

## UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING

February 14, 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.

The minutes from the January 24, 2023, regular scheduled Fiscal Court meeting and the February 6, 2023, special called Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

Jeanie Hancock and Emily O’Nan presented the Court with many Congenital Heart Defect facts and explained how this heart disease has affected their families. Judge O’Nan presented a Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Proclamation, proclaiming the week of February 7, 2023, through February 14, 2023, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in Union County. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a National Burn Awareness Proclamation, proclaiming the week of February 5, 2023, through February 11, 2023, as National Burn Awareness Week in Union County. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

To present a united front, Judge O’Nan invited members from various agencies to come before the Court to show their support and efforts to keep fentanyl out of the county. Some of the agencies represented were the Union County Sheriff’s Office, Sturgis and Morganfield Law Enforcement, Deaconess Union County Hospital, Union County Public Schools, the Union County Coroner’s Office, Union County 911 Dispatch, Union County Emergency Management Agency, the Union County Attorney’s Office, and the Kentucky State Police. Judge O’Nan stated that yesterday a round table meeting was held with these members plus more, to talk about what is happening in our surrounding counties, regarding fentanyl overdoses and deaths and what we can do to keep Union County from falling victim to this in any form, shape, or fashion. This is a symbolic stand, saying to those who would push this poison on our community, that you are not welcome here and we are going to make it as hard on you as we possibly can.

Judge O’Nan presented Sheriff Mickey Arnold’s 2022 Property Tax Settlement, showing that property taxes were 95.21% collected. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the 2022 Property Tax Settlement, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan opened 5 Tornado/Storm Siren bids. The bids were as follows:

1. Sirens for Cities, Inc.	129 Decibels	\$155,762.55
	127 Decibels	\$146,316.55
	121 Decibels	\$123,577.35
2. Don’s Mobile Radio	130 Decibels	\$140,600.15
3. HQE Systems		\$216,937.54
4. Timmons Electric		\$234,000.00
5. ATI Systems		\$148,870.90

ATI Systems was working with Timmons Electric on their bid and due to the untimely death of Johnny Timmons, they were delayed by a day. Judge O’Nan told them if they would email him their bid and if it matched the one that was in the mail, postmarked yesterday, it would be accepted. By doing it this way the integrity of the bids would be upheld.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to take these bids under advisement and to award the bid at our February 28, 2023, meeting, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for a Gatekeeper and Seasonal Mower position at Moffit Lake on February 15, 2023, and February 22, 2023, and to accept applications until February 24, 2023, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to advertise for a Home Delivery Meal Driver/Transportation Assistant at the Senior Citizens on February 15, 2023, and February 22, 2023, and to accept applications until February 24, 2023, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan gave an update on the Museum Renovations Project. He stated that they are working on the window aspect as of right now. Our Construction Management Team has encouraged us to approve this final, high-end bid pack amount of \$1,540,589.00, which we hope to reduce with some local window pricing. This is a Coal Severance Project, and we have \$750,000 budgeted in our current budget and we can budget in the remainder that is needed in our next budget. Magistrate Girtten made a motion to accept said bid amount, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan stated that since we have begun hauling in gravel from an additional quarry and with our new salt hut and having to move the salt around, the Road Department needs a new

Pay Loader, with the one we currently use being close to 30years old. He presented the Court with the following 2 bids:

1. John Deere                    \$259,987.81(state contract price)
2. Volvo                         \$267,890.00(state contract price...this includes 2 prominent attachments)

County Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley, recommended that we purchase the Volvo Pay Loader. Judge O’Nan stated that we do not have the money in this year’s budget, but since it will not be delivered until August, it can be put into the next budget. If we don’t go on and move on this, there will be a 6month delay on delivery and a 3% price increase. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented to the Court an Ordinance Approving a Lease for The Financing of A 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe and vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office coming in the next couple of months. These vehicles are leased through KACo at the state contract price. He stated that in the long run this will be cheaper and more effective. It also meets the approval of our County Attorney. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve Judge O’Nan signing all necessary documents pertaining to this Ordinance, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented quotes to purchase extrication equipment for the Morganfield Rescue Squad. The quotes are as follows:

- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment    Holmatro Combi Tool(Demo)            \$11,550.00
- High Tech Rescue                Demo eForce                                \$13,624.08
- High Tech Rescue                Demo eForce 28”                            \$11,459.50
- High Tech Rescue                Demo eForce (Standard Blades)        \$11,266.80

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve purchasing the Holmatro Combi Tool (Demo) from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment, recommended by the Morganfield Rescue Squad, in the amount of \$11,550.00, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried. Magistrate Wyatt abstained from voting.

On behalf of the Union County Volunteer Fire Department, Judge O’Nan presented the Court with quotes to purchase a spray monitor that will be mounted on the front of our 5 Ton truck, allowing them to go along fields and spray without someone having to physically man a hose. The quotes are as follows:

- Atlantic Emergency Solutions                                \$6,973.88
- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment                                        \$7,102.00
- Mid America Fire & Safety LLC                                    \$7,748.76

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the purchase of the Spray Monitor from Atlantic Emergency Solutions, recommended by the Union County Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount of \$6,973.88, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan requested approval for County Clerk, Garrick Thompson and Magistrate, Rick Wyatt’s annual incentive 40hour training approval in the amount of \$4,983.24 per person. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said training approval, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O’Nan stated that he had the opportunity to go to Frankfort to lobby our efforts to prevent Kentucky Utilities from closing coal powered plants We are trying to continually put ourselves in front of the legislature to be of help in preventing this from happening.

He was also invited to testify before a local government committee, along with Webster County Judge Executive, Steve Henry, last Thursday on the importance of DLG (Department of Local Government) and our ADD Agencies and what they mean to us. He was able to hi-lite the \$5.8million infrastructure improvement at Job Corp that came through DLG and GRADD working together, along with the City of Morganfield, which will keep the county taxpayer from having to pay around \$6million.

Magistrate Wyatt stated that Union County is very Blessed by our financial status and community support. While at the Legislative Day in Frankfort, he was talking to another county’s Magistrate who said that they had to shut down four of their county fire departments due to lack of finances and lack of manpower.

He wanted to thank EMA Director, Rick White, and Lance Brantley in the way they handled a missing person situation. He said there was a good outcome to this. He also wanted to wish the Union County wrestlers good luck at semi-state.

Magistrate Ricketts wanted to commend the Union County wrestlers on their 20<sup>th</sup> Regional Championship in a row and to compliment Mayor, Randy Greenwell on his energy and tireless efforts to improve Morganfield.

Magistrate Floyd stated that the Legislative Day in Frankfort was very beneficial. He also wanted to thank, Kim, Lissa, and Jill for the work that they do. He stated that a lot is asked of them, and they are always up to the challenge.

Magistrate Jones wanted to thank everyone for all their great efforts, especially Jill, Lissa, Kim and Supervisor, Tony Ratley at the Road Department. He also noted that the Legislative Day in Frankfort was excellent.

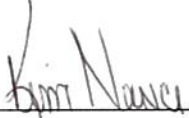
Magistrate Girten thanked everyone that went to the Legislative Day and was sorry that he was unable to attend due to his retirement. He also thanked Judge O’Nan and all that are in involved in keeping the County informed about how serious the fentanyl situation is.

Judge O’Nan wanted to give a shoutout to Tami Steward in completing her 50<sup>th</sup> half marathon before turning 50.

EMA Director, Rick White stated that May 5-7, 2023, they are hosting a basic search and rescue class for our new equestrian horse search and rescue. This will be held at the Union County Board of Education Training Room.

Judge O’Nan was proud to announce that our own, Olivia Kramer Chandler, is going to head up our horse search and rescue team.

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

  
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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nance

  
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Adam O’Nan  
County Judge/Executive