

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
February 10, 2015
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to Order by Judge/Executive Joseph Pfeffer. Present were Commissioner Patrick McKay IV (District 1), Commissioner Annette Walters (District 2), Commissioner Phil Day (District 3), County Attorney John Estill, Deputy Judge/Executive Richard Newberry, Sheriff Patrick Boggs and County Treasurer Kim Muse.

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the minutes of the January 13th meeting as presented.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Rural Secondary Recommendations - District 9 Transportation Representatives

Randy Stull and Barry Fryman, employees of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, District 9, presented recommendations to Fiscal Court for upcoming road work repairs in Mason County. As required by statute, the Transportation Cabinet meets with Fiscal Court every year to review Rural Secondary Recommendations for projects the Cabinet would like done. The projects recommended are on the state portion of the Rural Secondary Program. Flex funds are available for the county to use for the county road system. The amounts proposed in the fund for the upcoming year are subject to the gas tax and may decrease as a result. The amount of \$403,462.00 is requested to be used on Rural Secondary roads as listed in the report attached. The amount of flex funds available is \$88,805.00 for use as the county deems necessary. Commissioner McKay made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Day to pass **Resolution 15-09** accepting the Rural Secondary Recommendations as presented and listed – KY 597, KY 161 and KY 576 - as well as the additional requests by the Fiscal Court of KY 596 and KY 560.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Mr. Stull also advised the court of upcoming road projects. A rehab project has been scheduled to begin around April 1. The first part of the project will include the intersection from Wendy's restaurant past Mason County High School. The second part of the project will include the area past the Limestone Center through the viaduct onto Forest Avenue. Lastly, work will begin on Maple Leaf Road at approximately the beginning of September. Transportation employees have been in contact with school officials regarding traffic control issues on Maple Leaf Road while the work is being done.

Road Department

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the Road Department report as presented by Road Supervisor Joe Brown and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Judge/Executive Pfeffer informed the court of a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 awarded to Fiscal Court by the Mason County Conservation District for the removal of fallen animals. Anthony Wenz and Lloyd Schiltz were present on behalf of the Conservation District.

Judge/Executive Pfeffer welcomed Larry Tichner to the Fiscal Court meeting. Mr. Tichner is the Special Assistant for County Municipal Aid. Mr. Tichner spoke on the importance of passing a resolution encouraging the General Assembly to pass legislation to stabilize the State Road Fund and thus stopping the continued decline of the fund due to the decrease in the gas tax.

Resolution 15-10 – Road Fund Stabilization

Commissioner McKay made a motion seconded by Commissioner Walters to pass Resolution 15-10 which would support the General Assembly in the passage of road fund stabilization to ensure adequate funding for the State Road Fund as well as county road aid.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Sheriff's Report

Motion made by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the Monthly Tax Disbursements for January 2015 as presented by Sheriff Boggs and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Sheriff Boggs presented the Sheriff's Fee Settlement for 2014 with excess fees in the amount of \$4,299.49 payable to Mason County Fiscal Court. Commissioner Day made a motion and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the Sheriff's Final Settlement as presented by Sheriff Boggs and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Sheriff Boggs also submitted a copy of the Mason County Sheriff's Office Monthly Vehicle Report for January 2015.

Landfill

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the report as submitted by Todd Leonard and presented by Deputy Judge/Executive Newberry and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Day to surplus the 1996 Jeep (VIN 1J4FJ28S6TL214450) used by employees at the landfill and is no longer repairable.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Recycling

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the recycling report as presented by Steve Frodge and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Solid Waste

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner Walters to accept the solid waste report as presented by Steve Frodge and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Mr. Frodge discussed the increase of roadside litter and the fact that no roads were cleaned in the month of January due to weather. Mr. Frodge said he has discussed with Jailer O'Hearn the use of inmates to help with trash pick-up in addition to the volunteers from non-profit organizations. He also emphasized the danger of meth labs in plastic bottles left on road sides. He will organize a mandatory training session to be conducted by the Kentucky State Police to educate inmates and volunteers to recognize these bottles while picking up trash.

Detention Center

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the detention center report as presented by Jailer Lisa O'Hearn and attached hereto.

Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay to declare as surplus the items listed on the two page attachment submitted by Jailer O'Hearn and attached to these minutes, such items to be disposed of at the Mason County Landfill, except for the Hammond organ which may be released to the private owner if determined, and if not, to be transferred to another governmental agency or charity.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the proposal from CKSM, Inc. Mechanical in the amount of \$16,540.00 to have the duct work at the Detention Center cleaned.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay authorizing the County Treasurer Kim Muse to pay CKSM, Inc. Mechanical once the work is satisfactorily completed.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Jailer O'Hearn submitted a report to the Court describing various maintenance issues the detention center has had recently and how the problems were resolved. Jailer O'Hearn also advised the roof is in need of replacing and has contacted Trace Creek Construction for an estimate.

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay authorizing Judge/Executive Pfeffer to enter into the Bracken/Mason County Inmate Agreement as presented and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Animal Shelter

Motion made by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the report as presented by Roger Mullikin and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Judge Pfeffer recognized Rebecca Cartmell with the Humane Society and reminded everyone of the Humane Society's spaghetti dinner fundraiser on February 21.

Emergency Management

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the appointment of Dr. Gregory E. Taylor as the Mason County Search and Rescue Coordinator as requested by Emergency Management Director Tim Nolder.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Day approving the request by Director Nolder for continuing the maintenance agreement for the emergency sirens.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer - Yes

Treasurer's report

Motion by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner Day to approve all claims, including additional claims totaling \$363,089.73, as presented by Treasurer Kim Muse and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day - Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Day approving the financial statement as presented by Treasurer Kim Muse and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner authorizing Treasurer Kim Muse to make budget transfers in the amount of \$20,150.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Judge/Executive Pfeffer discussed the election billing agreement with Harp Enterprises, Inc. The agreement is for a term of 48 months at a cost of \$2,465.00 per month. The term will begin January 2015 and continue through December 2018.

County Clerk's Report

Clerk Stephanie Schumacher presented the final settlement for the County Clerk's Office for 2014. Receipts totaled \$4,100,753.27 and disbursements totaled \$4,007,173.10 with excess fees amounting to \$93,580.17, payable to Mason County Fiscal Court.

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the County Clerk's Final Settlement for 2014.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

New Business

A. Resolution 15-11 – Recognition of UK Week

Resolution 15-11 proclaims the week of February 23, 2015 as “UK Week” in recognition of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Kentucky.

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner Walters to accept Resolution 15-11.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

B. Joint Planning Commission Appointment

Judge/Executive Pfeffer recommended the appointment of David Reed to the Joint Planning Commission. Mr. Reed will fill the unexpired term of Emmett Poe, who resigned after 20 years of service. The term will end July 31, 2018.

Commissioner Day made a motion seconded by Commissioner Walters to accept the appointment of David Reed to the Joint Planning Commission.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

C. Mulberry Community Gardens

Carrie Taylor with the Workforce Solutions at the Maysville Community and Technical College requested a donation of \$2,000.00 from Mason County Fiscal Court to assist with the construction of a walkway as well as three additional plant beds in the Mulberry Community Gardens located by the Mason County Public Library. After some discussion, members of the court agreed to table the request at this time for further discussion and research.

Motion made by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay to table the request for funding to the Mulberry Community Gardens until further discussion and review.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer - Yes

Old Business

A. Justice Center Repairs

Judge/Executive Pfeffer met with two representatives from the Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the repairs needed to the Justice Center. At this time, the amount of work needed at the Justice Center is so extensive that it exceeds the maintenance budget of the AOC. For now, the AOC will use what funds are available to begin repairs that need immediate attention and will decrease further deterioration. It is estimated the repairs will total over \$750,000.00.

B. Strode Run bridge replacement

Judge/Executive Pfeffer stated there is an agreement in place with the Transportation Cabinet for the replacement of the Strode Run Bridge. However, Judge/Executive Pfeffer has not been able to locate documentation for the bid process. Once the proper documentation is located, the county will be ready to proceed with the replacement of the bridge.

Communication from the Judge/Executive and Commissioners

Judge/Executive Pfeffer thanked everyone for attending the Fiscal Court meeting and being involved and interested in local government.

Commissioner Day said there is a problem with beavers building a dam in a creek in the Orangeburg area. Sheriff Boggs said he will contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding this problem.

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to adjourn.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner Walters – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Next Mason County Fiscal Court meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 10th day of February 2015:

Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:

Joseph P. Pfeffer
Mason County Judge/Executive