

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
September 27, 2022

All supporting documents to these Minutes may be found in the office of the County Judge/Executive.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Executive Adam O’Nan 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, and Clements.

The minutes from the September 13, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

Angela Smith, Regional EMS Director for Deaconess EMS, came before the Court to give an update on the ambulance service operations. Angela started by informing the Court of several personnel changes, those being: Craig Self-Vice President, James Ivy-EMS Service Line Manager, Don Cato-Operations Manager for Union and Henderson counties and Melissa Hughes-Union County Team Leader. She stated that staffing has drastically improved and because of this they have three trucks a day in Union County. Response time to Morganfield (city) is around 12-12 ½ minutes and to other parts of the county 13 ½-14 minutes. The run volume in Union County per month is around 240 and is on track to hit around 3000 for the fiscal year, which ends the end of this month. Because of improved staffing, they are trying to get involved in as many community outreach events as possible, such as parades, festivals, football games, etc. With a little notice, they would be glad to have an ambulance, staff or a table set up at your event. An email can be sent to donald.cato@deaconess.com to get this set up.

She also reported the outlier data from the previous quarter. Outlier data are any runs that take over 15 minutes in the city and over 20 minutes response time in the county. In the April-June, 2022 quarter, there were 588 runs made in Union County, with 19 of those having extended response times, making that a 96.7 on time percentage. The top reasons for the extended response times are: all ambulances being out on other calls, distance of calls, and they still continue to deal with Covid positive runs, which takes more time at the hospitals to get the patient handed off and the cleaning of the ambulance that has to be done before it can be put back in to service.

Deaconess EMS provides an EMT Career Pathway Program, which is an earn as you learn EMT program. They bring in students from the community, employ them full time at Deaconess and pay for their EMT schooling. From their last class, they got a couple of students through National Registry and hired them on full time. There is a class that is getting ready to finish up. There are 11 students total, 3 of the students are with the Henderson Fire Department and 8 of those will become EMT’s for Deaconess EMS. In conjunction with Henderson Community College, they also have a program for paramedics called StepUp. With this program, they will pay

the student's complete cost of paramedic school if they commit to working at least 2years for Deaconess to pay off the cost of school.

Judge O'Nan presented a Resolution to adopt a Joinder Agreement with Kentucky Deferred Compensation and allow him to sign the necessary documents. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the adoption of the Joinder Agreement with Kentucky Deferred Compensation, and to allow Judge O'Nan to sign any necessary documents, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan asked to set advertising bid dates for 2 Volunteer Fire Department Pumper Tank Trucks for the Sturgis and Waverly Volunteer Fire Departments. Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for the bid of 2 Volunteer Fire Department Pumper Tank Trucks on September 28, 2022 and October 5, 2022 and to open bids on October 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to set advertising bid dates for a Battery Hydraulic Rescue Tool System for the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department and the Union County Volunteer Fire Department on September 28, 2022 and October 5, 2022 and to open bids on October 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan, Magistrate Wyatt and Road Supervisor Tony Ratley made up the committee who conducted the interview for the Assistant Mechanic position at the Road Department. After the interview, the committee recommended that the Court hire Jordan Thomas at \$17 an hour. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented a Resolution adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan for 2023-2027. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to award the elevator bid to Sheffer Construction and Development LLC in the amount of \$682,916.00, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$600,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan wanted to respond to comments Magistrate Clements made at our September 13, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting regarding the county's Occupational Tax. After presenting the Court

with tax information from Webster, Crittenden and Henderson County, he stated that Union County receives approximately \$1.2 million a year in occupational taxes at .5%. If we were to stop the occupational tax, it would have to be transferred to property taxes. He said that about 52% of RiverView Coal's employees live outside of Union County and if we stopped the occupational tax, which is minimal, it would have to be moved to property taxes to make up for the lost tax dollars, and that would place all the tax burden on our property owners alone and he didn't think that was fair. No one had any comments or questions and no action was needed to be taken.

Judge O'Nan noted that Frank Eiter was doing a wonderful job overseeing the Renaissance Corner Renovations.

Magistrate Clements asked Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley if it was going to be 2 to 3 weeks before any blacktopping was done, to which Tony replied yes.

He asked if they were still mowing the roadsides, to which he answered yes.

He asked if they were still receiving requests to spray for mosquitos, to which he answered yes, especially when it was warmer. Judge O'Nan stated that Tony had found out that we were spraying at the wrong time and were probably killing more bees and good insects than mosquitos. So now the spraying takes place from around 8:00 p.m. till midnight.

Magistrate Clements stated that he was getting a lot of questions regarding the Officer's Club renovations. Judge O'Nan said that that would be on our next agenda to set advertising and bid dates. Clements then asked if voting would be held out there, to which Judge O'Nan replied, because voting places had to be decided on so early, and not being sure if the renovations would be taking place at this time, it was best not to use the Museum as a voting place this year.

Magistrate Floyd just wanted to remind everyone that the Fall Cleanup in Uniontown would be held on October 14 and 15, 2022.

He also wanted everyone to know that the high school football was having an awesome year, and invited all to come out and watch them.

He wanted to thank the volunteers and all involved in this year's Corn Festival.

Magistrate Ricketts noted that work was moving right along on the new Henshaw Volunteer Department.

Magistrate Wyatt wanted to thank everyone that was involved in getting the County's float ready for the Corn Festival Parade.

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



Kim Nance
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive