

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
December 13, 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 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 November 22, 2022 Fiscal Court meeting were approved as read.

Judge O’Nan opened Court by welcoming the Union County Braves Football Team. Coach Derek Johns presented his team to the Court with a 12-1 record, which is the most wins in school history, they are the first undefeated team in Union County history and they are 3peat District Champs. He also noted that they beat Paducah Tilghman 4 out of the last 5 times, which he’s very proud of as they are a big rival. Judge O’Nan stated that one of the great things that comes with a season like this, is seeing the community rally behind and take such pride in this team. On behalf of the County, he expressed to the team and the coaches how proud we are of them and that we appreciate all of the hard work and dedication they put in to this season. The Judge also congratulated Kris Hughes who will play in the All-American Bowl at AT&T Stadium in Dallas, TX that will be aired on ESPN.

Sheriff-elect, Jason Thomas presented his 2023 budget to the Court, with estimated receipts of \$1,329,850.00 and estimated disbursements being \$1,230,750.00, leaving a projected balance of excess fees of \$99,100.00. This is around \$200,000.00 more than last year due to the Cops Grant percentage going down each year. Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheriff’s Budget, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the estimated monthly expenses of \$1,230,750.00 and estimated monthly receipts of \$1,329,850.00, seconded by Magistrate Byrnes, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the annual order setting maximum amount for deputies and assistants’ salaries Pursuant to KRS 64.530(3), in the amount of \$980,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

911 Supervisor, Eva Skaggs, came before the Court with a recommendation to hire Megan Coker for the full-time dispatch position at \$17.00 per hour. She stated that Megan is a former employee who is already certified, with all training up to date. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Eva stated that at this time there is no recommendation for the part-time position. She is working on that now and when a recommendation is available, she will bring it before the Court.

Judge O’Nan presented the first reading of the 2022/2023 budget amendment in the amount of \$4,271,727.42. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said first reading, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan requested approval for his annual incentive Training Approval for calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$4,679.08. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said Training Approval, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried

Jude O’Nan requested approval for Treasurer, Lissa Gibson’s annual incentive Training Approval for calendar year 2022, in the amount of \$4,679.08. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said Training Approval, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented, except for the one to Josh Shouse, who is doing some renovation at the Uniontown Water Rescue building. We requested this be put on hold until we can get a more detailed invoice. Also, on the claim that we pay to the Webster County Detention Center for housing our inmates, it needs to be lowered \$480.00 due to an inmate becoming classified as a State prisoner.

Magistrate Clements made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$1,004,640.00, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

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

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

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

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the November 2022 Treasure Report pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the 1st Quarter Treasurer Report pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Captain Lee Chandler, with the Sheriff's office, came before the Court to present a Proclamation to Sheriff Mickey Arnold on behalf of his retirement, after nearly forty years of total law enforcement service, thirty-five years of it with the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Arnold was presented a plaque with the Proclamation printed on it.

Judge O'Nan announced that our new EMA Mobile Unit was set up outside for anyone who may want to look at it after Court. Also, he noted that last week he attended the Newly Elected Officials Training in Louisville.

Magistrate Wyatt wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked all county employees for all their hard work. He also asked about an update on where we were with the new radios. Judge O'Nan stated that we have a grant that we are working on and we are waiting on the KSP to get their digital tower up and going for us to hook on to, at no cost and with no contract. Hopefully, this will take place in 2023. He said we've also explored another opportunity with radios that would be considerably cheaper than the first ones we looked at. We did get a cost share grant in the amount of \$50,000 and are working on others. We are making progress, but it's not an overnight fix.

Magistrate Ricketts stated that the construction projects are moving right along at Moffit Lake and the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department building. He wanted to acknowledge the people in Sturgis who worked and planned their Christmas Parade. He's received a lot of positive feedback. Merry Christmas to everyone.


Magistrate Floyd stated that Uniontown had a drive-thru Christmas Stories event Sunday night with over 300 cars driving through. On Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10a.m. there will be inflatables inside the Fire Department and Santa will be there. They will also have their Christmas Parade Saturday evening at 5p.m.

Magistrate Byrnes wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.


Magistrate Clements wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated that on his Christmas list, he'd like to see a new fire department in Whispering Meadows.

Judge O'Nan stated that because of some scheduling difficulties, we are going to cancel our regular scheduled Court Meeting on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 and have a Special Called Court Meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 11a.m. Swearing in of the newly elected officials will take place on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 2p.m.

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