

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
May 23, 2023

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

Judge O’Nan opened the budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. regarding the proposed use of County Road Aid and Local Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. One comment from an unnamed county resident was called in stating that county roads are too narrow with blind spots. They need to be wider with yellow lines on the curves. Judge O’Nan then closed the hearing.

The meeting opened at 9:10 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 meeting with Judge Executive Adam O’Nan presiding. The Union County Fiscal Court met in the upstairs Courtroom. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Jones and Girten.

The minutes from the May 9, 2023, Fiscal Court meeting were approved as presented.

Matt West with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet came before the Court to present the 2023/2024 Union County Rural Secondary Program recommendations. The recommendations for KYTC Funds of \$607,099.00 were as follows:

- KY 130-Asphalt Resurfacing-Eagle Creek Bridge to Robinson Road-M.P. 5.914 to M.P. 7.111
- KY 360-Asphalt Resurfacing-KY 130 to Division Street-M.P. 7.318 to M.P. 7.875
- KY 365-Asphalt Resurfacing-Crittenden Co. Line to US 60-M.P. 0.000 to M.P. 1.569

The recommendation for Flex Funds in the amount of \$165,549.00 were as follows:

- KY 360-Asphalt Resurfacing-Chapman Road to KY 359-M.P. 12.448 to M.P. 13.612

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the KYTC Fund recommendations in the amount of \$607,099.00, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion for the County to keep the Flex funds in the amount of \$165,549.00, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Some of the Union County FFA members came before the Court to present their Agricultural Issues Project. They will be competing at State in a couple of weeks. This project

addresses issues that young farmers may face as they begin their farming business. Members present were Livy Clifton, Parker Gough, Jacob Gough, Ava Arnett, Gabbi Powell and Grace Garrett.

Judge O’Nan presented a Resolution under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 in the amount of \$320,000 of which the Union County Fiscal Court holds in reserves, \$160,000 for the purpose of matching. These funds will be used to repave the roads and basketball court at Moffit Lake Recreation Area. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

County Clerk, Garrick Thompson, came before the Court to give an update on the election. Thompson stated that this was the smoothest election in which he has been involved. Voter turnout was around 14.9% with the state turnout at 14.44%. There were 1,502 people in the county who voted in this primary. They sent out forty-nine mail-in ballots and received thirty-nine back.

Judge O’Nan presented Sheriff Thomas’ 2022 Property & Franchise Tax Settlement. Real estate property taxes were 98.89% collected, tangible property taxes were 99.95% collected and franchise taxes were 100% collected. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the 2022 Property & Franchise Tax Settlement, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to reset advertisement dates for the Morganfield Football Field Lights bid for May 24th and May 31st and to open bids on June 13th, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to advertise for items to be declared as surplus on May 24th and May 31 and to open bids on June 13th, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to declare the following items as surplus, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

- 2002 Ford F150 Two-Wheel Drive
- 2005 Ford F350 Truck with an Aluminum Dump Bed (220,650 Miles)
- 2006 Free Star Van (105,624 Miles)
- 2023 Chevrolet Silverado Truck Bed
- Dog Box-Fits a Long Bed Ford/Will Hold up to 6+ Dogs

Magistrate Girten made a motion to appointment the following people to the Reapportionment Committee at \$100 per meeting, with the first meeting being tomorrow at 10 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

- Kris Payne
- Jarvis Elam

- Josh Dossett

Judge O’Nan explained to the Court that with the new elevator being installed, County Attorney, Julie Wallace and her staff will be moving into the old office of Judge Renee Williams. The use of the upstairs Courtroom is becoming an issue, especially with all the different sound and recording equipment that is used, that we want eliminated. He entertained a motion to terminate the contract we have with AOC for the use of the Courtroom, ending on June 30, 2023. Magistrate Jones made a motion to terminate said contract, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried. Our County Attorney will prepare a letter for Judge O’Nan to sign and send to AOC.

Our 2023/2024 Road Material Bids were awarded to the following businesses:

Asphalt:

- Rogers Group

Pipe (Steel):

- Metal Culverts

Pipe (Plastic):

- Young’s Rental

Rock:

- Holcim
- Jeff Ratley Trucking LLC.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to accept all bids for our 2023/2024 Road Materials, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Magistrate Wyatt abstained from voting due to him working at Young’s Rental.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Budget Presentation in the amount of \$25,652,430.14, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried. This includes the CPI 6.6% raise for county employees.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Standing Orders, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

At our April 25, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting, Magistrate Wyatt conveyed to the Court an issue that first responders had had with a Ram tool that we recently purchased from HiTech. HiTech felt that it was an operator error, but first responders felt that it was a factory defect. Magistrate Wyatt reached out to the company after the meeting, and he wanted to let the Court know that everything had been taken care of and that we should be getting the Ram back in a couple of weeks. He also noted that we were given a loaner to use until we could get our original one back, so that we did not have to go without.

Claims are to be paid as presented. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve an additional claim for the purchase of a 2023 Express 3500 Van at the State contract price of \$38,175.00 from Bachman Chevrolet, for Danny Dempsey and his crew, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that Magistrate Ricketts, Sean Sheffer, Melissa Coker, Uniontown Mayor LaDonna Tapp, several people from the Division of Water, several from the Army Corp of Engineers and himself had a conference call regarding the problems we were having getting certification on the levees for Uniontown and Sturgis. His understanding is that Uniontown is ready to be re-certified, but because they have been considered a joint project with Sturgis for so long, neither have been re-certified. We have formally asked for those to be removed as a joint project and to do that we have to send in two MT2 forms for the re-certification process at \$9,000 apiece. One for Uniontown and one for Sturgis. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve an additional claim for \$9,000 for the City of Uniontown and \$9,000 for the City of Sturgis to National Flood Insurance Program for levee re-certification, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the US Hwy 60, in front of the high school, was very well attended. Three options were given to the ones affected and a decision is to be made on Thursday. For the people who are worried about the stretch of highway from Meacham’s Seedhouse and the high school, they are going to lower and taper that out so guardrails will not be needed. It will not be as dangerous, and traffic will flow more smoothly to the high school and the hospital. Because progress comes at a price, some people will lose a little of their right of way. This is a huge project, and it will take 2-4 years to complete.

Judge O’Nan was in Washington last week with the Kentuckians for Better Transportation for a meeting talking about infrastructure. He said that it was a good meeting, and he was able to see all our Federal Legislators from Kentucky.

Magistrate Floyd wished his wife, Carrie, Happy 37th Wedding Anniversary. He wanted to thank everyone who attended the Moffit Lake ribbon cutting. Judge O’Nan added that there will be a “Job Corp Appreciation Day” for all the work they have done at Moffit Lake soon. Jerri stated that he will not be able to attend our June 13, 2023, Fiscal Court meeting. Judge O’Nan said that he will not be here on the 13th and entertained a motion that a Special Called Meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. and the bid openings that were to take place on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. will still take place at that time. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve a Special Called Meeting to take place on Monday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m. and bid openings to take place on Tuesday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones said that he is not exactly sure of the turnout for the cleanup. He talked to Misty at the Fairgrounds, and she said that there were several dumpsters filled.

Magistrate Girten said that the ribbon cutting at Moffit Lake was nice and that it is a wonderful place. Judge O’Nan stated that District 5 had two new tornado sirens installed yesterday. One in Waverly and one in Whispering Meadows. The next installation will be at Moffit Lake.

Magistrate Ricketts said that with this week being Kentucky Volunteer Firefighters Appreciation Week and EMS Appreciation Week, he wanted to thank our volunteer firefighters and our EMS employees. He asked to keep our law enforcement officers in our Thoughts & Prayers. He read that a deputy in Scott County was killed in a routine traffic stop.

He was a little disappointed in the turnout of District 3 & 4’s cleanup. Going forward, he said with so many people at work during the hours that this is held, it might be beneficial to change the hours to better accommodate the public.

Magistrate Wyatt wanted to thank everyone that had anything to do with Moffit Lake’s Open House.

Judge O’Nan entertained a motion to cancel the 5th Tuesday Court meeting on May 30, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Magistrate Jones made a motion to cancel said meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

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



Kim Nance
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O’Nan
County Judge/Executive