

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
November 14, 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 October 24, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting were approved as presented.

Judge O’Nan presented a Resolution in Memorium of Chief Deputy David “Lee” Chandler. The Fiscal Court as a whole made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. A copy of the Resolution was presented to Cassy & Courtney Chandler (wife & daughter), Barry and Pam Chandler (parents), and Nick & Bryce Chandler (brothers).

Sheriff Jason Thomas then came before the Court to present a Proclamation retiring Chief Deputy Chandler’s Badge #38. The Proclamation states that badge number 38 shall never be issued to another member of the Union County Sheriff Office forever in its history.

Judge O’Nan presented a Proclamation proclaiming November 17, 2023, as Adoption Day in Union County. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said Proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried. Judge O’Nan invited everyone to attend the annual Adoption Day Celebration on November 17, 2023, at 9:00am at the Annex building. The 2023 Adoptive Family of the Year is the Wallace Family...Jerry, Latasha, Sterling, Jazlyn, Jordyn & Journee.

Judge O’Nan presented a Proclamation proclaiming November 12-18, 2023, as Nurse Practitioner Week in Union County. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said Proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

EMA Director Lee Baird came before the Court to present a proposal from Mission Critical Partners, LLC for the evaluation/assessment of our public safety land mobile radio communications system. Baird stated that the equipment the County has now is a mix match of some things new and some things old that needs to be updated. In 2015, former EMA Director Vernon Martin established a proposal for a communication system update, but that was as far as it went. After speaking with Kenny Garret, EMA Director of Henderson County, Baird reached out to Mission Critical and received information regarding the process of evaluating and assessing our communications system. He asked the Court to allow him to proceed with having them come in

and evaluate our needs as a County for the sum of \$30,000.00. The Court said that they would like to take this proposal under advisement, giving them more time to look over the provided information, and would come back with their decision at our November 28th Court meeting.

At our October 10th Fiscal Court meeting, Sam McLeod, Constable for District #1, presented the Court with information regarding the surety bond that the County pays that is required by the state for constables to have. The state requires at least a \$10,000 surety bond for elected constables, but it's at the discretion of the Fiscal Court to set the bond price. Several years ago, when the constables had policing authority, the Court set the bond amount at \$200,000. McLeod asked the Court to reduce the bond to \$10,000, which would save the County money and be more in line with the limited duties of today's constables. Magistrate Floyd was absent from this meeting so Judge O'nan asked the Court to wait until Magistrate Floyd was in attendance before deciding, so today, with Magistrate Floyd in attendance, it was brought back before the Court. Magistrate Jones made a motion to set the surety bond for constables at \$100,000 unless they get the training required to have policing authority and then it would be increased back to \$200,000, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O'Nan stated that a 30x30 building is needed at the portal so that maintenance tools and materials can be stored there. Road Supervisor Tony Ratley obtained 2 quotes for the building only, one for \$36,500 and one for \$29,774. The Judge stated that he thinks this needs to be bid out with heat & air included in it. County Engineer Sean Sheffer said that he would get a bid packet prepared for bid. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for the bid of a 30x30 building to be equipped with central heat & air conditioning on November 22nd & November 29th and to open bids on December 12th, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to advertise for a part-time home delivered meal driver/transportation provider at our Senior Services Center on November 15th & November 22nd, to stop accepting applications November 27th and to bring a hire recommendation before the Court on December 12th, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to re-hire Marissa Gibson, a previous part-time summer help employee at Animal Control as part-time help through Christmas break, at \$14 an hour, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Girten made a motion to advertise for bids for the County Clerk's Office Renovations on November 22nd & November 29th and to open bids on December 12th, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

County Clerk Garrick Thompson came before the Court to give an update on the election. He stated that the County's vote percentage was 38.16%, with the State's vote percentage at 38.07%. There were 3,119 people that voted on election day, 622 people took advantage of early

voting, 22 people voted by excused walk-in and 76 people voted by mail. There were 262 people who voted at the Morganfield Elementary School, 930 at the Senior Citizens Center, 695 at the Sturgis Elementary School, 261 at the Henshaw Christian Church, 363 at the Waverly K of C Hall, 218 at the Pride Community Building and 390 at the Turner Building. Clerk Thompson thanked everyone who took the time to vote, all the poll workers, Rhonda Hawkins, his right-hand person, Johnathan Baird for his IT skills and the Fiscal Court for the new election equipment.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the hire recommendation of Waylon Nelson at \$17.25 an hour for the CDL Driver position at our Road Department, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to appointment Peggy Omer and Steven Hendrickson to the Union County Extension District Board, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

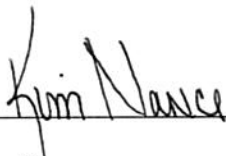
Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution in the amount of 1.5 million dollars for our Breckinridge Museum Renovations Project Phase II, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the completion of Jailer Jason Newton's 40hr. training unit in the amount of \$3,737.43, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

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 Jones, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.



Kim Nance
Fiscal Court Clerk



Adam O'Nan
County/Judge Executive