

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
March 14, 2023

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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 the month of March 2023 as Vietnam War Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Month. The proclamation states that more than 58,000 U.S. service members made the ultimate sacrifice in combat and are listed on the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, with seven of the names listed, being from Union County. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Jason Greenwell with the NRCS, came before the Court to request program support in the amount of \$41,600 for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. This is the same amount that was requested last year. Judge O’Nan stated that this would have to go through the yearly budget process but foresees no problem with supporting the program.

Judge O’Nan on behalf of Union County Sheriff, Mickey Arnold presented the Court with a check in the amount of \$40,621.88 for the 2022 Union County Sheriff’s Excess Fees. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept Sheriff Arnold’s 2022 Excess Fees, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Union County Clerk, Garrick Thompson presented the Court with a check in the amount of \$154,499.15 for Union County Clerk’s 2022 Excess Fees. The amount that had been budgeted was for \$140,753.00 for a difference of \$13,746.15. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to accept the County Clerk’s 2022 Excess Fees, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried. Clerk Thompson stated that he would be back before the Court at our March 28, 2022, Fiscal Court Meeting to talk about the Clerk’s office remodel.

Judge O’Nan gave a brief update on the Renaissance Coroner renovations stating that at our next Court meeting on the 28th, he’ll have a more in-depth report to give the Court. He said that it will include stage, seating, sound, and light enhancements. He stated that this is going to be a good project for Union County Downtown.

Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire Hazel Garret, who will be returning to the Moffit Lake Gatekeeper position at \$14.75 per hour and Hope Fornear as an additional Gatekeeper

at \$14.25 per hour. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve said recommendations, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire as Seasonal Mowers at Moffit Lake, Bryan Smith at \$14.25 per hour and Steve Sanders at \$16.00 per hour. With there being a resignation at Moffit, we may need to move Steve to a full-time position if he is interested. If not, then we’ll need to advertise for a full-time position at Moffit Lake. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said recommendations, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

The Judge also stated that because of the renovations taking place at the Museum, Amber Weatherbee will be going out to Moffit’s from 8a.m. to 4p.m. to work the office. She will transfer out there after she oversees the Museum’s artifacts leaving.

He then recommended that the Court hire Kelly Woosley for the Home Delivery Meal Driver/Transportation Assistant position at our Senior Citizens at \$15.50 per hour. She will be filling the position of Joyce Evans who has retired after 20 years of service. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that back in August 2022, we approved the purchase of a Takeuchi Skid Steer in the amount of \$111,835.02 that would be delivered in 2 to 3 weeks, and we still have not received it and they don’t even know when it is going to made. He recommended that we take a different route and purchase a 2023 Caterpillar Skid Steer from Boyd Cat at the state contract price of \$121,350, that can be picked up immediately. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan then recommended that the Court approve the purchase of a Pavement Roller for the Road Department. With all the work being done at Moffit Lake we are going to be required to roll a considerable amount of gravel and it will also be used to smooth our coal patching. To rent a roller would be around \$3,500 a month. The Court was presented with a quote for a used 2019 Volvo DD30 Roller in the amount of \$49,900 and a new 2023 Caterpillar Roller in the amount of \$50,625. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Caterpillar Roller in the amount of \$50,625, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve two additional claims for the 2023 Caterpillar Skid Steer from Boyd Cat in the amount of \$121,350 and for the 2023 Caterpillar Roller from Boyd Cat in the amount of \$50,625, seconded by Magistrate Floyd.

Judge O’Nan stated that we are closely watching legislature that is going on in Frankfort, with the passing of the Bourbon Barrel Tax that was passed yesterday. He was assured by some Legislators that the tax will not put ominous clouds over us with the Coal Severance, but he’s still

a little anxious. He will be going back to Frankfort for some other meetings. He thanked Governor Beshear, DLG, GRADD and Rocky for coming to Union County to present around \$12 million for various projects, with \$650,000 being presented to the Union County for our elevator project. The Judge wanted to recognize our County Engineer, Sean Sheffer for designing our Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department and our Morganfield Rescue Squad.

Magistrate Wyatt thanked our fire crews and road department for the great job they did last Friday during the severe storms. He wanted to give a shoutout to everyone that attended the ribbon cutting that took place at the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department. He commended the wrestlers on their 2nd place finish at State and he also thanked the Court for the support that they gave to him and his family with the passing of his mom and dad.

Magistrate Ricketts echoed Magistrate Wyatt's comments.

Magistrate Floyd echoed those comments as well. He thanked the Court for all the work they've done at the ballparks for the kids.

Magistrate Jones thanked our fire crews and road department for all their work during the storms. He stated that this just shows proof of why the County needs the storm sirens the Court agreed to purchase at our last court meeting.

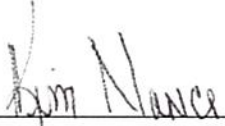
Judge O'Nan gave a shoutout to our EMA crew who were out and about making sure everyone was accounted for. He stated that he did declare a state of emergency even though he's not sure if it will help, but if any of that Federal money came down to the farmers that lost millions of dollars' worth of equipment and buildings, he wanted us to be able to receive it.

Magistrate Girten thanked the road department for the awesome job that they do. He reminded everyone that on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. the archery team will be heading to state and for them to line the sidewalks as they go through town.

Judge O'Nan wanted to recognize our County Engineer, Sean Sheffer for designing our Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department and our Morganfield Rescue Squad. We are very fortunate that he did that and he probably saved the County around \$100,000 in drawings and schematics. A fellow Judge from McLean County has asked if Sean would share his Henshaw Fire Department plans with them because they are wanting to build a new facility and Sean has agreed to let them use them.

Magistrate Ricketts wanted to add one thing. He wanted to recognize EMA Director, Rick White for the job he does and the role that he has. He does a wonderful job of representing Union County with his interviews, anytime he's in front of the media, and with his proactiveness in the emergency situations that the County has faced. He deserves a lot of credit for the job that he does.

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