

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING  
May 12, 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 special called 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 26, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were approved as presented.

Senator Robbie Mills joined us at Court this morning to give an update on the happenings in Frankfort. Senator Mills stated that the highlight of the 2022 Legislative session was the formulation of a new two-year, fiscally conservative state budget and road plan. This budget made investments in key governmental areas, while leaving a very responsible “rainy day” fund of about \$1.75Billion, which will allow the state the funds to react should an emergency occur.

**STEPS TAKEN WITHIN THE BUDGET:**

- 1% reduction in the personal income tax
- K-12 education (with more than \$1Billion more over this year’s budget)
- Workforce Development
- Public Safety
- Tourism
- Child Welfare
- Public Pensions

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR UNION COUNTY:**

- A substantial amount of Coal Severance Tax to come to Union County. Approximately \$10Million per year.
- Approximately \$3Million additional funding to the ADD districts
- All pension systems were 100% funded.
- Rural Broadband moving forward with \$300Million
- \$10Million for construction on another phase of Highway 56 toward Shawneetown Bridge, and another \$33Million to finish the work in the “out years”.
- Funding for a new Western Kentucky DOCJT Center located in Madisonville.

**SENATOR MILLS’ HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Chaired the Senate, State & Local Government Committee
- Shepherded 4 different election security reform bills, improving election safety and integrity
- Sponsored all the re-districting bills
- Sponsored SB10 that addressed the nursing shortage in KY. This bill actually started in Union County
- Sponsored SB83 that keeps biological males from competing in girls' sports in both high school and college athletics
- Sponsored SB205 & SB315 that were priority legislation for the coal and oil business
- Sponsored SB150 that authorized \$200Million for WKY Tornado Relief
- Made sure that the I-69 approach road funds stayed in the budget with construction to begin this summer and continue for the next 3years in Henderson County.

In closing, Senator Mills stated that more than 500 new jobs are available within a 20 minute drive of Union County and an agriculture related announcement is to come that will help the farming and agricultural economy in Union County.

Representative Lynn Bechler, who is running against Representative Jim Gooch for State Representative of District 3 was supposed to be at Court this morning, but due to the date change he was unable to attend. Judge O’Nan shared some information that he received from Bechler:

- He is the most conservative candidate in the Primary.
- He helped write the Pro-Life Bill that the General Assembly passed this year.
- He sponsored legislation making “masking” optional in schools and to keep schools from requiring Covid vaccinations of students.
- With him being a member of the Appropriations & Revenue Committee and the Chair of the Economic Development Budget Review Subcommittee, he played an integral part in passing the bill to lower and eventually eliminate Kentucky’s income tax.
- He stated that agriculture and coal have been integral to the economy of Western Kentucky and he has worked hand in hand with our Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarels and has been supported by coal companies and hard, working miners.

In closing, Representative Bechler stated that he would be honored to have the opportunity to work with Judge O’Nan and the Fiscal Court and asked for their vote in the Republican Primary on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Judge O’Nan presented a Proclamation, proclaiming the week of May 6-12 as Nurses and Health Workers Week in Union County. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Jailer Jason Newton came before the Court to give the quarterly report for the jail. He stated that we are continuing to see an increase in county inmates, from 31% in February to a 60% increase in May. The average daily headcount for this quarter is 47 and for this fiscal year is 49. As of, May 1st, we had a headcount of 56. Jason stated not to be concerned with that number

because we've had a lot of court so far this month with a lot more to go and that number will decrease significantly. They will either be released or will be heading to state prison. He's transported 49 to court already this month. When he reached out to Webster County this morning, we had a count of 48. There have been 27 arrests made as of today. Jason said that last year we received a \$500,000 grant that allowed us to hire more law enforcement and with more officers more is getting done. He thinks the numbers will start to level off this summer to where the average should be around 45/50.

Judge O'Nan presented the one bid for the 2024 Tandem Axle Dump Truck from Vomac Truck Sales and Service, Inc. out of Evansville, IN, in the amount of \$234,370.00. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to take said bid under advisement and to bring back before the Court at our next meeting on May 24, 2022, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented road material bids for rock, pipe and rock for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. The following bids were received as follows:

Rock:

- Jeff Ratley Trucking

Pipe:

- Young's Rental
- Welden and Sons
- Ohio Valley Drainage

Asphalt:

- Rogers Group

Magistrate Clements made a motion to take all bids under advisement, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Matt West, Branch Manager of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2 and Ethan Johnson, Consecutive Supervisor presented the 2022/2023 Union County Rural Secondary Roads program recommendations. The recommendations for KYTC Funds of \$604,211.00 were as follows:

- KY 141 – Asphalt Resurfacing – M.P. 11.335 to M.P. 13.313 – from KY 56 to Unnamed Rd.
- KY 130 – Asphalt Resurfacing – M.P. 3.218 to M.P. 5.914 – from KY 2102 to Eagle Creek Bridge

The recommendation for Flex Funds of \$169,186.00 were as follows:

- KY 365 – Asphalt Resurfacing – M.P. 0.0 to M.P. 1.569 – from Crittenden-Union County Line to US 60

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the KYTC Fund recommendations in the amount of \$604,211.00, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that the Court will decide what roads to work on with the Flex Funds.

Judge O’Nan presented the 2022/2023 County Road Aid Resolution and Agreement with a total of \$1,135,240.83 in road aid money for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Due to our Road Inventory List not being given to the Magistrates in a timely manner, the Resolution will be presented at our next Court meeting on May 24, 2022.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the 2022/2023 County Road Aid Agreement, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Procurement Resolution for CDBG Funding for our Elevator Project. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Cost Overruns Resolution for our Elevator Project. This Resolution states that we will accept the funds from the Department of Local Government Grant in the amount of \$641,000.00, with our cost being around \$113,000.00 and if the cost were to be more than \$641,000.00 it is the County’s responsibility to cover it. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Judge O’Nan signing said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Professional Services Resolution Between the Union County Fiscal Court and GRADD. Approval of this Resolution will give Judge O’Nan the authority to sign a contract stating that GRADD has been chosen to administer the CDBG funds for our Elevator Project. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve Judge O’Nan signing said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the Contract for Professional Services Between the Union County Fiscal Court and GRADD. This Contract is the Agreement stating that the UCFC has chosen GRADD to administer the \$641,000 CDBG funds for our Elevator Project. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said Contract, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Resolution for Application for and Administration of Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Projects. This Resolution authorizes Judge O’Nan to apply and upon approval, enter an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for the purchase of equipment and or services. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to advertise for summer help in the Judge’s office to index Fiscal Court Minutes on May 18, 2022 and to accept applications until May 27, 2022, with

a recommendation to be made at the May 31, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for a Gatekeeper at Moffit Lake on May 18, 2022 and to accept applications until May 27, 2022, with a recommendation to be made at the May 31, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for Seasonal Help at the Road Department on May 18, 2022 and to accept applications until May 27, 2022, with a recommendation to be made at the May 31, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$1,051,429.20, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

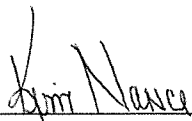
Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the April 2022 Treasurer Report, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.


Magistrate Floyd made a motion to go in to executive session for proposed litigation per KRS 61.810(1)(c) and discussion of employee per KRS 61.810(1)(f), seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

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

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to hire Tammy Dempsey as the Manager at Moffit Lake at \$17.50 per hour, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried. Magistrate Clements voted No.

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.

  
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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nance

  
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Adam O'Nan  
County Judge/Executive