

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
August 11, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Judge/Executive Joseph Pfeffer called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner Joseph McKay (District 1), Commissioner Chris O'Hearn (District 2), Commissioner Phil Day (District 3), Deputy Judge/Executive Richard Newberry, Sheriff Patrick Boggs, County Attorney John Estill, County Treasurer Kim Muse, Emergency Management Director Clay Buser and Solid Waste Supervisor Arnold Dodge.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day - Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Introduction of Guests

Judge/Executive Pfeffer introduced Allison Adams, Director of the Mason County Health Department. Pursuant to KRS 65A.100(2), Adams presented the 2020 tax rates to fiscal court for acceptance on behalf of the Mason County Health Taxing District. The rates remained the same as those in 2019, 7.5 cents per \$100 value of real and personal property. Adams then discussed legislation from the 2020 session that will affect health departments across the state. In closing, she told the court that she has accepted another job and introduced Victor McKay as the newly hired director of the Mason County Health Department. Members of the court thanked Adams for her years of service and wished her well in her new job.

Detention Center

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the July report as presented by Jailer Lisa Kern-Yearly and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the adoption of the policy and procedure manual for the Mason County Detention Center.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

At 9:30 a.m., Judge/ Executive Pfeffer called to order the public hearing regarding the Limestone Cablevision Inc. franchise for comments or questions by the public. Ordinance 20-03, as read in summary by County Attorney Estill, is a non-exclusive agreement that grants Limestone Cablevision Inc. the right to acquire, construct, maintain and operate in the county roads and public places of the county, a community television reception and distribution system for the distribution of the television signals and impulses to the inhabitants of Mason County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to adopt Ordinance 20-03. This was a second reading.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

The regular session of the Mason County Fiscal Court resumed.

Road Department

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to accept the July report as submitted by Road Supervisor Joe Brown, presented by Judge/Executive Pfeffer and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn - Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Judge/Executive Pfeffer informed the court that the Road Department is in need of a new loader, which is used frequently to load trucks with rock, gravel, dirt and other materials for embankment and culvert repairs and is used also in the winter to load salt. The hydraulics on the current loader, which is an early 1990s model, have gone out, with an estimated repair cost of over \$30,000.00. Case, through Wilson Equipment Company, has a master agreement on a new loader, model 621G, for a state contract price of \$162, 091.53. The county is currently renting a loader from a Lexington dealer for \$4,000 per month.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day authorizing Judge/Executive Pfeffer to pursue the purchase of a new loader at the state price contract with financing at the best competitive rates as determined by the county judge, county treasurer and county attorney.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn - Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Animal Shelter

Judge/Executive Pfeffer explained there was a computer issue at the animal shelter and no report for July is available. A full report will be presented at the September meeting.

Sheriff's Report

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the Monthly Tax Disbursement Report for July totaling \$27.10, as presented by Sheriff Patrick Boggs and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

The Monthly Vehicle Report for July was submitted for review.

Sheriff Boggs presented an invoice from Chicago Motors Inc. for purchase of a 2010 Chevy Suburban 2500 and a 2016 Ford Explorer, with trade-in values listed for three Dodge Chargers. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn approving the purchase of the 2010 Chevrolet Suburban for \$26,000.00, with trade-in values of \$5000.00 for each of the three Dodge Chargers listed.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Landfill Report

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the July report as submitted by Todd Leonard and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Supervisor Leonard informed the court the landfill is in need of a new roll-off truck. He discussed a lease program in which the county would lease the truck for one year and is guaranteed 85% of the value at the time the roll off is turned in. The mileage is restricted to 30,000 miles during the year. If the county were to utilize this lease program, the landfill would get a new roll-off truck every year. Supervisor Leonard said he will present this to the landfill committee for consideration and report its recommendations to the court.

Recycling Center Report

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the July report as submitted by Randy Hamm and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Solid Waste Report

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the July report as presented by Arnold Dodge and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Emergency Management Director Clay Buser informed the court that FEMA had recently updated the flood plain maps and the county will have to update the ordinance to reflect the update.

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to authorize the payment of claims, including additional claims totaling \$82,207.42, as presented and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

County Treasurer Muse asked the court to authorize payment of an additional claim, payable to the Mason County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$224.90 for reimbursement of medical treatment. Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to pay the additional claim as presented.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve the Financial Statement as of July 31, 2020, as presented and attached hereto.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to adopt **Resolution 20-12**, which authorizes Interfund Transfers as needed for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn authorizing budget transfers in the amount of \$192,591.26.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

2020 Tax Rates

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to set the 2020 county tax rates the same as last year, with the real estate rate being 22.9 cents per \$100, the tangible personal rate being 22.7 cents per \$100 and the motor vehicle rate being 16.0 cents per \$100.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Kentucky Housing Corporation – Memorandum of Agreement

Motion made by Commissioner O’Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to enter into the agreement with Kentucky Housing Corporation, with the correction of the address for Mason County Fiscal Court. This agreement is for the rehab and updating of buildings at the senior housing complex.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Copier Proposals

Judge/Executive Pfeffer said the copier leases for both the county judge’s office and the treasurer’s office ends at the end of September. Three vendors provided quotes for copier leases for these two offices. Donnellon McCarthy submitted the best price for the Savin copiers.

Motion made by Commissioner O’Hearn, submitted by Commissioner McKay to approve the purchase of two Savin copiers from Donnellon McCarthy for \$13,658.85 and the monthly service contract for \$137.25 for 60 months.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to go into closed session to discuss land acquisition.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to leave closed session.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

County Attorney John Estill explained that members of the court discussed purchasing 31.577 acres owned by Kenneth and Janet Meadows located on the south side of KY 9, east of KY 11 and west of KY 1449. This property is adjacent to the landfill and would serve as an area of expansion for the landfill. The purchase price for the property is \$150,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to approve the contract to purchase of 31.577 acres on the south side of KY 9 from Kenneth E. and Janet L. Meadows for \$150,000.00.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

Surplus Property

The surplus property listing for August was submitted and attached hereto.

Permit Report

No Permit Report was submitted.

EMS Report

Fire Chief Kevin Doyle with the Maysville Fire Department submitted the August EMS Report for review. The report is attached hereto.

Other

Judge/Executive Pfeffer reported the county has received \$282,454.94 of the CARES funding to date. This is 48% of the county’s approved allocation.

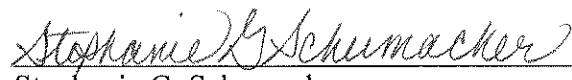
Sheriff Boggs reported the Sheriff’s golf scramble has been cancelled for this year.

Having no further business, motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to adjourn.

Commissioner McKay – Yes
Commissioner O’Hearn – Yes
Commissioner Day – Yes
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

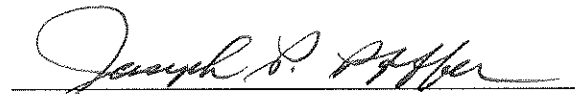
The next fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 11th day of August 2020:



Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:



Joseph P. Pfeffer
Mason County Judge/Executive