

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
July 25, 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 Judge 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 July 11, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting were approved as presented.

Judge O’Nan introduced Cindy Weaver, with Infinite Hope, which is a non-profit suicide prevention and support group, established in 2021. Cindy stated that Union County is 11th in the state for suicides, with two already being reported this year. Webster County is ranked 3rd and Henderson County is ranked 9th. Infinite Hope helps survivors with cleanup, funeral expenses, therapy, and many other services. Cindy thanked the Court for their financial support and said that word of mouth to other businesses and churches would be very helpful. Infinite Hope can be reached by their Facebook page, Infinite Hope Kentucky, on Instagram at [infinite_hope_kentucky](#), on their website at www.infinitehopekentucky.com or by phone at 1-800-921-9431 (24/7).

Judge O’Nan presented the following items to be declared as surplus for the auction that Red Hat Auction and Realty will be having on Saturday, July 29, 2023:

- 2002 F-150 (MOFFIT) VIN# 1FTRF17272NB51409
- 2006/2007 FREE STAR (SENIORS) VIN# 2FMZA51687BA13796
- 2003 FORD F-150 (COACH) VIN# 1FTRF17203NB82003
- DOG BOX (FITS A LONG BED FORD/WILL HOLD UP TO 6 PLUS DOGS)
- 2014 RHINO 16’ ROTARY CUTTER MODEL 6140
- 2018 BUSHHOG ROTARY CUTTER MODEL 3810HD SERIAL# HFZ-1002645
- 2006 JOHN DEERE ROTARY CUTTER MODEL HX15 SERIAL# WOHX15E010316
- 2000 CAT FORK TRUCK MODEL A649029
- 1999 SAMSUNG FRONT END LOADER MODEL SL120-2 SERIAL# LEY0726
- 2011 FORD EXPLORER (EMA) VIN# 1FMHK8D88BGA88328

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to declare said item as surplus, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Manager, Tammy Dempsey, came before the Court to give an update on Moffit Lake. She said they are settling in nicely with the new office and new cabins. The store is fully stocked. T-shirts, ice cream and pizzas are big sellers out there. The new showers are being utilized as well as the washer and dryers. She said that the lake has entertained 24 different states, so far this year. Thirty-one, since she started a little over a year ago, with one from England. She noted that the 2nd Friday of each month, the Senior Citizens come out for a meal and games and for 2 weeks in June the Ervin's host a wrestling camp.

Melissa Coker stated that the store has taken in \$29,891 since the second week of May and is showing a profit of \$18,416, reflecting the amount of activity that Moffit is having.

Judge O'Nan stated that soon a request to purchase an ADA compatible cabin will be brought before the Court for their approval.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to advertise for a Full-Time IT Help Desk Support Specialist on July 26, and August 2, 2023, to stop accepting applications on August 11th, and to bring a recommendation before the Court on August 22, 2023, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for a PRN Deputy Coroner Position on July 26, and August 2, 2023, to stop accepting applications on August 11th, and to bring a recommendation before the Court on August 22, 2023, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Girtten made a motion to set advertisement bid dates on July 26, and August 2, 2023, for a 2024 Pinnacle 64T DayCab Mack Truck and a 35 Ton Lowboy trailer, to accept bids until 4 P.M. on August 7th and to open bids at 9 A.M. on August 8, 2023, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan stated that a couple of months ago, the County paid the levee permit fees for the City of Uniontown and the City of Sturgis to get the projects separated. He said that Sturgis is having some problems with completing the necessary work, but Uniontown is ready to move forward. After talking with FEMA, the Division of Water and the Army Corp of Engineers, Judge O'Nan asked if the County can be included in any correspondence regarding the levees to make sure that all work is completed regarding the levee certifications. He said that if the City of Sturgis' levee is de-certified, all businesses and residents will be in a flood plane and will have to purchase flood insurance, which is very costly. He also stated that FEMA, the Division of Water and the Army Corp of Engineers have granted us time to get this rectified.

Judge O'Nan then presented a HB1 Resolution for the following Coal Severance projects and their amounts:

- HENSHAW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITY \$ 11,300.00

- MOFFIT LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA \$ 80,000.00
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MOBILE UNIT \$ 26,000.00
- MOFFIT LAKE MODEL CABINS \$300,000.00
- SALT HUT \$ 20,020.00

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Some members of the Reapportionment Committee came before the Court to give a presentation on some of their duties. Kris Payne and Jarvis Elam provided maps of the current layout of our Magisterial Districts, as well as a map with the proposed changes to our Magisterial Districts. Kris said that the committee met on May 24, 2023, and were presented with a few map layouts from GRADD. By law, magisterial districts must be divided within (plus/minus) five percent of each other based on population as reported in the last Census report, being 2020. Kris stated that they were going to attempt to align the magisterial districts with the school board districts, but ultimately, they found that doing this was going to change the layouts too much. After reviewing and discussing, the committee agreed on one map that makes the districts evenly populated. The Magistrates will have 60 days to adopt or amend this proposal.

Former Magistrate Joe Clements stated that he was concerned about the “slicing up” of District 5, which was his former District, and if the inclusion of Job Corp students was the cause of this. He wanted to know the number of students at Job Corp when the caucus was done. Judge O’Nan stated that in 2010 a ballpark number of students at Job Corp was 1,242 and in 2020 it was 464. Because of COVID, they were transporting students out, and this was before the Census was taken. Jarvis stated that Job Corp students had to be included in the count because they were living here.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to take this proposal under advisement and to come back within 60 days, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

County Clerk, Garrick Thompson came before the Court seeking approval to purchase 4 more Ballot on Demand Printers and 6 Scanners in the amount of \$27,738.00. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the purchase of said printers and scanners in the amount of \$27,738.00, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve Magistrate Girten and Magistrate Jones 40hrs training completion in the amount of \$1,245.81, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

Judge O’Nan and all Magistrates gave updates in the 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 Jones, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.



Kim Nance
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive