

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING  
March 28, 2023

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

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 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.

Judge O’Nan presented a Proclamation, proclaiming April 7, 2023, as Arbor Day. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Jailer Newton presented the first reading of the 2023/2024 Jail Budget in the amount of \$1,071,925.00. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said presentation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

County Clerk, Garrick Thompson, came before the Court with more funding information from HB1. He stated that on March 15, 2023, he was made aware that Union County would be receiving \$79,353.85 in additional funds for the purchase of election equipment. With the additional funds Clerk Thompson asked the Court to approve his purchase of 12 Harp Verity Print Bundles with Scanners and to include \$27,106.15 in the budget for 4 additional Print Bundles with Scanners. Magistrate Floyd and Magistrate Ricketts had a few questions that Clerk Thompson was going to have to get answers for, so until he can get this information, this, along with the Grant Resolution, has been tabled. He is hoping to have the information before our next Fiscal Court meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to table HB1 County Clerk Election Equipment Grant Application and Resolution until the information they are wanting is presented to them, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan informed the Court that we received a 2020-2021 grant application award for 50% of \$53,629.00 for a total of \$26,814.50 for 10 APX8000 Individual/Portable Radio Transceivers. These transceivers will work on our current system and will transfer to KSP’s system when we switch over to it. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve said grant application award, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that with the installation of our tornado/storm sirens we are going to need some electrical services, so County Attorney, Julie Wallace drew up a Union County Fiscal Court Noncompetitive Negotiation Determination and Finding Contract. This contract states that the Fiscal Court has determined, pursuant to KRS 45A.380, that competitive negotiation is not

feasible for a contract for services of an electrician for installation of the tornado/storm sirens for Union County. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said contract, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Union County Attorney, Julie Wallace drew up a new contract, to be used after the renovations are completed, for the rental of the Museum. The rental rates are as follows:

Evening Rental:

The total cost for evening use (4p.m.-1a.m.) of Museum is \$1,500.00. To reserve Museum on the date requested, Museum requires this contract be signed by Customer and an initial deposit of \$500.00. One-half of the rental fee (\$750.00) is due six months in advance of the event. Payment of the remaining balance of the rental fee (\$750.00) is due 90 days in advance of the event.

Short Term Rental:

The total cost for short term use (four hours) of Museum is \$500.00. To reserve Museum on the date requested, Museum requires this contract be signed by Customer and an initial payment of \$150.00. Payment of the remaining balance of the rental fee is due 60 days in advance of the event.

The contract also covers date changes, cancellation policy on evening rentals and short-term rentals and conditions of use. A copy of the contract can be obtained at the Judge Executive's Office or at the Museum. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said contract, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan stated that we want to, at the approval of the contract, allow the military organization and local non-profits, a discount but will still be charged for the attendant services.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to advertise for a full-time Moffit Lake employee on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, and Wednesday April 5, 2023. To stop accepting applications on Friday, April 14, 2023, and a recommendation to be brought before the Court on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. This motion was seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to declare two sets of bunkbeds, 1 twin and 1 with twin on top and full-on bottom bunkbed frames with no mattresses from Moffit Lake as surplus, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. If possible, the Court agrees to give said beds to Teen Challenge.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to change our Good Friday Holiday from a half day holiday to a full day holiday, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Magistrate Floyd's 40hrs. training completion in the amount of \$4,983.24, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

With the new quarter starting Magistrate Ricketts and Magistrate Girten have agreed to be on the Claim Review Committee.

Claims are to be paid as presented. Judge O’Nan wanted to draw attention to two claims from Sheffer Construction & Development, LLC., that have change orders for both Moffit Lake and the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department Facility in the amount of \$4,500.00. The Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department Facility was for sidewalks and steel bumper posts that were not included in the original contract and Moffit Lake was for a sidewalk, concrete, electricity for the gate and change from key locks to keypads. Moving forward, he stated that County Attorney, Julie Wallace will start including in the contract a minor bit of flexibility. So that for example, if we have a concrete truck at a job site doing work and we realize that we also need a sidewalk poured, that little bit of flexibility will allow us to have them go on and pour the sidewalk while they are there instead of having to bring it before Court first, which could set us back several weeks.

Judge O’Nan stated that he and Melissa Coker attended the Alliance Resource Partners State of the Coal Industry last week in Henderson. The projections for coal production in the state are going to be exceeded by a significant amount. He also said that Senate Bill 4 was passed. This Bill will have to consider what’s going to happen to the rate payer 10years from now if we close the coal plants. He will be in Frankfort tomorrow and Thursday in meetings and will be watching closely what happens.

Regarding the Renaissance Corner Renovation update, he said that he is waiting on some design figures and some estimates, so that we’ll have all our ducks in a row, and he anticipates this being at our next meeting. County Engineer, Sean Sheffer, said that he will be able to draw up the designs which will save the County a significant amount of money.

Magistrate Ricketts stated that he didn’t have anything to discuss.

Magistrate Wyatt asked if a forecast had been given on getting roads blacktopped. Judge O’Nan stated that we should be receiving some information at any time. He wanted to thank Sheriff, Jason Thomas, his crew, the KSP, the Sturgis and Morganfield Police Departments and all the other emergency agencies that responded to the standoff that took place a couple of weeks ago.

Magistrate Floyd wanted to remind everyone that the Union County Animal Control will be hosting a rabies and microchip clinic Saturday from 10a.m. to 2p.m. He stated that Uniontown will have a Spring Clean-Up. on April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Judge O’Nan for all trips he must take for the betterment of the County that keeps him from home.

Magistrate Jones stated that he’s had several constituents ask if a Spring Clean-Up is going to be held in his district. Judge O’Nan said that he is not opposed to having one at all. Magistrate

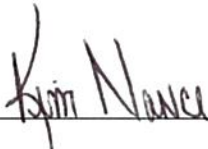
Jones is going to come up with some dates and will get in touch with Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley. Magistrate Floyd said that it's up to each Magistrate as to when they want to hold a cleanup in their district.

Magistrate Wyatt asked if there was any progress on getting the landfill back. Judge O'Nan said that we had gotten close but no. He feels that our next approach might be to start with a transfer station in the landfill area. Where people would have a place to take their own trash. He said that the County may have to be invested in this but doesn't feel that it would be hard to get approval. He said that after this session is over, he will get in contact with Todd again.

Magistrate Floyd wanted to know where we were at with getting inmates to be able to help with some work around the County. Judge O'Nan said that there are not enough eligible inmate crews to go around. He's going to reach out to the Henderson County Jailer to see if they would have any available for us to use. He said a female crew has been talked about. We have an employee in the County that can manage a female crew picking up trash, we just need to make those connections.

Magistrate Girtten wanted to thank Tony and his crew for the cleanup they've done after the storms and to the road crew and Rick White for all they do with the flooding issues. He thanked County Clerk, Garrick Thompson, for getting all the information regarding the election equipment.

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



Kim Nance  
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O'Nan  
County Judge/Executive