

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
June 14, 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 June 1, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were approved as read.

Judge O’Nan asked Gerald Hunter, Andrew Arnold and Union County Water District Superintendent, Gary Sheffer to come before the Court this morning so that he could announce Mr. Hunter’s retirement from the Union County Water District Board, effective June 30, 2022. The Judge thanked Mr. Hunter for his 40-year career of serving on the Union County Water District Board, with 20 of those years being the Board Chairman. Mr. Hunter said that when he very first started, he served under Chick Davis and he was very proud to serve the greatest community in the county. He stated that upon his retirement, Andrew Arnold would be the new chairman and that he would do a fine job. He also said that Superintendent, Gary Sheffer was doing a great job, as well. Both Arnold and Sheffer thanked Mr. Hunter and said that it was a privilege to have served/worked with him.

Judge O’Nan then introduced Tracey and Preston Hazelwood. Tracey and Preston came before the Court to raise awareness about Lofton’s Law. Lofton’s Law is the name of the law that the Hazelwood family is working to get passed in Kentucky, in memory of their son, Lofton. Lofton, the youngest of four children, was a freshman at the University of Kentucky and a pledge with the Farm House Fraternity, when on October 18, 2021, he tragically passed away from alcohol toxicity due to a hazing activity. Tracey, his mother, and Preston, his sister said that they have been to several high schools telling Lofton’s story in hopes to teach kids that they don’t have to participate in these types of activities in order to join a sorority or a fraternity and that you can’t leave anyone alone who is in the shape that Lofton was. Tracey stated that in 2013 a law was passed in Kentucky, a medical amnesty law, stating that if two underage kids were out drinking and one was in need of medical attention, they cannot be prosecuted if they were to call for help. The state of Kentucky does not have a hazing law. One of the kids involved in this incident was punished by having to write an essay, while in states such as Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia, it’s a felony and that’s what they’re trying to get passed in Kentucky. Except for the year of COVID, there has been a death due to hazing. They are meeting with Senator, Robbie Mills next week asking him to help them get this law started so that no one else loses their lives due to

this. She said that they are hoping to start in the fall to reach next year's seniors and make them aware of hazing activities. Their plan is to continue telling Lofton's story from here on out. Over 4,000 t-shirts have been sold and two scholarships set up in memory of Lofton. All of the Court expressed their condolences to the Hazelwood family for the loss of their son and their gratitude to them for doing everything they can to teach other kids about hazing and getting a law passed in the state of Kentucky to prevent any more deaths from happening because of it.

Judge O'Nan presented a bid from Sheffer Construction & Development, LLC. in the amount of \$412,916.00 for the new office building at Moffit Lake. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to take said bid under advisement and bring a recommendation to the June 28, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented the bids for two park model cabins at Moffit Lake. One bid was for two Rancher Park Model Cabins from Lancaster Log Cabins in the amount of \$53,800.00 per cabin, for a total of \$107,600.00, lock and key. One was for four Adirondack Park Model Cabins from Lancaster Log Cabins in the amount of \$54,700.00 for a total of \$218,800.00, lock and key. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to take said bids under advisement and bring a recommendation to the June 28, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented the Request for Proposal from Qualified Construction Managers for both Pre-Construction Phase Services and Construction Phase Services for Union County Government Offices and Breckinridge Museum Renovations. The proposal was from Codell Construction Management. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept said proposal, pending approval from Union County Attorney, Julie Wallace, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented the Request for Qualifications for Communication and Radio Equipment and Engineering Services. The proposals were as follows:

- Don's Mobile Radio
Henderson, KY
- Ohio Valley 2-Way Radio
Owensboro, KY

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to take said proposals under advisement and bring a recommendation to the June 28, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented a Resolution for 2022/2023 Discretionary FD39 Funds in the amount of \$80,470.00. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

EMA Director, Rick White, County Engineer, Sean Sheffer and Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley stated that they have fully viewed Martin Collins Road and they have found:

1. The only resident residing on this road is Wick E. Collins,
2. Wick E. Collins owns the property surrounding Martin Collins Road, and
3. No inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of Martin Collins Road.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the discontinuance of Martin Collins Road, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a Revised Standing Orders for 2022/2023. The revision is due to timing issues in paying Home City Ice. They are wanting payment upon delivery in the amount of \$145.00. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the Revised Standing Orders for 2022/2023, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that there is a need for a Finish Mower at Moffit Lake. With that being such a large area to mow it doesn’t take long to wear a mower out. We have the opportunity to purchase a Finish Mower from H&R Agri-Power, a local dealer, at the state contract price of \$19,250.00. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the purchase of a Finish Mower for Moffit Lake in the amount of \$19,250.00 and to be included in today’s claims, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to advertise for bids on a Salt Hut on June 15, 2022 and June 22, 2022 and to open bids on June 28, 2022, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire Mike Whitfield as a part-time Transport Officer for the Jail, at \$11 per hour, working no more that 20hours a week. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire Mike Stone for the County’s IT position at \$65,000.00 per year, starting on July 1, 2022. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve Transfers in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the May 2022 Treasurer Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan said that with today being Flag Day there will be a flag burning ceremony tonight at 6p.m. at the bar-b-que pit at St. Ann’s.

He, along with Magistrate Floyd and Magistrate Ricketts just returned from the Judge’s Conference and he will be heading out to the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park located in Prestonsburg, KY., where he has been asked to present a power point on behalf of the KACo big board.

Magistrate Wyatt had nothing to discuss.

Magistrate Ricketts thanked County Attorney, Julie Wallace for all the work she did on Martin Collins Road.

He wanted to remind everyone that Caseyville will be setting of fireworks on Saturday, June 18, 2022. There will be vendors and music as well.

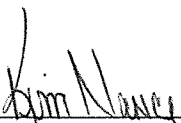
Magistrate Floyd said that since the Judge’s Conference he’s talked to Lisa about trash pickup. In years past, different organizations would each take a mile and clean it up. He’s hoping that the State will still allow this to be done.

He also asked for an update on the large dredge project. Judge O’Nan said that nothing moves fast with FEMA or the Army Core of Engineers. County Engineer, Sean Sheffer said that the large dredge is in the public hearing stage, which is about a 3- month process. It’s the permitting part required by the Army Core of Engineers. He said that as a county we’ve done everything that we can do.

Magistrate Byrnes thanked everyone for their prayers and support as he battles Parkinson’s.

Magistrate Clements asked Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley, how the mowing was going and when the potholes would be filled. Tony said that the whole county has been mowed once and it’s ready for the second round and as soon as he gets some projects lined out and can free up his crew, they will start on the potholes.

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