

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING  
June 28, 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 14, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were approved as read.

Judge O’Nan presented to the Court information in regards to an Emergency Management Mobile Unit. Judge O’Nan stated that after the tornado that devastated our neighboring counties, meetings were held to discuss what we needed to do to make sure we’re prepared for any emergency that may take place in the county and that funds have been included in the budget for this purpose. This Mobile Command Unit is our first step in getting prepared. The Judge presented a government service contract estimate from JHB Group, Inc. out of Lake in The Hills, IL in the amount of \$155,051.08. EMA Director, Rick White, along with Deputy Directors, Sean Sheffer and Melissa Coker have looked at several different units and bring this recommendation before the Court. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan said that Mike Stone, who the Court agreed to hire for the County’s IT director, contacted him and told him that due to a mass exit in the Webster County School’s IT department, he couldn’t in good conscious leave them and accept our job offer. With that being said, Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire Brian Toms for this position at \$65,000 a year. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

County Engineer, Sean Sheffer and Economic Development Director, Melissa Coker came before the Court to present a power point in regards to Moffit Lake, with the goal being to let everyone know what all is taking place out there, as far as revenue generation, upgrades and their vision for its future. Since Tammy Dempsey has taken over as the manager, a few of the things that have taken place are:

- Mental Health Awareness 5K Run/Walk
- Wrestling Camp (10 states represented)
- New Camp Spot Software Upgrade – Allows reservations to be made online

**Advanced Reporting:** (detailed reports on all revenue generated)

**E-Mapping:** (shows how often a cabin or camp site is being rented)

**Precise Tracking:** (shows cancelations, refunds, payments, etc. down to the exact time they took place & who did the transaction)

The power point also showed the increase in revenue from May and June 2021 to May and June 2022, with \$1,600 of the revenue coming from fishing. A new office building and new cabins are a couple of goals that are soon to be in process.

After the power point, Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to award the bid for the new office building at Moffit Lake to Sheffer Construction Development, LLC in the amount of \$412,916 which includes the septic system, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried. Magistrate Clements voted No.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to award the bid for (2) Rancher Park Model Cabins at Moffit Lake to Lancaster Log Cabins, in the amount of \$107,600 and for (4) Adirondack Park Model Log Cabins in the amount of \$ 218,800, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to award Qualifications for Communication & Radio Equipment and Engineering Services to Ohio Valley 2-Way Radio, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to award the Salt Bid to Compass Minerals America Inc. for 600 Tons at \$116.50 for a total of \$69,900 and to Cargill, Inc-Salt, Road Safety for 600 Tons at \$140.00 for a total of \$84,000, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for a Part-Time hire at the Museum on June 29, 2022 and July 6, 2022. To stop taking applications on July 8, 2022 and to bring a recommendation to the Court on July 12, 2022. Seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan opened the one bid received for the Salt Hut from Bulk Storage Building Solutions in the amount of \$301,601. Magistrate Floyd, made a motion to take said bid under advisement and return with a recommendation at our July 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the second reading of the 2022/2023 Budget in the amount of \$23,535,892.96. Magistrate Ricketts, made a motion to approve the second reading of the

2022/2023 Budget, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried. Magistrate Clements voted No, due to no blacktop being included in the Budget.

Judge O’Nan said that on June 28, 2016 Tri-County Waste was denied the ability to build a transfer station by the Fiscal Court, in 2017 they filed suit against us and after going through the courts, the judge ruled in favor of Tri-County Waste stating that we were not able to deny them. We were scheduled to go to a jury trial on July, not because of the ruling but to award damages. In April of 2022 they sat in on a 2 ½ hour mediation to settle the lawsuit which left them further apart than closer together. Later, in a preliminary court meeting, Tri-County Waste’s attorney approached our KACo attorney and asked if we’d like to mediate again. After the second mediation, our KACo attorney encouraged us to settle the case in the amount of \$800,000, with \$500,000 coming from the Fiscal Court’s General Fund and \$300,000 coming from our insurance carrier, instead of going to trial. Both the mediator and our KACo attorney feel that this is a fair settlement. With this having to be voted on by the Court, Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to settle the case for \$800,000 with \$500,000 coming from the Fiscal Court’s General Fund and \$300,000 coming from our insurance, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Magistrate Clements voted No. Judge O’Nan stated that Tri-County has agreed to this number and we will close it within 30 days.

Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Volvo Crawler Excavator with a 72” Ditch Bucket and a 48” HD Bucket for the Road Department, at the State Contract Price of \$174,168.65, to be paid in July of the next fiscal year and to surplus an older model excavator, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. Judge O’Nan stated that this purchase was included in the 2022/2023 Budget.

Magistrate Floyd and Magistrate Ricketts agreed to serve on the Claims Committee for the quarter of July-September 2022.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O’Nan stated that our next Court meeting scheduled for July 12, 2022 at 9:00am will be canceled and moved to 10:00am, making this a Special Called meeting. Jury will be seated at 8:00am in the upstairs Courtroom and they were concerned that they may not be finished right at 9:00 for Fiscal Court to start.

He wanted to recognize and thank Union County Farm Bureau for donating 6 grain rescue apparatuses to our First Responders, allowing every emergency department to have one. He also wanted to recognize the Floyd family who were recognized by Farm Bureau in honor of selling food items at cost that helped the people of Union County on some of the food drives and Farm Bureau also donated \$1,000 to the local food bank in the family’s honor. The Floyd family was awarded the 2022 Outstanding Community Partner of Union County, as well. Judge O’Nan

thanked Union County Farm Bureau for paying for all of the Senior Citizens dance card costs for the entire summer. Dances are held the first Saturday of the month.

He also noted that he would be testifying on July 6<sup>th</sup> in Frankfort in regards to Broadband in rural areas.

Magistrate Floyd wanted to remind everyone that Uniontown will have their fireworks display on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For the record, on the transfer station lawsuit, he said that in his opinion, the Court was given 3 reasons that they could vote no to the transfer station and after meeting with council, he felt those reasons were not met, so he voted yes.

Magistrate Ricketts had a question regarding the fire station in Henshaw. He wanted to know what was the next step? County Engineer, Sean Sheffer said that they had the pad leveled up and they would start pouring the footing next week.

He wanted to know how the cleaning from Teen Challenge was going at Moffit Lake? Judge O’Nan said that Tammy has really enjoyed having them, they are doing a great job and are very efficient.

He also noted that fireworks would be held at Moffit Lake on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.


Magistrate Wyatt thanked Union County Farm Bureau for the grain rescue apparatuses and congratulated the Floyd family on being recognized as the 2022 Outstanding Community Partner by Farm Bureau.

He thanked Shannon Hazel and Michelle O’Nan for their great job of cleaning and Melissa Coker, Rick White and Sean Sheffer for the great presentation on Moffit Lake.

Magistrate Clements thanked Melissa Coker and Sean Sheffer for their top shelf presentation on Moffit Lake, Union County Farm Bureau for the donations to the First Responders and congratulated the Floyd family on being recognized as the 2022 Outstanding Community Partner by Farm Bureau.

Magistrate Byrnes wanted to remind everyone to practice safety when dealing with the fireworks.

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

  
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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nance

  
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Adam O’Nan  
County Judge/Executive