

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
April 26, 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 scheduled 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 April 12, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were approved as presented.

Judge O’Nan invited Coroner, Stephen Shouse along with Deputy Coroners, Jeff Paris and Lee Baird to come up in front of the Court so that he could commend them on the wonderful job that they do. Reading from a media release he stated that while attending the Kentucky Coroner’s Association Conference, Stephen and his office were recognized for the remarkable efforts they make to save and heal lives through organ donation. Since 2019, the Union County Coroner’s office has referred 52 potential tissue donors to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA). This has helped Kentucky show a dramatic increase in donation and transplantation over the past five years. In the release, Julie Bergin, President & CEO of KODA said “Thanks to Stephen Shouse and Coroner’s offices around the Commonwealth, more Kentuckians will receive their gift of life.” Stephen wanted to thank Circuit Clerk, Trish Tackett for working as hard as she does to get people signed up to become donors.

Representative, Jim Gooch, came before the Court to give an update on happenings in Frankfort. He stated that because of re-districting he is now our Representative instead of Suzanne Miles. He represents Webster, McLean, Union and Crittenden counties. On May 17, 2022 he will face Lynn Bechler in the Primary Election and the winner of that will go on to the General Election in November.

He said that in Frankfort, they just finished drafting a very conservative budget for the next two years. It is one of the best budgets he’s ever been involved in and one of the best budgets for education. There are several things that were able to be covered with the budget with a few of those being:

- They were able to put in the required contribution to their pension plan
- They were able to give raises to some state employees...State Troopers-Social Workers
- They set around \$540million back for schools to make sure teachers received a raise, for transportation costs and for all day kindergarten
- They set back funds for the jails
- They established a \$10million fund for water infrastructure

- They were able to send 100% of Coal Severance money back to the coal counties

One of the things that Representative Gooch is really big on is Affordable and Reliable Electricity. He said that Kentucky has been one of the most energy intensive states in the nation. Up until a few years ago around 50% of our electricity went to large, industrial customers who are big employers, that provides job to our citizens. The average state was around 20-23% energy intensive. When he first went into legislature around 93% of our electricity was generated from coal and even though we are down to around 69% now, we are still going to have to have it, especially for the electric vehicles that are being manufactured.

Judge O’Nan thanked Representative Gooch for his very informative update and for being so responsive and easy to reach when we’ve had to call upon him.

Jerry Baird and Dr. Chris Dockins, PhD. Professor in the Nonprofit Leadership Studies Program at Murray State University and Chief Operating Officer of the Community Foundation of West Kentucky came before the Court and provided information on the Union County Community Foundation.

Dr. Dockins stated that Union County citizens began the exploration of a Union County Community Foundation Affiliate in the Fall of 2021. Since then, a Union County Community Endowment has been established with a \$10,000 gift and the Happy Feet Agency Endowment of \$5,000. They are working to develop the vision and strategic fit in Union County to determine how the foundation can best meet community needs.

A community foundation is a public charity that typically focuses on supporting a geographical area, primarily by facilitating and pooling donations used to address community needs and support local nonprofits. Community foundations are funded by donations from individuals, families, businesses and sometimes government grants. A secondary purpose of a community foundation is to engage in community leadership activities to increase organizational capacity and sustainability of the nonprofits within the geographical location.

She explained how much grantmaking money local foundations can payout over ten, 20 and 50year periods if they become an affiliate and develop the vision and strategic fit in Union County. Below is how she explained it:

- 10year opportunity: 5% capture of \$13million means a 5% grantmaking payout of \$660,000 annually to the community
- 20year opportunity: 5% capture of \$30million means 5% grantmaking payout of \$1.5million annually to the community
- 50year opportunity: 5% capture of \$96million means 5% grantmaking payout of \$4.8million annually to the community

She noted that since December 11, 2021 they have worked very hard to help those areas affected by the tornado.

Judge O’Nan presented the 2022/2023 Budget in the amount of \$24,532,672.96. He asked the Court to look this over and if there were any questions or concerns, they can be addressed at

the next Court meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. There were a couple of things he wanted to highlight:

1. There are still several things that we are working towards with Coal Severance Funds. The Coal Severance figures that came to us this year were very generous and we have not utilized all of them. They were not all put into the revenue side and for budgeting purposes they ask for us not to do that.
2. We also have several dollars that will come back to us in the Single County money (LGDEF). This can be used for economic development and is where our elevator project will be taken out of.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion acknowledging the receipt of the 2022/2023 Budget, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to set the elected official's salaries as presented including the CPI over the next 4 years, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented the County employee salaries for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the salaries as presented, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for Road Material Bids on April 27, 2022 and May 4, 2022 and to open bids on May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to advertise for a Dump Truck for the Road Department on April 27, 2022 and May 4, 2022 and to open bids on May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to purchase a 2022 Land Pride Rotary Cutter from H&R Agri-Power at the state contract price of \$26,500 from excess funds in the equipment budget, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to proceed with processing the discontinuance of Martin Collins Road and to remove it from the county inventory, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to reappoint Bobby Hunt, Bill Price, Dennis O'Nan and Jeremy Hill to the Union County Planning Commission Board, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the 2021/2022 Nonpublic School Transportation Resolution and Agreement. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the Nonpublic School Transportation Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the Nonpublic School Transportation Agreement, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

All claims are to be paid.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept transfers in the amount of \$16,411.41, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan said that he will be leaving for Frankfort and Lexington sometime after Court today. He’s hoping he can meet with the Preservation Historical Society in regards to the renovations at the Museum.

Magistrate Clements said that last year he and Magistrate Wyatt together, hosted a couple of Clean Up Days for District 1 and District 5. It was held at the Morganfield Airport and was very successful. They are planning to host it again in September or October. He also stated that recycle is now accepting old tv’s, free of charge.

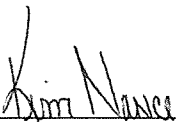
Magistrate Byrnes said that one of his constituents approached him about needing some blacktop on Blueberry Hill.

Magistrate Floyd...Nothing to report


Magistrate Ricketts said that he and Magistrate Byrnes hosted a couple Clean Up Days for District 3 and District 4 at the Fairgrounds, which were very successful and they are hoping to do it again in June or July.

Magistrate Wyatt...Nothing to report

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