

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING  
February 13, 2024

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 meeting with Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan presiding. The Union County Fiscal Court met in the upstairs Courtroom and the Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Jones and Girten.

The minutes from the January 23, 2024, Fiscal Court Meeting were approved as presented.

Judge O’Nan opened Court by inviting 3 members of the Sturgis Fire Department up in front of the Courtroom, Chief Chad Cullen, Marcus Wilson, and Josh Bradburn. Judge O’Nan stated that these 3 men are a snapshot of both, our paid and volunteer staff here in Union County. In the City of Sturgis, they have been filling roles other than just firemen. They have become volunteer meter readers. Chief Cullen even took a vacation day so that he could volunteer to go read meters. Because of this, they were nominated and granted the commission of Kentucky Colonel. On behalf of Governor Andy Beshear, Judge O’Nan presented them with a framed Kentucky Colonel Certificate.

Judge O’Nan presented a Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Proclamation, proclaiming the week of February 7-14, 2024, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in Union County. Jeanie Hancock, once again, came before the Court to share information and explained how a congenital heart defect had affected her family. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said proclamation, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Jailer Jason Newton came before the Court to present his 2023 year in review update. He stated that the new arrests transported was 591, court transports 660, court documents served 280 and miles for the jail vehicles was 53,511. The average daily inmate population for the last couple of years has gone down from 42.67 in 2021 to 35.25 in 2023, with there being 27 as of this morning. Over the course of the year, overall arrests are down. Total new arrests transported was down 15%, court transports were up 4% but is expected to be down this year, court documents served was up 9% and miles for jail vehicles was down 14%. Jailer Newton said that because of Judge O’Nan working things out with Judge Henry, we have a full inmate road crew. As of right now the jail is 10% under budget for the fiscal year and he expects to be well under 10% at the end of the year. Newton said that he thinks this is the year that we will see the benefits of closing the jail.

Judge O’Nan told the Court that our jail agreement with Webster County is getting ready to expire. He presented a new agreement, effective March 1, 2024, saying that everything is exactly the same except for the daily fee for inmates. Instead of it being \$30 a day, it’s now \$35 a day. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve Judge O’Nan signing this agreement, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to award the bid for the Uniontown Water Rescue’s new boat to Uncle J Custom Boats in the amount of \$147,134.99 with a 150-day lead time from the receipt of the order, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the bid for a 2024 Police Interceptor for the Sheriff’s Department. The bid was as follows:

- Wade Ford State Contract Price of \$47,605.00 + delivery fee \$675.00=\$48,280.00

After Sheriff Thomas’ approval, Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said bid, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the bids for the Moffit Lake Wi-Fi Project. The bids were as follows:

- Area Optics \$112,189.00
- Ervin Telecommunications Services \$ 79,730.00
- Telecast Communications, LLD \$ 42,120.00

Magistrate Jones made a motion to take said bids under advertisement, letting IT Director Johnathan Baird look over them, and awarding them at our February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the bid for the front & rear bumpers of the EMA truck. The bid was as follows:

- Greg’s Body Shop \$125.00

Magistrate Jones made a motion to reject said bid for being too low, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

At our January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, IT Director Johnathan Baird presented a quote from Verkada for security services at the Courthouse, the Museum, and the Expo Center. After taking the quote under advisement and giving the Court time to look over all the information, Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said quote in the amount of \$162,707.25 with \$150,000 having already been budgeted for, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a quote for a Compact Rapid Deployable (CRD) to the Court. With our cell service not being the best in the county the CRD is a portable tower for FirstNet customers that will provide connectivity for 2 miles when and where AT&T cellular coverage is unavailable,

and it will also provide high speed Internet via Wi-Fi or Ethernet cable. It can be used in any search and rescue mission when cell signal is comprised because of location like down at the Y, Higginson/Henry or in the Bottoms or it can be used when signal is weak because of congestion like during the Rally or Corn Festival. This will be a tremendous asset for our First Responders. The cost of the CRD is \$86,494.98 with a yearly maintenance and support plan of \$3,999.99. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the purchase of the CRD, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented to the Court a Fire/Rescue and Related Special Operations Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement to the Court. This agreement is between the 24 counties of the Kentucky Emergency Management Areas 1 & 2 to provide mutual aid and assistance to them. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said agreement, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve advertising dates for bids on an ADA Cabin at Moffit Lake on February 21, 2024, and February 28, 2024, to stop accepting bids at 8:30am on March 12<sup>th</sup> and to open bids at our Fiscal Court meeting at 9:00am March 12, 2024, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Magistrate Girtten made a motion to advertise for Seasonal workers at Moffit Lake in the office and for a groundskeeper on February 14, 2024, and February 21, 2024, to stop accepting applications on February 23, 2024, and to bring a recommendation before the Court at our March 12, 2024, Fiscal Court Meeting, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan recommended that the Court hire Jill Windell as a part-time Expo Center Event custodian at \$14 an hour. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said recommendation, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to advertise for a part-time custodian and concession worker at the Expo Center on February 14, 2024, and February 21, 2024, to stop accepting applications on February 23, 2024, and to bring a recommendation before the Court at our March 12, 2024, Fiscal Court Meeting, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented a proposal to the Court for Professional Engineering Services over the Expo Center Roof replacement. He recommended that Associated Engineers be awarded the position for their Professional Engineering Services. They have agreed to oversee this project from design to construction at 6.5% of the total construction cost. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said recommendation, pending County Attorney Julie Wallace’s approval, seconded by Magistrate Girtten.

Judge O’Nan presented a quote to the Court from Miracle of KY & TN for the Caseyville and Whispering Meadows playgrounds. The quote for the Whispering Meadows Park was for \$122,414.30 and the quote for the Caseyville Park was for \$34,155.26. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said quotes, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution for the Expo Center Roof in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution for the Expo Center Renovations and Operating Expenses in the amount of \$500,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution for the Pickle Ball Courts in the amount of \$700,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution for the City of Sturgis Sewer Upgrades in the amount of \$700,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution for 2023/2024 911 Operating Expenses in the amount of \$600,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution for the Elevator Special Inspections in the amount of \$100,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the HB1 Resolution for Bridges and Culverts in the amount of \$475,000.00, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve 40-hours of training for County Clerk Garrick Thompson in the amount of \$5,152.68 and for Magistrate Rick Wyatt in the amount of \$5,152.68, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Claims are to be paid as presented.

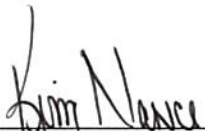
Judge O’Nan and all Magistrates gave updates on their districts with nothing requiring movement from the Court.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b)-deliberations on future acquisition of real property, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

After returning to regular session, Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the purchase of 45.52 acres in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Proctor Stenger, to provide \$10,000.00 in earnest money in today's claims and to authorize Judge O'Nan to sign all documents pertaining to said purchase, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

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

  
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Fiscal Court Clerk  
Kim Nance

  
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Adam O'Nan  
County Judge/Executive