

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
January 10, 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 3, 2023 Fiscal Court meeting were accepted as read.

Judge O’Nan recommended on behalf of Jailer, Jason Newton, to hire Luke McCallister for the part-time Jail Transport position at \$11 per hour. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan talked about tornado/storm sirens and our inability to receive grants to purchase new ones. He stated that Morganfield, Uniontown and Sturgis had functioning sirens but that we need to purchase new sirens for some areas in the county that do not have them, such as: Waverly, Whispering Meadows, Sullivan, Henshaw and Moffit Lake. He realizes that not everyone in the county will be reached by these sirens, but feels it’s a good place to start. Once these sirens are installed and running, we could purchase more to reach more residents. Judge O’Nan recommended that we advertise for bids for tornado/storm sirens on January 18th & 25th and to open bids on February 14, 2023. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan gave an update on the Museum renovations. He reported that he has talked to Codell Construction, the Project Management Team for the renovations, and they are scheduled to be here, in the upstairs courtroom, Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 2:00p.m. to open bids for this project. These will be taken under advisement and no action will be taken at this time. Magistrate Jones and Magistrate Girten, who make up the Museum Committee, were asked to be in attendance if at all possible. Judge O’Nan also stated that a professional team will be removing and preserving all merchandise. He intends to have a recommendation at our January 24th, Fiscal Court Meeting.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O’Nan reported that KU & LGE has declared they will go coal-less by 2025. The PSC will hold a public hearing and Union Countians will have the right to voice their concerns

over increased prices with the changeover, as well as the effect this will have on local jobs. He noted that businesses entering our communities for lower utilities will not get that with increased prices. He, along with several others, went to Frankfort last week to talk to our Legislators. He has a couple of concerns with this, one being that our largest employer in the county is a coal mine (Riverview). We want them on an even playing field where they can survive and thrive. His biggest concern is the consumers of KU and LGE Power in the state of Kentucky and around, are really going to be at risk, as far as, the prices they are going to be able to pay to have power to their home and if it's available. The PSC will hold public hearings and Judge O'Nan stated that he will probably hold a public hearing in Union County, so that tax payers have the ability to voice their concerns over the increased prices with this changeover, as well as the effect it will have on local jobs.

Magistrate Wyatt thanked the Road Departments from the County, City and State for the snow removal that took place over the holidays and all First Responders.

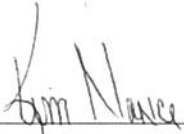
Magistrate Ricketts acknowledged local law enforcement for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, which was Monday. He requested that we revisit with the Core of Engineers, to see if there's an opportunity to add some rock at the Blackburn Boat Ramp. He said that the County could do the work, at not a large cost, but it's something that needs to be done.

Magistrate Floyd welcomed to the Court, newly elected Magistrates, Dakota Jones, District 4 and Bo Girtten, District 5.

Magistrate Jones thanked everyone for the warm welcome to the Court. He is looking forward to serving the County for the next 4years and he is here for any concerns that anyone has.

Magistrate Girtten thanked the Road Department for the snow removal and all who were involved in the tornado/storm siren project. He also wanted to address the issue of the school bus driving into high water and what we can do to prevent this from happening again. Judge O'Nan said that we've already reached out to Sheriff Thomas about making 24hr. coverage in these areas a part of their protocol during raining events, and if they see a water problem coming up to contact Road Supervisor, Tony Ratley and it will be taken care of. Sheriff Thomas committed to making this happen.

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



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance



Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive