

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
February 9, 2016
9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting as presented.

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

Animal Shelter

Motion by Commissioner Walters 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

Sheriff's Report

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner Walters to accept the Monthly Tax Disbursements Report for January as presented by Sheriff Patrick Boggs and attached hereto.

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

Sheriff Boggs said to date, 92 percent of the 2015 tax bills have been paid. This collection rate is comparable to the previous year.

Sheriff Boggs presented the fee settlement for the Sheriff's Office for calendar year 2015. Receipts totaled, \$1,099,956.67 and disbursements totaled \$1,099,956.67, of which \$20,783.60 was excess fees paid to Fiscal Court.

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the fee settlement for the Sheriff's Office for 2015 as presented and attached hereto.

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

Sheriff Boggs submitted the Monthly Vehicle Report for January for review and is attached hereto.

Sheriff Boggs discussed the future proposed upgrade of the radio system from analog to digital. Kenny Adamson with the Maysville Dispatch estimated quotes for the upgrade. The CRMS money, which is the cell phone tax money, is restricted as to how it is spent. This is used for in house software and equipment at the dispatch center, as well as for dispatchers' salaries. Therefore, most of the upgrade will have to be paid out the general funds of both the Mason County Fiscal Court and the City of Maysville. Buffalo Trace is already seeking grants for all agencies that would be affected by the upgrade. In the sheriff's office, the estimated cost for portable radios as well as the radios in the department vehicles is \$95,000. The estimated cost of radios for the county road department is \$60,000.00. The infrastructure upgrade cost is estimated to be \$500,000.00

Road Department

Motion by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the report as submitted by Joe Brown and presented by Judge/Executive Pfeffer.

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

Judge/Executive Pfeffer updated members of the court of the recent road slippage on Springdale Road. Fiscal court received two bids to repair the slippage. However, after viewing the damage, Larry Tichner with the Department of Highways believes the repair needed appears to go beyond the footage detailed in the bids. He estimated the repair to extend an additional 200 feet because he foresees a problem upstream if the repair is not extended the additional length. Judge/Executive Pfeffer is filing a request for emergency funding for the repair to the road. At this time, portable stop lights and a message board are in place to direct traffic.

Landfill Report

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the report as presented by Todd Leonard and attached hereto.

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

Motion by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the lease financing of a garbage truck pursuant to proposal by U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance Inc. in the amount of \$141,000.00 at an interest rate of 2.39% over a period of three years.

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

No Solid Waste or Recycling Reports were submitted.

Detention Center

Jailer O'Hearn submitted a year-end report for 2015 for review and is attached hereto.

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the report for the month of January as submitted by Jailer Lisa O'Hearn and attached hereto.

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

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the payment of membership dues in the amount of \$750.00 to the Kentucky Jailers Association and \$100.00 to the F.B.I. National Academy Associates on behalf of Jailer O'Hearn.

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

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Day to authorize the payment of additional claims in the amount of \$372,255.31 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 to approve the Financial Statement as of January 31, 2016, as presented by Kim Muse, Treasurer, and attached hereto.

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

Motion by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner Day to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$189,261.00 as presented by Kim Muse, Treasurer, and attached hereto.

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

Treasurer Kim Muse presented a letter to members of fiscal court from Vincent Fallis with Roeding Insurance regarding the county's practice of compensating employees an additional \$1500.00 when they elect not to enroll in the county's insurance plan. This payment is not tied to medical claims and is up to the employee as to how the money is used.

New Business

A. Surplus Property

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner Walters to surplus property listed on the surplus list dated February 9, 2016 and attached hereto.

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

B. Internet Service for Volunteer Fire Departments – E911

Lewisburg Fire Department operates the E911 internet service used to communicate with all the volunteer fire departments throughout the county via internet with cell phone numbers that are programmed into the system. This was implemented as a support system for firefighters to maintain contact when their portable radios lose reception. Chief David Kalb with the Lewisburg Fire Department asked fiscal court to reimburse the fire department the annual fee charged by Limestone Cablevision in the amount of \$539.40.

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the reimbursement of the annual fee charged by Limestone Cablevision in the amount of \$539.40 to the Lewisburg Fire Department.

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

C. Proposal for Col. Charles Young Cabin

Judge/Executive Pfeffer and former Judge/Executive Gallenstein met with Regina Bridghette Lang who would like to assist with coordinating and scheduling events and fundraising for the Young cabin. She is interested in researching grants and doing some feasibility work to move the project forward. Judge/Executive Pfeffer expressed a desire to reconvene the committee that helped organize the dedication of the cabin. The committee would organize an agenda of activities scheduled this year and coordinate efforts of those involved with the various activities. The committee members would include Judge/Executive Pfeffer, former Judge/Executive Gallenstein, Bob Hendrickson, Jerry Gore and Wilson Harding.

D. County Clerk Settlement

County Clerk Stephanie Schumacher presented the fee settlement for the Mason County Clerk's Office for the calendar year 2015. Receipts totaled \$4,170,515.34 and disbursements totaled \$4,055,991.79, leaving excess fees in the amount of \$114,523.55 payable to fiscal court.

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the fee settlement as presented by Clerk Schumacher and attached hereto.

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

Old Business

County Attorney Estill spoke with members of the court about a lawsuit filed in 2007-2008 by the Maysville-Mason County Planning Commission and Mason County Fiscal Court against Steve Klump and Mason County Auto Sales in Mason Circuit Court. As a result of this lawsuit, a permanent injunction was entered. In a recent visit to Mason County Auto Sales by County Attorney Estill and Sheriff Boggs, the property was found to have several violations against ordinances enacted and therefore, is not in compliance with the injunction that was entered in the circuit court case in 2007-2008. County Attorney requested the fiscal court to give him permission to file pleadings in Mason Circuit Court to enforce the permanent injunction from the 2007-2008 lawsuit.

Motion by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner Walters granting County Attorney Estill authorization to file pleadings in Mason Circuit Court to enforce the permanent injunction against Steve Klump and Mason County Auto Sales from the 2007-2008 lawsuit.

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

Having no further business, 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

The next Fiscal Court meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of February 2016:

Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for review:

Joseph P. Pfeffer
Mason County Judge/Executive

