

Mason County Fiscal Court  
Regular Session  
June 14, 2022  
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, Road Department Supervisor Joe Brown, Sheriff Patrick Boggs, County Treasurer Kim Muse, Emergency Management Director Clay Buser, Animal Shelter employee Walter Teegarden, and Executive Assistant Nathan Truesdell.

### **Introduction of Guests**

Judge/Executive McNeill introduced Lloyd Schiltz and Anthony Wenz with the Mason County Soil Conservation District. They presented a check for \$7,500.00 to be used for the fallen farm animal livestock removal program. Over the past 13 years, the district has secured over \$94,000.00 for the program, which has helped keep costs down for farmers as well. Members of the court thanked them for the funds and expressed appreciation for the program.

Next, Judge/Executive McNeill introduced Travis Cropper with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. They presented the Rural Secondary Recommendations for fiscal year 2022-2023. The total funds available are \$906,542.00, with the two recommendations totaling \$371,175.00. The two recommendations are for asphalt resurfacing parts of both KY 419 and KY 1597.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to adopt **Resolution 22-16**, which recommends improvements for appropriations from the Rural Secondary Road Fund as presented.

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

### **Resolution 22-15 - Juneteenth Recognition**

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to adopt Resolution 22-15, which recognizes June 19 as Juneteenth Freedom Day in Mason County, as presented.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn and seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the minutes from the May 10 regular meeting, the May 23 special meeting and the May 25 special meeting as presented.

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

### **Road Department**

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the May 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 O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the May report as presented by Walter Teegarden and attached hereto.

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

Mr. Teegarden told members of the court that six fundraisers have planned over the next six weeks, with proceeds going to the animal shelter.

### **Sheriff's Report**

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the Monthly Tax Disbursement Report for May totaling \$9,586.10 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 was submitted for review.

### **Landfill Report**

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the May report as presented 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 O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the May 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 McKay to accept the May 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 McKay to accept the May report as submitted by Solid Waste Enforcement Officer 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 O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the May 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 Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the May report as submitted 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 McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to authorize the payment of claims, including additional claims totaling \$616,408.65, 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 to approve the Financial Statement as of May 31, 2022, 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 McKay to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$201,916.00.

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

### **Mason County Clerk Request for Funds**

County Clerk Stephanie Schumacher explained that Senate Bill 216, passed during the last legislative session, requires security camera surveillance to be installed where election equipment is stored. Therefore, Clerk Schumacher shared an estimate from Knight Technologies LLC for two options, one being cloud-based and the other having a hard drive. Executive Assistant Nathan Truesdell explained the pros and cons of both options.

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the cloud-based option with Knight Technologies and approval for the Treasurer to pay.

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 May EMS Report for review. The report is attached hereto.

### **Permit Report**

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

### **New Business**

#### **Bid Acceptance - Replace Roof at Mason County Sheriff's Office**

Judge/Executive McNeill explained that the roof on the sheriff's office building needs replaced. A request for bids was published and only one bid was submitted. The bid was from Neeley Preferred Construction in the amount of \$30,668.45.

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the bid as presented with the condition of the repair of soft spots in roof be put in writing as well and approval for treasurer to pay once completed.

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

**Resolution 22-14 - BTSaR/MCFC/MCEM Annual Agreement**

Motion made by Commissioner O’Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to adopt Resolution 22-14, as presented and approve payment to the Buffalo Trace Search and Rescue in the amount of \$2,092.50, which is 25 cents per citizen residing in Mason County, outside the city limits of Maysville.

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

**Camp Discovery 2022 Request for Funds**

David Sugarbaker submitted a letter on behalf of Camp Discovery asking the fiscal court for its consideration of donation for the camp program this summer. The camp is open again after being closed for two years due to the COVID pandemic. This year’s camp is scheduled for 13 weeks.

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Camp Discovery for its 2022 summer program.

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

**Ordinance 22-02 - Maysville-Mason County Solar Energy Systems**

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to have the first reading of Ordinance 22-02.

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

Assistant County Attorney Robin Rice read in summary Ordinance 22-02, which adopts and affirms the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations of the Mason County Joint Planning Commission pertaining to the siting, development, construction, installation and decommissioning of solar energy systems. This was the first reading and no action was taken. The second reading will take place at the July meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Petition/Request to Adopt Jacobs Lane**

A petition was submitted asking the fiscal court to take into the county road system Jacobs Lane. Part of Jacobs Lane is maintained by the county. This section extends beyond the existing county road and serves three property owners. Owners will be notified that the current road condition must meet county specifications before it can be considered becoming part of the county road inventory.

### **Hudson Oil Proposition**

The proposition submitted is for the supplying of new double-walled gas tanks to be used at the road department. Judge/Executive McNeill said he would work on getting a one-year agreement, per the advice of County Attorney Estill.

### **Board Appointments**

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that Larry Dodge has been appointed Emergency Management Deputy. Garrett Honaker was appointed to the Maysville-Mason County Port Authority and Tracy Kinney was appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

### **Communication from the Judge/Executive and Commissioners**

Judge/Executive McNeill thanked the Maysville Community and Technical College for use of its auditorium for the May 25 special meeting on solar energy systems. He also thanked Austin Berry and his team for assisting with the technical aspects of the meeting. Lastly, Judge/Executive McNeill introduced Steve Clary, Loss Control Director with KACO. Steve said KACO awards grants to its members. KACO has awarded \$8,000.00 to Mason County to be used for reimbursement of its telematics system that is installed in the county vehicles. Each constitutional officer is eligible to apply for grants.

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

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

The next fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

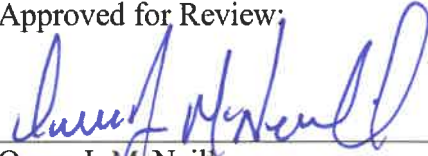
Respectfully submitted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022:



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Stephanie G. Schumacher  
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:



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Owen J. McNeill  
Mason County Judge/Executive