

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING  
October 24, 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 Floyd, Ricketts, Jones and Girten.

The minutes from the October 10, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting were approved as presented.

Kenny McDaniel with Bacon Farmer Workman, who started working with the county on the levee projects in 2009, came before the Court to give an update on the Sturgis and Uniontown levee certification. He stated that they are currently in the process of going through the MT2 process with FEMA for the accreditation and certification of the levees to the 100<sup>th</sup> year. In the 2011 flood they found some issues and in 2016 major improvements were made to both Sturgis and Uniontown levees. In early 2018 everything was submitted to FEMA and in late 2018 there was a periodic inspection that showed that Sturgis needed their pipes relined, with that work being completed in late 2021. Paperwork started again, and the next periodic inspection showed that Sturgis had unacceptable vegetation growth, which is being worked on now. They had been told that Uniontown was good, but then found out that with the change in the submittal process, their 2017 paperwork had been misplaced, so they are now in the process of re-submitting that electronically to FEMA & the subconsultants FEMA hired for this review. He recently met with Sturgis and said that they have had an inspection, he’s not sure if it was a periodic inspection, but they are going through all of it at this time, to make sure that they’re showing progress, so that Sturgis can get to a minimal, acceptable rating on their levee system. Uniontown is now in good shape. They’ve changed some regulations on the electrical testing of the pumps and he’s working with them on this. At the current time they are getting requests for additional information on top of submitting information that they already have and hopefully everything will proceed with no problems moving forward.

County Clerk, Garrick Thompson, came before the Court to give an update on the upcoming election. The deadline to make a request to vote by mail is a 4pm today. That request can be made by going to [www.govote.ky.gov](http://www.govote.ky.gov) or by calling his office at 270-389-1334. Beginning tomorrow, October 25<sup>th</sup> thru October 27<sup>th</sup> and resuming again on October 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8am-4pm, in his office, vote in person absentee will start. This is for those who want to vote in person but will not be available to vote on the 3 early voting days or on election day and there is an affidavit that has to be filled out attesting to the reason that you’re there. On Thursday,

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, early voting will take place at the Union County Senior Citizens Center, 225 Richards Lane in Morganfield from 8am-4pm. On election day, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, polls will be open from 6am-6pm. There are 7 vote center locations that are designed for any registered voter regardless of your address. You can go to any of these locations to place your vote:

- Union County Senior Citizens Center
- Morganfield Elementary
- Sturgis Elementary
- Uniontown Turner Building
- Waverly K of C Hall
- Henshaw Christian Church
- Pride Community Room

The Judge stated that moving forward, we plan on utilizing the Henshaw Volunteer Fire Department as a polling place because the internet connectivity will be much greater, and the Museum will be ready to be utilized once again by the next primary election.

Judge O’Nan then presented the final approval of the Fair Lease. There are 2 agreements. The Parking Area Lease Agreement, which consists of 35 acres in the amount of \$7500.00 and the Facility Lease Agreement in the amount of \$2,000.00. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to allow the Judge to execute the Lease Agreements and for the County to take over January 1, 2024, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan just wanted to brag on Melissa Coker and Tami Steward for all of the hard work they put into crafting the County brochures. These brochures portray what Union County has to offer, so he encouraged the Magistrates to distribute as many of them as possible.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve the Discretionary Fund Agreement in the amount of \$191,194.00 for Bethel Church Road, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the Discretionary Fund Resolution in the amount of \$191,194.00 for Bethel Church Road, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Girtten made a motion to approve the hire recommendation of Kara Messamore as the Solid Waste Coordinator/Receptionist at the County Road Department at \$18.50 an hour, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Kara will be moving from the Road Crew to this position.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to advertise for a CDL Driver at the County Road Department on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, to stop accepting applications on November 3<sup>rd</sup>

and to bring a hire recommendation before the Court on November 14<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to advertise for a Fair & Expo Center Maintenance Supervisor on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, to stop accepting applications on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and to bring a hire recommendation before the Court on November 14<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to advertise for a Fair & Expo Center Director on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, to stop accepting applications on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and to bring a hire recommendation before the Court on November 14<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to advertise for an IT Helpdesk Support Specialist on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, to stop accepting applications on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and to bring a hire recommendation before the Court on November 14<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the completion of Magistrate Ricketts 40hr. training unit in the amount of \$4,983.24, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Waverly resident, Joe Clements, told the Court that coal hauling was taking place on French Road, Coburn Lane, and Hwy. 760. He asked if the County had received any coal haul funds, and if so, even though these 3 roads are not designated coal haul roads, could some of those funds be used on them since they are being used for that purpose?

Judge O’Nan said that coal haul roads were taken out of the coal severance funding because there were so few of them, but that he would get an answer to his question, and he would also find out why coal hauling was taking place on County roads.

Claims are to be paid as presented with the addition of a new claim from Chivari LLC, in the amount of \$27,316.15 for new chairs at the Museum. Chivari LLC is requesting payment before shipment.

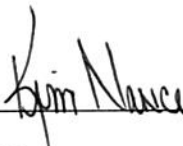
Judge O’Nan stated that Constable, Sam McLeod came before the Court at our October 10, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting asking the Court to reduce the amount of the surety bond the state requires constables to have from \$200,000 back to the previous amount of \$10,000. With Magistrate Floyd being absent from this meeting, and him being on the Court when the increase was made, Judge O’Nan asked the Magistrates to wait until Magistrate Floyd was in attendance before they considered the requested change. He said that this would be addressed at our November 14, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting.

He also stated that he would be attending the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) conference in the next few weeks to request help with Sturgis Sewer Project.


Magistrate Jones made a motion to cancel our 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Court meeting on October 31, 2023, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, 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 Floyd, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.



Kim Nance  
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O’Nan  
County/Judge Executive