

Mason County Fiscal Court  
Regular Session  
Dec. 15, 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), County Attorney John Estill via Zoom, Assistant County Attorney Jackie Sue Wright via Zoom, Deputy Judge/Executive Richard Newberry, Sheriff Patrick Boggs, County Treasurer Kim Muse, Jailer Lisa Kern-Yearly and Administrative Assistant Judy Birt.

**Ordinance 20-06 – First Reading, Zoning Map Amendment**

Ordinance 20-06 calls for a zoning map amendment for a 2.00-acre parcel on KY 9, west of Maysville, Kentucky, from a A-2 Agricultural to B-2 Highway Business for the purpose of building a Dollar General Store. No action was taken. The second reading of the ordinance will be held at the January meeting.

**Harp Enterprises - Voting Equipment**

Judge/Executive Pfeffer introduced Danny Crum, of Harp Enterprises LLC, and Bob Heisner, of Hart Intercivic. Both were in attendance to give a presentation of new voting equipment at the request of County Clerk Stephanie Schumacher. After viewing the presentation and much discussion among the members of the court, Judge/Executive Pfeffer stated the county would need to advertise for bids for election equipment. Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay, to proceed with the advertising of bid speculations for the purpose of purchasing of new voting equipment.

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

**Approval of Minutes - Nov. 10, 2020**

Motion made by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve the minutes from the Nov. 10 regular meeting, with noted correction to the date, as presented.

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

### **Road Department**

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

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

### **Animal Shelter**

Motion made by Commissioner O’Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the November report as submitted by Deputy Judge/Executive Newberry and attached hereto.

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

### **Sheriff’s Report**

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn accept the Monthly Tax Disbursement Report for November totaling \$8,674,640.03, as presented by Sheriff Patrick Boggs and attached hereto. Sheriff Boggs said his tax bill collection rate was 78.3% as of the end of November.

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

The Mason County Sheriff’s Office Monthly Vehicle Report for November was submitted for review.

Sheriff Boggs said his budget for 2021 will be presented at a future date.

### **Landfill Report**

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to accept the November report as submitted by Todd Leonard and attached hereto.

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

**Recycling Center Report**

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

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

**Detention Center**

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the November 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

**Treasurer's Report**

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to authorize the payment of claims, including additional claims totaling \$53,640.40, as presented and attached hereto.

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 November 30, 2020, as presented and attached hereto.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn authorizing budget transfers totaling \$60,715.00.

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

**Mason County Public Properties**

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to exit the Mason County Fiscal Court meeting and enter into Public Properties meeting.

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

Treasurer Kim Muse presented an overview as of November 30, 2020, with receipts totaling \$90,326.60, claims totaling \$45,046.83, with a remaining balance of \$45,278.77.

Motion made by Director Day, seconded by Director McKay to exit the Public Properties meeting and enter back into regular session.

Director McKay – Yes  
Director O'Hearn – Yes  
Director Day – Yes  
President Pfeffer – Yes

**County Clerk 2021 Budget**

County Clerk Schumacher presented the budget for the Mason County Clerk's Office for 2021, with receipts estimated at \$4,504,400.00, disbursements totaling \$4,361,215.00 and excess fees estimated to be \$143,185.00. Clerk Schumacher requested the 2021 budget be accepted as a whole.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the Mason County Clerk's budget for 2021 as a whole as presented by County Clerk Schumacher and attached hereto.

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

County Clerk Schumacher asked the members of the court to approve salaries for the Mason County Clerk's Office for 2021, totaling \$255,000.00. This includes full time salaries and wages, overtime wages and vacation and sick leave.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn approving salaries for the Mason County Clerk's Office for 2021, totaling \$255,000.00.

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

**Ordinance 20-05 – Second Reading, Detox Facility Zoning Text Amendments**

The ordinance was read in summary by County Attorney Estill. Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to adopt Ordinance 20-05 as presented and attached hereto.

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

**Resolution 20-13 - Modernization of Kentucky's Transportation Funding Mechanisms**

This resolution supports legislation to modernize Kentucky's transportation funding mechanisms to increase existing sources of funding to generate revenues needed for maintenance and construction on all modes of transportation. The fiscal court further encourages the Kentucky General Assembly to act promptly in the 2021 session so as to avoid further erosion of the transportation network.

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to adopt Resolution 20-13 concerning the funding mechanisms for all modes of transportation in the state of Kentucky.

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

### **2021 Holiday Schedule**

Judge/Executive Pfeffer presented the Mason County Holiday Schedule for 2021. The schedule is attached hereto.

### **Arts Commission**

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay, to approve the reappointment of both Laurie Watt and Robert Roe to the Arts Commission for 4-year terms. Their terms will expire on Jan. 1, 2025.

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

### **Ethics Board**

Judge/Executive Pfeffer said he would present a name for appointment to the ethics board at a later date.

### **Western-Lewis Rectorville Water & Gas**

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn, approving the reappointment of Joe Gantley to the Western Lewis Rectorville Water & Gas Board for a term of four years. His term will expire on Jan. 1, 2025.

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

### **Surplus Property**

No Surplus Property Report was submitted.

**Permit Property**

The Permit Report for November was submitted for review and is attached hereto.

**EMS Report**

The EMS Report for November was submitted by Maysville Fire Chief Kevin Doyle for review and is attached hereto.

**Other**

Emergency Management Director Clay Buser gave a COVID update to the members of the court. Director Buser said once the FDA approves the COVID vaccine produced by Moderna, first responders at the police and fire departments, sheriff's department and detention center will be the first to be vaccinated. Buser said approximately 60 percent of these first responders wish to be vaccinated.


Judge/Executive Pfeffer, along with members of the courts, expressed their gratitude to Representative John Sims for his four years of service in the Kentucky General Assembly as our state representative. They wished him well in his future endeavors.

Having no further business, motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to adjourn.

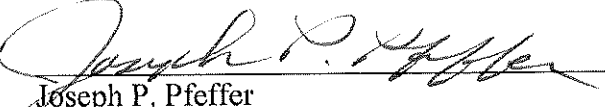
Commissioner McKay – Yes  
Commissioner O'Hearn – Yes  
Commissioner Day – Yes  
Judge/Executive Pfeffer – Yes

The next fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020:

  
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Stephanie G. Schumacher  
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:

  
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Joseph P. Pfeffer  
Mason County Judge/Executive