

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING
August 13, 2024

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The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with a Prayer by Magistrate Jim Ricketts, 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. Magistrates present were Wyatt, Floyd, Ricketts, Jones and Girten.

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

Judge O’Nan presented a library recommendation Paul Bullock as a library trustee. It will be a four-year term replacing Kenny Holt. Magistrate Girten made a motion to appoint Mr. Bullock to a four-year term as a library trustee, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

PVA Clay Wells explained the process of property assessments at the fair market value is a state requirement for the county to be split into four quadrants that must be reassessed every four years. He had unfortunate news that unmined coal went down \$22 million and tangible property went down \$7 million. The upside was that the county should net a \$50,000.00 increase if taking the compensating rate calculated by the state. The compensating rate is 10.1% for \$732,864.00 to stay the same at 10.0% would be \$725,608.00. Judge O’Nan recommends the county stay at 10.0%. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to set the 2024 property tax rate at 10.0%, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan recommends the county stay at 11.3% for the motor vehicle and watercraft 2025 tax rate the same as 2024. Magistrate Jones made a motion to set the 2025 motor vehicles and watercraft tax rate at 11.3%, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Sheriff Thomas presented his 2023 oil and franchise tax settlements. The franchise collection was 100% collected while the oil collection was 98.19%. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to accept the tax settlement pending audit, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the hiring of Travis Girten at \$19.00 as full-time maintenance at the expo center, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried. Mr. Girten is replacing an employee who is no longer there.

Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve the hiring of James Thompson at \$18.00 as full-time community service driver over trustee inmates, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried. Mr. Thompson is replacing a retired employee who is no longer there.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the retroactive hiring of Brianna Stewart at \$15.00 on August 1, 2024, as a part time animal control employee, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried. Ms. Stewart is replacing an employee who is no longer there.

Judge O’Nan presented a request for a shoulder builder for the road department that would efficiently and economically widen roads with gravel. This piece of equipment is budgeted in the road fund for new equipment. There are three state contract quotes to consider.

Southern Equipment Company for a 2024 Road Widener for \$60,00.00

Boyd CAT for a 2024 Right Discharge Road Widener \$53,716.93

Boyd CAT for a 2024 Dual Discharge Road Widener \$62,326.93

Road Foreman Tony recommends the Boyd CAT 2024 Right Discharge Widener for \$53,176.93. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of the Boyd CAT 2024 Right Discharge Widener for \$53,176.93, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Sewer Infrastructure Rehabilitation-Phase 3 in the amount of \$275,000.00. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project County Wide Security System-Phase 2 in the amount of \$74,682.00. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Elevator Special Inspections-Phase 2 in the amount of \$61,100.00. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Water Rescue Boat-Phase 2 in the amount of \$158,000.00. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Purchase of 2 Pumper Trucks-Phase 2 in the amount of \$190,855.00. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Moffit Lake ADA Cabin-Phase 1 in the amount of \$150,000.00. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Moffit Lake Wi-Fi-Phase 1 in the amount of \$42,120.00. Magistrate Girten made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project CRD Mobile Cell Unit-Phase 1 in the amount of \$86,495.00. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Ricketts, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project EMA Side by Side-Phase 1 in the amount of \$40,000.00. Magistrate Jones made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Expo Center Reno & Operating Expenses-Phase 2 in the amount of \$500,000.00. Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Jones, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan presented the HB6 resolution for LGEDF Funds for coal Severance project Renaissance Corner Renovations-Phase 2 in the amount of \$900,000.00. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve said resolution, seconded by Magistrate Wyatt, motion carried.

Judge O’Nan read the Ohio River Regional Recreation Authority Resolution (ORRRA) and Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve the resolution having Union County join the ORRRA, seconded by Magistrate Floyd. Magistrate Ricketts explained from the training at Local Issues he learned that the Appalachian trail has this authority and that the General Assembly created this authority in 2024 to mimic that one for the target counties on the Ohio River line to build a recreation and tourism. Magistrate Floyd added they the Appalachian Authority is in year five of existence and will help the ORRRA in these beginning stages so that the wheel doesn’t have to be recreated. It takes my legislation eleven of the target counties to join before it can move forward. Motion carried.

IT Director Baird presented an ARC-GIS Proposal for geospatial mapping and 911 addresses. The Union County Planning Commission and Emergency Management currently split what we use but it leaves everything on Susie in the Planning office to have access. This proposal with GIS Enterprise allows up to five users to drawing maps and unlimited viewers. The proposal quote is for \$21,000.00 After the first year it drops to \$5900.00. The two agencies will continue to split the cost. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to approve the proposal to approve the proposal, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

EMA Baird requested the court set advertisement dates for bids on 20 sets of volunteer fire department turnout gear. He asked that the ads be run on August 21st and 28th, 2024 with all bids being due at 8:30 a.m. on September 10, 2024. Magistrate Wyatt made a motion to advertise for 20 sets of volunteer fire department turnout gear on August 21st and 28th, 2024 with all bids being due at 8:30 a.m. on September 10, 2024, seconded by Magistrate Girtten, motion carried.

Nicki Gregory and Johnathan Perkins came and presented the plan to build eight pickleball courts, two new restrooms, one by the pickleball courts and one between the pickleball courts and the baseball fields. Also, there will be two new shelters be ADA compliant and a new parking lot. She recommends we set bid dates for the pickleball construction on August 21st & 28th, 2024. A pre-bid meeting will be held on August 27, 2024, at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. The bid opening is recommended for September 5, 2024, at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. They want to give a recommendation for the bid award on the September 10, 2024, court meeting. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to set advertising dates for bid on the pickleball construction on August 21st & 28th, 2024 including the pre-bid meeting on August 27, 2024, at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. and bid opening for September 5, 2024, at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

It was also recommended we set the same bid dates for the bathroom and parking lot construction on August 21st & 28th, 2024. A pre-bid meeting will be held on August 27, 2024, at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. The bid opening is recommended for September 5, 2024, at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. They want to give a recommendation for the bid award on the September 10, 2024, court meeting. Magistrate Floyd made a motion to set advertising dates for bid on the restroom and parking lot construction on August 21st & 28th, 2024 including the pre-bid meeting on August 27, 2024 at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. and bid opening for September 5, 2024 at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Magistrate Girten, motion carried.

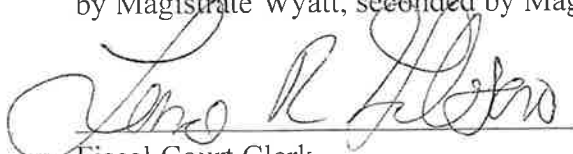
Claims are to be paid as presented.

Magistrate Ricketts made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$20,001.85, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

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

Judge O'Nan and all 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.



Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Nance by Lissa Gibson



Adam O'Nan
County Judge/Executive