

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
April 13, 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 via Zoom, Animal Shelter Supervisor Richard Newberry, Sheriff Patrick Boggs, Jailer Lisa Kern-Yearly, County Treasurer Kim Muse, Supervisor Joe Brown and Administrative Assistant Judy Birt.

Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the minutes from the March 9 regular meeting as presented.

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

Mason County Conservation District

Members of the Mason County Conservation District were in attendance to present to fiscal court a check to be used for the livestock removal program. President Anthony Wenz, Jr., Treasurer Janice Barnett and Lloyd Schiltz presented fiscal court a check in the amount of \$7,500.00. Members of the court thanked the members for their continued support.

Road Department

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the March 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 March 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 March totaling \$472,524.16, as presented by Sheriff Patrick Boggs and attached hereto.

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

Sheriff Boggs said, compared to this time last year, tax bill collections were up 1.5% and \$100,000.00 in cash.

2020 Fee Settlement

Sheriff Boggs presented to fiscal court the 2020 fee settlement for the sheriff's office with receipts totaling \$1,312,341.60 and disbursements totaling same with excess fees being part of disbursements listing and totaling \$75,290.83.

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the 2020 Fee Settlement as presented by Sheriff Boggs and attached hereto.

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

The Monthly Vehicle Report for March was submitted for review.

The Daily Activity Log for the 1st Quarter of 2021 was submitted for review.

Landfill Report

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

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

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that employees at Stober Drive have volunteered to pick up trash along 12 miles of roads in Mason County as part of Earth Day Awareness. The employees are going to use the grant funds received from picking up trash to purchase and plant trees in the community.

Detention Center

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

Lewis County Inmate Contract

Lewis County Fiscal Court voted on April 12, 2021, to close its jail. As a result, Mason County Fiscal Court has entered into a contract with Lewis County to accept its inmates at the Mason County Detention Center. Lewis County Fiscal Court will pay all transportation costs as well as extraordinary medical costs for its inmates. The contract will be reviewed by both parties on a year-to-year basis.

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the Lewis County Inmate Contract, subject to changes in transportation, as discussed in the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to authorize the payment of claims, including additional claims totaling \$58,243.90, 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 March 31, 2021, as presented and attached hereto.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn approving Budget Transfers in the amount of \$125,577.00.

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

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay approving the Quarterly Investments Journal as of March 31, 2021.

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

Mason County Public Properties

Mason County Public Properties did not meet.

Ordinance 21-01 – Amending Ordinance 00-03 Creating a License Fee Upon Insurance Premiums

This ordinance excludes the imposition of the license fee upon any policy of insurance subject to an insurance tax imposed by a municipality. This was the first reading of the ordinance.

Resolution 21-09 – KOHS Grant Application Authorization

Resolution 21-09 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into agreements with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to execute any documents necessary to facilitate and administer projects.

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by O'Hearn to adopt Resolution 21-09 as presented and attached hereto.

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

Resolution 21-10 – County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to adopt Resolution 21-10, which allocates \$781,283.90 in County Road Aid Funds to Mason County Fiscal Court beginning July 1, 2021. The funds are used for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of county roads and bridges.

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

East Kentucky Power – Rescind Permit 21-02

East Kentucky Power has delayed its project of hauling clay on South Ripley Road. Therefore, the permit will be rescinded until the project is resumed.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to rescind Permit 21-02 until the project at East Kentucky Power is resumed.

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

Buffalo Trace Road Commission Bids

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept and adopt the Buffalo Trace Road Commission Bidder's Contact List for 2021 as presented and attached hereto,

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

Limestone Cycling Tour, Inc. Sponsorship

Members of the court discussed the different levels of sponsorship available for the Limestone Cycling Tour. Members decided on the Premium Level, which is a \$2,500.00 sponsorship. The court has donated this same amount to Limestone Cycling Tour in years past.

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay approving the Premium Level Sponsorship at \$2,500.00 for the Limestone Cycling Tour, Inc.

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

Mason County Regional Agtech Demonstration and Innovation Farm

The farm is located at the previous Buffalo Trace Hay Auction site at 6063 Kentucky 3170. Mason County Fiscal Court will lease the farm to the Mason County Livestock Association so the farm may be used as a demonstration site, for tractor and livestock shows and agricultural programs geared to the youth. Mason County Livestock Association will pay for any improvements to the farm and any funds received from the use of the property will be reinvested

for further improvement of the property. Mason County Fiscal Court will retain responsibility for the house and tenant on the farm.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the lease with the Mason County Livestock Association allowing the association to use the farm for agricultural shows and programs.

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

Tax Assessment Appeals Board

Judge/Executive McNeill appointed Doug Hendrickson to the Mason County Tax Assessment Appeals Board. This is a Judge/Executive appointment. The term is for three years and will expire June 1, 2024.

Ethics Committee Appointment

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to approve the appointment of Tom Clarke to the Ethics Committee for a term of four years. The term will expire January 1, 2025.

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

Surplus Property

No surplus property was submitted.

Permit Report

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

EMS Report

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

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 McNeill – Yes

The next fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 13th day of April 2021:



Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:



Owen J. McNeill
Mason County Judge/Executive