

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
October 25, 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, Byrnes, and Clements.

The minutes from the October 11, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan read a Diabetes Awareness Proclamation for the month of November in Union County. Magistrate Byrnes made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring November, Diabetes Awareness month in Union County, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan read a Proclamation declaring the week of October 16-22, 2022 as Retired Teachers’ Appreciation Week in Union County. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Jailer, Jason Newton came before the Court to give the July 1-September 30, 2022 quarterly update on the Jail. He stated that there were 165 new arrests, 192 court transports, 16,219 miles recorded, with an average daily county inmate population of 38. In comparison to last year’s 3rd quarter totals, the housed daily average was down 21%, arrests transported was down 36%, Court transportation was up 55% and the mileage recorded was down 9%.

Because he finds it very interesting, he’s compiling data right now to get the breakdown of arrests made in Union County of people that aren’t actually from Union County. He will share this data with us when he gives his next quarterly update.

Wanting to share a proud moment, Judge O’Nan said that he had been contacted by KACo in regards to a Policy & Procedure Manual for a closed jail. No one had one, except for Jailer Newton, who wrote one himself. Jailer Newton said that when the jail closed, they didn’t have a closed jail policy and instead of reaching out to other counties to use theirs and just change the county name, based on his experience and policies that were already in place, he wrote his own from scratch. At least one county has used Jailer Newton’s policy, crossed out Union County and put their own county name on it.

County Clerk Garrick Thompson, came before the Court to give an update on the election.

He stated that if you are going to vote by mail, today at midnight is the latest time that you can make that request. It can be made by going to govoteky.com or you can call his office up until 4:00 p.m. and they can do the process for you.

Beginning tomorrow October 26, 2022, Absentee In-Person Excused Voting will start. It will take place in the Clerk's office on October 26th, 27th, 28th, 31st, November 1st, and 2nd from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. What makes this different from early voting, that's coming up on November 3rd that everyone has access to, is that there is an affidavit that you have to sign and attest to before you can take advantage of this voting opportunity. A few of the reasons someone would be able to take advantage of this is because:

- Voter or spouse of voter has surgery scheduled and will require hospitalization on the day of an election and during the days of No Excuse In-Person Absentee Voting
- Voter who temporarily resides outside of the state, but is still eligible to vote in this state and will be absent from the county of his/her residence on election day and during the days of No Excuse In-Person Absentee Voting
- Voter who is in her last trimester of pregnancy
- Voter who is a poll worker

November 3rd begins early voting for anyone, meaning that you don't have to have an excuse, anyone can show up to vote. This will take place at only one location which is the Senior Citizens Building in Morganfield. This will take place on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th, from 8:00-4:00.

If you choose to vote on election day, Tuesday, November 8th, we have seven locations where you can do this. The locations are:

- Senior Citizens Building in Morganfield
- Morganfield Elementary School
- Sturgis Elementary School
- Turner Building in Uniontown
- K of C Hall in Waverly
- Henshaw Christian Church
- Community Room in Pride

Regardless of where you live, you can vote at any of these locations.

There are two Constitutional Amendments on the ballot. Clerk Thompson encourages everyone to do their homework and familiarize yourself with these so that you'll be prepared to vote when you get to the poll. A composite ballot is available by going to unioncountkyky.org.

Judge O'Nan presented a Resolution Authorizing Application for a Grant for Cybersecurity. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented a Resolution Establishing a Section 3 Plan for the Union County Fiscal Court in regards to the Fiscal Court receiving HUD money for the elevator project.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for a full-time and a part-time 911 Dispatcher on November 2, 2022 and November 9, 2022, to accept applications until November 11, 2022, with a recommendation to be brought before the Court on November 22, 2022, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to advertise for the furnishment of all labor and materials for the Breckinridge Museum Renovations on October 26, 2022 and November 2, 2022 with bids to be opened on November 22, 2022, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on November 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum.

At our October 11, 2022 Fiscal Court Meeting, bids were opened for the County's Surplus Items. They were taken under advisement and were to be awarded at Court today. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to reject all bids except for the \$500.00 bid for the commercial meat slicer, by Lance Ricketts, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

At our October 11, 2022 Fiscal Court Meeting, bids were opened for the (2) 4-Door Pumper Trucks. They were taken under advisement and a recommendation was to be brought before the Court today. After the bids were reviewed by Magistrate Wyatt, EMA Director Rick White, Chief Cullen and Chief Hagan, they recommended that the bid be awarded to, subject to Count Attorney Julie Wallace's approval, High Tech Rescue in the amount of \$695,623.19. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

After bids for the Battery Hydraulic Rescue Tool System, for our Union County Volunteer Fire Department, were reviewed by Morganfield Fire Chief Rick Millikan, Magistrate Wyatt, Chief Cullen and EMA Director Rick White, they recommended to the Court to award the bid to High Tech Rescue in the amount of \$40,441.80, with one caveat. Instead of there being one 31" Ram, there be two, with the additional Ram going to our Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department. The additional Ram will add on \$10,236.60 to the original bid price of \$40,441.80 for a total of \$50,678.40. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan explained to the Court that the heating unit in the Clerk's storage room was not working. With this being where very sensitive documents were kept, he recommended to the Court that they declare this an emergency under KRS: 45A.380(1) to get this replaced. Maintenance Supervisor Ray Steward, obtained four quotes and they are as follows:

1. Mechanical Consultants Inc. - \$45,600.00
2. Mechanical Consultants Inc. - \$36,000.00

3. HMC Service Company - \$66,276.00
4. Hager and Son Heating & Cooling - \$59,420.00

Steward recommended that the Court go with the lowest quote from Mechanical Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$36,000.00, which includes installation. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept said recommendation under KRS: 45A.380(1), seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$5,504,120.20, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan wanted to remind everyone, that with there being no rain for the last 60 days or so and with the fall harvest, the rain we’re supposed to get today, mixed with the dust from the harvest will turn to mud and make the roads slick.

He stated that the Kenergy Project, bringing internet to our rural areas, has started out on Tina Waggener Road. Our hometown business of the Ervin’s, are going to be doing the work for that in 13 counties, over a 3year window.

EMA Director Rick White, stated that just because it’s rained a little, doesn’t mean the Burn Ban has been lifted. He said that the ground would have to be really saturated in order for it to be lifted and doesn’t think this rain will be enough to do that. Judge O’Nan said that Governor Beshear has issued a state wide burn ban.

Magistrate Floyd wanted to thank Republic Services, our road department and the Uniontown City workers for all their help with the Fall Cleanup in Uniontown. It went really well.

He wanted to give a shoutout to the high school football team for an awesome season and encouraged everyone to go out and watch a game while they can.

Magistrate Ricketts had nothing to discuss.

Magistrate Wyatt wanted to thank the first responders and dispatchers. He said they’ve been very busy and they are doing a wonderful job. He wanted to thank James Riddle for taking such good care of the first responders anytime they’ve had an issue with one of their rescue tools.

He asked if it would be a problem for them to get an update on Moffit Lake? Judge O’Nan said that an update will be given at our November 8th, Fiscal Court Meeting.

Magistrate Clements wanted to thank all the firefighters for the great job they did on getting a field fire put out by his house. Between the field fires calls, along with the regular calls they respond to, they’ve been extremely busy and are handling it all very well.

He stated that blacktop is finished in District 5.


Magistrate Byrnes wanted to caution everyone about throwing cigarette butts outs. A large number of the field fires have been started by cigarettes and he urges everyone not to do this.

He wanted to thank the retired teachers for all their years of service in educating our students and to remind everyone to get out and vote.

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