

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
August 22, 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 Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan, 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 August 8, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting were approved as presented.

Judge O’Nan opened Court by recognizing Distinguished Young Women’s, overall chairperson Lindsey Wells, along with five of the Union County’s 2024 Distinguished Young Women participants, who are, Angelina Pike, Rebecca Shreve, Abby Jones, Libby Clifton, and Emma Wilson. Lindsey stated that when she first got involved, 14 years ago, they were operating on a budget of about \$2500-\$3000 scholarships for the girls. This year they were able to give away \$11,000 in cash scholarships. This year’s Union County 2024 Distinguished Young Women winner is Abby Jones, who will represent Union County in the state program in Lexington in January 2024, 1st runner-up, Libby Clifton, and 2nd runner-up, Emma Wilson.

At our August 8, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting, bids were opened for a 35 Ton Lowboy Trailer. Due to a bid being delivered to the wrong office but received in time, this bid was not opened that day, so Judge O’Nan opened it today. The bid is from Holden Industries for a 35 Ton Payload Capacity Lowboy Trailer in the amount of \$39,984.00. Magistrate Jones made a motion to take this bid under advisement, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Shirley Mercer with the Union County Public Library District presented the 2023 Tax Rate as follows: Real Property Tax Rate at 5.5 and Personal Property Tax Rate at 5.5. Magistrate Jones made a motion to accept the Union County Public Library District 2023 Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Mrs. Mercer also gave the Court an update on the Summer Reading Program. She stated that there were 173 kids and 28 adults registered with a total of 777 books read across the County. She also stated that they are hoping to have a retirement reception for Debbie McClanahan sometime in October.

Judge O’Nan presented the Union County Board of Health 2023 Tax Rate at 5.25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Real Property, 5.25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Personal Property, and 5.25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Motor Vehicles in Union

County. Said rate was set at the Board of Health meeting held on July 31, 2023. Magistrate Jones made a motion to accept the Union County Board of Health 2023 Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

The Judge then presented the Union County Extension District 2022 Tax Rate at 2.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Real Property, 2.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Personal Property, and 1.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Motor Vehicles in Union County. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to accept the Union County Extension District 2023 Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

He then presented the County's 2023 Tax Rate at 10.0 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Real Property, 10.0 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Personal Property. Magistrate Girtten made a motion to accept the County's 2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Rate, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried. Magistrate Jones made a motion to accept the County's 11.3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of all Motor Vehicles and Watercraft in Union County, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for a new IT Director on August 23 and August 30, 2023. To stop accepting applications on September 1st and to bring a recommendation before the Court at our September 12, 2023, Court meeting, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan presented the first reading of an Ordinance Allowing the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles on County Roads. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Magistrate Girtten. Roll was called as follows:

- Magistrate Girtten: Yes
- Magistrate Wyatt: Yes
- Magistrate Floyd: Yes
- Magistrate Ricketts: Yes
- Magistrate Jones: Yes
- Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan: Yes

County Attorney, Julie Wallace brought to the Judge's attention that this was not the correct Ordinance. The correct one should read an Ordinance Allowing the Operation of Side by Sides on County Roads. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to void this Ordinance read by Judge O'Nan, with the correct one to be presented at our September 12th meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried

Judge O'Nan presented the first reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Updated Geographic Boundaries for Magisterial Districts in Union County. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Magistrate Girtten. Roll was called as follows:

- Magistrate Floyd: Yes
- Magistrate Wyatt: Yes
- Magistrate Ricketts: Yes
- Magistrate Jones: Yes
- Magistrate Girtten: Yes
- Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan: Yes

Motion Carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the Kentucky Employees’ 457 Deferred Compensation and Kentucky Public Employees’ 401(k) Deferred Compensation Joinder Agreement to the Court. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said agreement, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the AmeriCorps HOST AGENCY AGREEMENT to the Court. This will allow us to have someone working at the Senior Citizens Building at the cost of \$5,750 to the County for 1700 hours. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said agreement, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the Lease Agreement with Commonwealth of Kentucky/Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources for Fire Tower to the Court. He said that McElroy Farms is giving up the lease and we are wanting to take it over to give our Emergency Management and Sheriff’s Office to help get rid of some blind spots in communication, especially with the Kentucky State Police coming in with their digital plan in a year or two. The cost of this to the County would be \$25 a year. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Judge O’Nan signing said agreement, pending County Attorney Julie Wallace’s approval, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the 2023 Rural Secondary Flex Funds Agreement in the amount of \$328,538 for the following roads:

- Bingham Road
- Dekoven Road
- General Holt Road
- Gibson Road
- Hilltop Road
- Irvin Hancock Road
- Lizard Point Road
- Waverly Road
- White Road
- Willett-Culver Road

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve Judge O’Nan signing the agreement for the list of roads to be paved with Flex Funds, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan then presented the Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Rural Secondary Program Agreement between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid and accepting all roads and streets referred to therein as being a part of the County Road System. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Jones. Roll was called as follows:

- Magistrate Ricketts: Yes
- Magistrate Floyd: Yes
- Magistrate Wyatt: Yes
- Magistrate Jones: Yes
- Magistrate Girten: Yes
- Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan: Yes

Motion carried.

Union County Coroner, Stephen Shouse recommended that the Court hire Chris Payne for the PRN Deputy Coroner position, starting pay at \$16.85 an hour work time and \$3.00 an hour on call time. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve Change Order No.1 for the Job Corp EDA Sanitary Sewer Replacement project, adding the amount of \$51,641.88 to it, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the Job Corp EDA Sanitary Sewer Replacement Application for Payment in the amount of \$378,002.24, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan opened bids for the two Sheriff’s vehicles. They were as follows:

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| • Henderson Ford | 2023 Ford Explorer Interceptor | \$46,500 |
| | 2023 Ford F150 | \$46,000 |
| • Wade Ford | 2023 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4x4 | \$51,998 |
| | 2023 Ford Explorer Interceptor | \$46,985 |
| • Murrell Bros. Ford | 2023 Ford F150 Police Responder | \$48,670 |

Magistrate Jones made a motion to accept the bids and approve Sheriff Thomas entering in an agreement, pending equipment and committee approval, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to award Vomac Truck Sales & Service, Inc. for the bid of a 2024 Talbert 35 Ton Lowboy Trailer in the amount of \$83,270, and for a 2024 Pinnacle 64

Ton Day Cab Mack Truck in the amount of \$148,250, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried. Expected delivery for these is January 2024.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to cancel our 5th Tuesday Fiscal Court Meeting, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan and the rest of the Magistrates gave updates on their districts with nothing that required movement from the court.

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



Kim Nance
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O’Nan
County/Judge Executive