

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
December 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Judge/Executive Owen McNeill 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, Assistant County Attorney Jackie Sue Wright, Road Department Supervisor Joe Brown, Animal Shelter Supervisor Richard Newberry, Sheriff Patrick Boggs, Jailer Lisa Kern-Yearly, County Treasurer Kim Muse, Emergency Management Director Clay Buser and Executive Assistant Nathan Truesdell.

Judge/Executive McNeill asked the court for a moment of silence for all those in Western Kentucky recently affected by the tornadoes.

Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve the minutes from the November 9 regular meeting as presented.

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

Road Department

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the November report as presented by Road Supervisor Joe Brown and attached hereto.

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

Animal Shelter

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the November report as submitted by Richard Newberry and attached hereto.

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

Sheriff's Report

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn and seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the Monthly Tax Disbursement Report for November totaling \$12,527,745.92, as presented by Sheriff Patrick Boggs and attached hereto.

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

The Monthly Vehicle Report for October was submitted for review.

Mason County Fiscal Court, on behalf of the Mason County Sheriff's Office, recently requested bids for three new SUVs for use by the sheriff's department. Don Franklin Auto in Somerset, Kentucky, was the only entity to submit a bid. The bid was for three new 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit Options vehicles at a cost of \$104,727.00. These are all unequipped and will have to have equipment added to them prior to being used by the sheriff's department.

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve the purchase of three new 2021 Dodge Durangoes for \$104,727.00, as quoted in the bid submitted by Don Franklin Auto and to authorize Treasurer Muse to arrange financing with U.S. Bank for a three-year lease option.

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

Landfill Report

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day 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 McNeill – Yes

Recycling Center Report

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay 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 McNeill – Yes

Solid Waste Report

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to accept the November report as submitted by Chris Carpenter and attached hereto.

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

Property Abatement and Illegal Dumping Report

Motion by Commissioner O’Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the November report as submitted by Shane Taylor and attached hereto.

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

Garbage Collection Report

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to accept the November report as submitted by Nicole Storms and attached hereto.

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

Detention Center Report

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, 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 McNeill – Yes

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to authorize the payment of claims, including additional claims totaling \$56,425.40, and an additional claim in the amount of \$15,768.45, payable to Neeley Construction, as presented and attached hereto.

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

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the Financial Statement as of November 30, 2021, as presented and attached hereto.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$59,152.00.

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

EMS Report

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

Permit Report

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

New Business

The Mason County Homemakers requested a donation from Mason County Fiscal Court for its fundraiser for ovarian cancer research. Mason County is currently one of five locations in the state offering a screening site.

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to donate \$200.00 to the Mason County Homemaker's fundraiser for ovarian cancer research.

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

Resolution 21-27 – Engaging Financial and Legal Advisors for ARPA Funds

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to adopt Resolution 21-27 which authorizes the engagement of Compass Municipal Advisors and Stites & Harbison for the expenditure of ARPA funds, as well as a policy for approving compliant expenditures and repealing inconsistent resolutions.

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

2022 County Clerk Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the County Clerk's Budget for 2022 as a whole, with receipts totaling \$4,998,115.00 and disbursements totaling \$4,816,435.00, with an estimated amount of excess fees equaling \$181,680.00. The clerk budget is attached hereto.

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

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay approving salaries for deputy clerks in the amount of \$270,000.00 for 2022.

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

Surplus List

Sheriff Patrick Boggs submitted a surplus list for 10 Dell Monitors. Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the surplus list as provided by Sheriff Boggs and attached hereto.

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

Board Appointments

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that Keith Phillips was appointed to the Western Lewis Rectorville Water District. His term will begin January 1, 2022.

Communication from Judge/Executive and Commissioners

Judge/Executive McNeill said he hopes for a Request for Proposal to be released by the end of the week for broadband services for all areas of the county. The court also commended Emergency Management Director Clay Buser on a job well done, especially with use of the RAVE alert system. Director Buser listed all the ways residents can sign up for these alerts. Notifications will alert users to weather, traffic and other warnings.

Commissioner McKay told members of the court that the Knights of Columbus would again be preparing and delivering meals on Christmas Day. People may contact any member to request a dinner. They are expecting to serve approximately 800 dinners.

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

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


The next fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 14th day of December 2022:



Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:



Owen J. McNeill
Mason County Judge/Executive