

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
March 22, 2022

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.

The minutes from the March 11, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan presented a proclamation, proclaiming March 21-25, 2022 as Union County Middle School Wrestlers Week. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to reappoint Betty Brady and Kenny Holt to the Union County Library Board of Trustees for a 4-year term, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

At our March 11, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting, Union County Clerk Garrick Thompson presented his 2021 Excess Fees in the amount of \$197,775.85. He stated that he budgeted for \$147,000, which means that the Excess Fees were \$50,775.85 more than anticipated. Clerk Thompson came before the Court today requesting \$25,000 of the \$50,775.85 for office renovations in the Motor Vehicle Department, the Recording Department and to scan and index the records downstairs in order to free up space and allow people to access records online. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the Clerk’s request of \$25,000 as long as procurement and quoting procedures are followed, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Clerk Thompson then shared the new voting plan that will take effect with this year’s May 17th Primary Election. He noted that previously Union County had 16 voting centers, but starting this year there will only be 7. He also stated, that with the pandemic of 2020, Kentucky Legislators went back to the drawing board and updated some of the election laws, that he feels are for the better. Through these law changes, the local Board of Elections, consisting of Clerk Thompson, Sheriff Mickey Arnold (by statute), Pat Donahue (Republican Representative) and Jerry Manning (Democratic Representative) were able to make some changes at the local level as well. Statewide, starting with the Primary Election in May, you will be able to vote early for 3 days, Thursday, May 12th, Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th with Election Day being Tuesday, May 17th. Early voting for all Union County voters will take place at the Union County Senior Citizens Building, located in Morganfield. Although the time has not been set in stone, it will be open for a minimum

of 8hrs. On Election Day, Tuesday, May 17th, seven Voting Centers will be held at the following locations:

- Union County Senior Citizens Building (Morganfield)
- Morganfield Elementary School Gym
- Sturgis Elementary School Gym
- Waverly KC Hall
- Uniontown Turner Building
- Henshaw Christian Church
- Pride Community Room

These Centers will be open from 6a.m. until 6p.m. All Union County voters can go to whichever Center is the most convenient for them. By law, we still have to be able to produce individual election results from each of the 16 precincts and our new election equipment will have the ability to do this. Clerk Thompson stated that in the 2020 Election, due to Covid, voters were able to, with no excuse, vote by mail. In this election, the State has decided to go back to the Pre Covid way, meaning that in order to vote by mail, voters will have to have a reason. Reasons are centralized around age, disability, illness or if the voter is going to be out of the County on election day. The Clerk stated that every residence with a registered voter will receive a postcard in the mail with all of these changes listed.

With the Voting Centers going from 16 to 7, and that reducing the number of poll workers needed, the Clerk asked the Court to consider increasing the pay for the following people:

- Board of Election Members-from \$25 a month to \$50
- Poll workers for 8hrs on Early Voting days-\$100 a day+\$30 for Election School=\$130
The \$30 Election School Fee will only be paid once per poll worker
- Poll workers for 12hrs on Election Day-from \$125 a day to \$150+\$30 for Election School=\$180
Same as above...The \$30 Election School Fee will only be paid once per poll worker

Judge O’Nan said that this will be taken under advisement and will be brought back up at the April 12th meeting.

Judge O’Nan, at the request of the 911 hiring committee, recommended that the Court hire Kenny Dalrymple as a full-time 911 dispatcher at the rate of \$14.50 per hour. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that there were no bids received for the Dump Truck at the Road Department. He said that they will go back to the drawing board in regards to this.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for a general labor hire at the Road Department on March 23, 2022 and March 30, 2022, to stop accepting applications on April 1, 2022 and to bring a recommendation before the Court on April 12, 2022, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan and Magistrate Ricketts met with some school officials and a re-surfacer from Louisville in regards to the Sturgis Tennis Courts. It quickly became apparent that more money than the Fiscal Court would be comfortable paying would have to go into repairing the courts. The Union County School District, who uses the courts for their tennis program, stated that they would pay for the repairs if the Fiscal Court was in agreement with giving the tennis courts to them. The School District said that anyone can use the courts as long as they’re not being used for practice or matches. Magistrate Clements made a motion agreeing to give the Union County School District the Sturgis Tennis Courts to use for the school’s tennis program, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that before the agreement is signed, it will be brought before the Court.

Judge O’Nan presented a HB192 Resolution for Infrastructure Improvements at the Road Department in the amount for up to \$104,873.61. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a HB192 Resolution for Infrastructure and Economic Renovations at Moffit Lake in the amount for up to \$125,000. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt and Magistrate Byrnes volunteered to make up the Claim Review Committee for the next quarter, April thru June 2022.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$400,000, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to change the March 29, 2022 court meeting at 5:00 p.m. to March 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., for the sole purpose of the 2nd reading and adoption of the Budget Amendment, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that today is National Ag Day and that Union County is the #1 corn producer in the state. He also wanted to note that planting season is upon us and for everyone to be aware that a lot of farm equipment will be out on the roads. He is planning to do a live video with him riding in a piece of farm equipment showing how harrowing an equipment operator’s vision is and post it to his Facebook page.

He also stated that Commissioner Keene from the Department of Local Government called him last week saying the we had been approved for our elevator grant in the amount of \$641,000. He and County Engineer Sean Sheffer, will get together and go over the bid specs to be ready to set advertisement bid dates at our April 12, 2022 Court meeting.

Magistrate Byrnes gave a brief financial update on United Family Services, stating that they have \$36,520.60 in their bank account. He also wanted to Congratulate the Middle School Wrestlers on a job well done.

Magistrate Clements asked EMA Director Rick White to give an update on the oil spill that took place in District 5. Rick stated that there was another oil spill at Mason Creek in District 4 as well, with both locations having a leak approximately around 35 to 40 barrels in size, within a week from one another, and they are both about 95 to 98% cleaned up.

Clements also stated that he would like to have blacktop put in the budget for District 5.

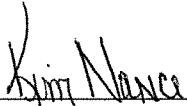
Magistrate Floyd commended Road Supervisor Tony Ratley and his crew for the great work that was done at Jim David Meats replacing culverts. He also noted that Magistrate Clements wasn't the only one who needed blacktop money but he wanted to Thank Judge O'Nan for always being out there looking for Discretionary money and any money he can come up with to help with the blacktopping. We can always use all the blacktop money we can get. Judge O'Nan stated that we have \$261,000 in Discretionary funds that's already in the books.

Magistrate Ricketts commended Judge O'Nan, EMA Director Rick White, Deputy EMA Directors Sean Sheffer and Melissa Coker and Road Supervisor Tony Ratley for being at the Mason Creek oil spill and for keeping him informed. White said that we are very fortunate to have our Volunteer Fire Departments. They were the first ones toned out to get a quick stop on anything that could still be running through. Henshaw, Sturgis and Union County all responded with Waverly responding to the second spill, as well. Whether it be a chemical spill, a vehicle accident or whatever, these volunteers always drop what they're doing and respond as quickly as they can.


Magistrate Ricketts also said that the replacement of Waller Omer Bridge is complete.

Magistrate Wyatt commended the EMA's office, Tony and all the firefighters that responded to the oil spills. He said that he, too, would appreciate any help that he could get with blacktop. He has several roads in his District that are in dire need.

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive