concern of what we could do from here, Lewis stated that we could put as much money into renovating the museum as we wanted, but if people are not aware that it exists, it can’t be visited and utilized the way it should be, so they are wanting to get people on an international level to know, this story, and that it does exist. After listening to all

comments, Judge O’Nan stated, that although he thinks the project has merit and value, at this time we are going to decline the offer.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

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

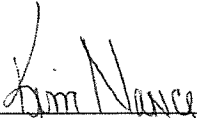
Judge O’Nan and the Magistrates expressed their thanks and gratitude to all local individuals and businesses for going above and beyond to help our neighboring counties in their time of need due to the devastating tornadoes.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to go in to Executive Session for discussion between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business per KRS 61.810(1)(g) and to go in to Executive Session for deliberations on the 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 Wyatt made a motion to accept a transfer title of the real estate that is currently leased by the Union County Fiscal Court from Alliance Resources, seconded by Magistrate Floyd motion carried.

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive