UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING August 23, 2022

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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 August 9, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O'Nan recommended that the Court hire Eva Skaggs for the 911 Dispatcher/Supervisor position at \$21.79 per hour. He stated that she has 13 years experience and was currently working at Henderson County Dispatch. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan told the Court that our Road Department was in need of a gooseneck trailer. Three quotes were obtained. They are as follows:

•	TPD Trailer Sales	Lamar 25' Gooseneck Flatbed Trailer	\$16,500
•	Country Blacksmith Trailers	2022 Load Gooseneck Trailer	\$19,695
•	Smokin Joes Fireworks	Gatormade Elite Gooseneck Trailer	\$23,330

Road Foreman, Tony Ratley recommended that we purchase the 2022 Load Gooseneck Trailer from Country Blacksmith Trailers in the amount of \$19,695.00. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan stated that with us building a new office building at Moffit Lake, the trailer that we used as our former office needs to be listed as surplus and we need to set bid advertisement dates for the purchase and removal of it. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to set bid advertisement dates for the purchase and removal of the trailer/office building at Moffit Lake for August 31, 2022 and September 7, 2022 with bids to be opened on September 13, 2022, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented an EMA Order of Affiliation Agreement between the Union County Fiscal Court and the new Search and Rescue Team. He said that this agreement will help them with getting their bylaws set up. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said agreement, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented 8 EMA Order of Affiliation Agreements between the Union County Fiscal Court and the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department, Sullivan Fire Department, Uniontown Water Rescue, Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department, Waverly Volunteer Fire Department, Morganfield Rescue Squad, Whispering Meadows Volunteer Fire Department and the Union County Volunteer Fire Department. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said agreements, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried. Magistrate Wyatt abstained from voting due to him being a member of the Morganfield Rescue Squad.

Judge O'Nan updated the Court on the final price for the salt hut from Bulk Storage Building Solutions. This was the only bid received for the hut in the amount of \$301,601.00, which the Court felt was too high. Road Foreman, Tony Ratley informed the company of this information and they agreed to lower the price \$45,000.00 making the cost \$256,000.00. On the advice from County Attorney, Julie Wallace, at our July 26, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting the Court voted to accept Bulk Storage Building Solutions as the vendor for the project, pending a new contract with the negotiated price and approval from County Attorney, Wallace. Judge O'Nan informed the Court that a new contract had been sent, in the amount of \$256,000.00, approved by the County Attorney, signed by him and returned. No action needed to be taken.

At our August 9, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting the Court agreed to set our Real Property Tax Rate at 9.9, but failed to set our Personal Property, Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Tax Rate. At today's Court meeting, Magistrate Floyd made a motion to set our 2022 Personal Property, Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Tax Rate at 11.3 per \$100, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. This rate is the same as last year's.

Judge O'Nan presented the Union County Extension District 2022 Tax Rate at 2.25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Real Property, 2.25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Personal Property, and 2.25 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all Motor Vehicles in Union County. Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the Union County Extension District 2022 Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. This rate is the same as last year's.

Debbie McClanahan with the Union County Public Library District presented the 2022 Tax Rate as follows: Real Property Tax Rate at 5.5 and Personal Property Tax Rate at 5.5. Magistrate Clements made a motion to accept the Union County Public Library District 2022 Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. This rate is the same as last year's.

Mrs. McClanahan also gave the Court an update on what all is happening at the library. She stated that they are having Summer Reading, which is a six-week program, and that there are two ways to participate, online or in person. The online program showed that 26 adults participated, reading a total of 234 books and 59 children took part reading 1283 books. In person attendance at the Morganfield library showed that 70 children attended, Uniontown had 56 and Sturgis had 55. They also have Time for Tots for toddlers age 5 and under. This is their biggest program,

starting in the spring and going through the summer. They have a huge turnout with around 25 children and 50 adults attending at the Morganfield library and Uniontown and Sturgis' program is bigger than ever.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$1,294,136.52, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

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

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Treasurer Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the Treasurer Year-End Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan informed the Court that he has the announcement regarding the Connexon and Kenergy agreement for high-speed internet in the rural counties. Judge O'Nan said, "This is one of the ways to level the playing field and will help bring more businesses to the county." The County's own Ervin Cable will be responsible for most of the work. This will be a 3to4 year project with the more-dense areas benefitting first. They will be adding service as they go, so customers will not have to wait until the whole project is complete before getting connected. He said that there are 3 different packages available and you can sign-up by going to connexonconnect.com.

Judge O'Nan attended the Governor's Local Issues Conference last week in Louisville. He said that this is the best conference for making connections and contacts.

Judge O'Nan said that our 5th Tuesday Fiscal Court meeting to be held on August 30th at 5:30 p.m. will be canceled.

Magistrate Floyd also attended the Governor's Local Issues Conference last week. He wanted to remind everyone that the annual St. Agnes picnic will be held on Saturday, September 10th and serving start at 5p.m. He thanked Regina Catlett with the Sturgis News for the great job that she does covering Union County.

Magistrate Ricketts said that there's a crew now working on the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department Facility. He said that District 3 will have a fall cleanup on September 16th and 17th. He attended the Governor's Local Issues Conference and said that the session on voting and new techniques was very informational.

Magistrate Wyatt thanked IT Director, Brian Toms for the wonderful job that he's doing and said that he's a blessing to the County.

Magistrate Clements said that District 1 and District 5 are going to have a joint fall cleanup on October 8th. He also said that the Morganfield Rescue Squad Facility should be completed today.

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.

Kim Nance

Fiscal Court Clerk

Adam O'Nan

County Judge/Executive