

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING  
January 24, 2023

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, Jones and Girten.

The minutes from the January 10, 2023, Fiscal Court meeting were approved as presented.

Jailer, Jason Newton presented the Court with a quarterly and calendar year report. He stated that in comparison to last year we are down 25% on the average daily housed for the quarter. Arrests were down 34% for the quarter compared to last year. Court was up at 107%, with 5% less miles traveled. This information shows that arrests were down. In 2022, the calendar year in review we transported 696 arrests, 633 to court, served 257 court documents and logged a little over 62,000 miles on the vehicles. Our average daily inmate population was 42.92 for last year, that’s just slightly up from 42.67 the year before. As of today, we have 41 in custody.

In comparison of the entire year for operations, there were 16% less arrests in 2022 than in 2021. Court transports were up 112%. That increase is probably due to there being so many video arraignments in 2021 and now they’re back to in person arraignments. Court documents served was down 11%. Our state reimbursement for felony transports was way down at 44% less than last year. It went from \$9,000.00 in 2021 to \$5,000.00 in 2022. Jailer Newton stated that the difference is because there were more misdemeanor transports that felony transports and gas prices were higher. At the end of the quarter, they had only spent 38% of what was budgeted for housing and with it being at the ½ year mark, you’d expect that to be at 50%. With that being one of our big-ticket items, he is very pleased with that percentage.

Judge O’Nan stated that a special called meeting may need to be called about purchasing e-books for our County Clerk, Garrick Thompson’s office. We are waiting for more information that will be coming from the state.

He then presented a MOA for the 2022 EMA Program Funds/KY EMA Assistance Program Non-Supplanting Certification. This is a contract in the amount of \$2,763,389.50, that must be signed annually by the Judge Executive, along with the Non-Supplanting Certification, for us to be eligible to apply for these grants. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to authorize Judge O’Nan to be able to sign the MOA and the Non-Supplanting Certification, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Sheriff Jason Thomas came before the Court to inform them of some rank changes taking place in the Sheriff's Department. Captain Lee Chandler has been promoted to Chief Deputy and Shawn Elder will retain his rank of detective.

Judge O'Nan presented the second reading of the 2022/2023 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$4,271,727.42. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2022/2023 Budget Amendment, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan then presented a museum update. He stated that when the bids were opened for the museum renovations project some of the amounts did not match the project scope of work. Several years ago, we had budgeted \$750,000 for this project. At the bid opening last week, that total was up to \$2,086,843.00 before an error was found, which lowered the amount to \$1,733,723.00. He anticipates that once the project is reviewed and finalized, the total cost will come in around \$1.2 million. Although this amount is higher than our projected \$750,000, the Judge stated that due to the passing of time between the budgeted amount for the project and the start of the project and the increase in the cost of materials, this bid is not unreasonable. A detailed review of the bids will be presented at our February 14<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Court Meeting.

County Engineer, Sean Sheffer advised the Court that on one of the claims from Sheffer Construction, a change order in the amount of \$4,500.00 was added to included concrete for handicap parking at the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

All claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Owens made a motion to approve the December 2022 Treasurer Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan stated that he was invited to the School Boards meeting last night to read a proclamation proclaiming January 2023 as School Board Recognition Month in Union County.

He also announced, that to present a united front, there will be a drug summit meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 1:00pm in the upstairs courtroom at the Courthouse. With fentanyl being so dangerous and deadly this meeting is being held to discuss how to best eradicate this drug from the county.

On February 2, 2023, Judge O'Nan will be participating in a joint conference with the House and the Senate regarding using electricity instead of coal for heating and cooling purposes.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to cancel the Fifth Tuesday court meeting on January 31, 2023, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

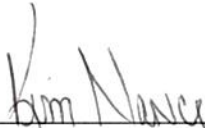
Magistrate Girten thanked Rick White for closing the roads in his district due to the threat of high water and Tony Ratley and his crew for getting the high-water signs put up so quickly.


Magistrate Wyatt made a motion for the Court to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation per KRS 61.810(1)(c), seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to authorize Judge O’Nan to sign all necessary documents related to a settlement agreement regarding the county’s participation in the nationwide push against opioids. This is one of several settlements that will provide dollars to flow into the county following an agreement to settle with various companies, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, 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.

  
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Kim Nance  
Fiscal Court Clerk

  
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Adam O’Nan  
County Judge/Executive