

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
September 26, 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 Moment of Silence for Jerry Manning and Family, then 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 September 12, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting were approved as presented.

Judge O’Nan presented the second reading of an Ordinance for a Flood Damage Prevention. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said second reading, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, roll was called as follows:

Magistrate Wyatt: Yes

Magistrate Floyd: Yes

Magistrate Ricketts: Yes

Magistrate Jones: Yes

Magistrate Girten: Yes

County Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan: Yes

Motion carried.

With the retirement of Lisa Watson, Magistrate Jones made a motion to advertise for a full-time Solid Waste Coordinator/Receptionist at the County Road Department. The advertisement is to be ran on September 27, 2023, and October 4, 2023, to stop accepting them on October 6 and to bring a hire recommendation to Court on October 24, 2023. This motion was seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

After Sean Sheffer, Melissa Coker, Tami Steward, and Judge O’Nan interviewed the applicants for the IT Director position, they recommended that the Court hire Johnathan Baird at a salary of \$65,000.00 a year. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Sheriff Jason Thomas came before the Court to request the hire of an additional Sheriff Deputy. He stated that because of the issues the City of Sturgis is having, they are going to have to do away with their Police Department, which means the Sheriff's Department will be taking on their calls and patrolling for them, with the passing of Chief Deputy Lee Chandler from the Sheriff's Department and with Deputy Burke leaving for a year due to a military assignment, they are in need of an additional deputy. Sturgis Mayor, Billy Adams, offered the use of Sturgis Police Department's equipment to the Sheriff's Department, which will help tremendously in reducing costs. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the hire of an additional deputy in the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

County Engineer Sean Sheffer came before the Court with an update on the cabins at Moffit Lake. He stated that they would be available to rent next weekend and asked the Court to approve the rental rate of \$175 per night with a 2-night minimum stay. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the rental rate, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Job Corp EDA Sanitary Sewer Replacement project, adding the amount of \$111,416.14 to it, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

At a previous Fiscal Court meeting, the Court approved to purchase land in Whispering Meadows for a playground, pending appraisal. Judge O'Nan informed the Court that the appraisal has been done and the property appraised for \$12,000,000. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the purchase of the property for \$12,000 from Kevin Rhea, pending County Attorney Julie Wallace's approval, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

With the new quarter starting, Magistrate Wyatt and Magistrate Ricketts have agreed to be on the Claim Review Committee for the October-December quarter.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve Judge O'Nan's 40hrs. completion in the amount of \$4,983.24, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

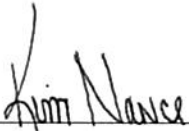
Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve Transfers in the amount of \$1,556,268.57, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve the Quarterly Treasurer's Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the Year-End Treasurer's Report, pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan and all 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 Wyatt, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.



Kim Nance
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O'Nan
County/Judge Executive