

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
October 12, 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), Assistant County Attorney Jackie Sue Wright via Zoom, Road Department Supervisor Joe Brown, Landfill Supervisor Todd Leonard, 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.

Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner McKay and seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the minutes from the September 14 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 September 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

Judge/Executive McNeill commended Supervisor Brown and the road department on the mowing and clean up done for the Limestone Cycling bike race. Commissioner Day asked about the preparations being done for the upcoming winter. Supervisor Brown commented that more salt has been ordered and trucks are being repaired and readied for the cold weather.

Animal Shelter

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the September 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

Sheriff Boggs distributed the 2022 budget for the Sheriff's Office to members of the court for review. He stated there was no monthly tax report for September. Also, property taxes will be collected in the sheriff's office beginning November 1, 2021. Tax bills will also be uploaded to the department's website for property owners to view and pay online if they so choose.

Sheriff Boggs also discussed the option of buying fuel from the City of Maysville for the department vehicles. The city will charge \$0.10 over rack price and every deputy will be issued a 4-digit code as well as a prokee key for every vehicle. The fuel tank currently used by the sheriff's department is owned by the county is several decades old and is affecting the quality of the fuel. Sheriff Boggs reported the City of Maysville's fuel tank location on top of the hill is more convenient.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to authorize the employees of the sheriff's department to purchase fuel from the City of Maysville for the department's fleet for \$0.10 above rack price as agreed.

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

Sheriff Boggs submitted a surplus list of vehicles to be sold. The list included four vehicles, but at the request of Sheriff Boggs, the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe was removed from the surplus list. The vehicles listed have high mileage and other maintenance issues.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the surplus list as provided by Sheriff Boggs, noting the withdrawal of the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe from the list submitted, with said vehicles to be sold.

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

Sheriff Boggs discussed with members of the court a quote for the purchase of body cameras to be worn by his department. The total cost of the project is \$120,946.42, with payments spread out over a five-year period. The cost includes equipment, licensing fees and warranty. Sheriff Boggs said he is working with Buffalo Trace Area Development District to attain grants.

Motion by Commissioner O’Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the purchase of the body cameras as proposed with approval for the first payment of \$10,294.66, to be made.

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

Sheriff Boggs submitted the Daily Activity Log for the third quarter of 2021 for review.

Landfill Report

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to accept the September 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 Day to accept the September 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 Day to accept the September 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 Report

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the September 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 September 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 O'Hearn to accept the September 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 McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to authorize the payment of claims, including additional claims totaling \$49,254.75, 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 September 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 Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to approve the Quarterly Investment Journal as of September 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 Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$38,476.00.

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

Ordinance 21-07 – 2nd Reading – Budget Amendment

County Treasurer Muse read in summary Ordinance 21-07, which is a budget amendment to include unbudgeted receipts. Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to adopt Ordinance 21-07.

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

New Business

Resolution 21-26 – National Police Memorial Week

Resolution 21-26 designates the week of October 11-17 as National Police Memorial Week in Mason County, and honors the service and anniversary of the death of Maysville Police Officer Danny Hay and the service and line of duty death of Kentucky State Police Trooper Anson Tribby.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to adopt Resolution 21-26, as presented and attached hereto.

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

CASA – Request for Funding

The Buffalo Trace Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program asked the court for its continued support to the program in the form of a donation. CASA provides trained community volunteers to speak on behalf of children who are victims of dependency, neglect and/or abuse. CASA strives to provide a volunteer for every child as well as offer resources to families and children.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to donate \$2000.00, which is the same amount donated in previous years.

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

Old Business

Ordinance 21-08 – 2nd Reading

Assistant County Attorney Jackie Sue Wright read ordinance 21-08 in summary. The ordinance is for a rezoning of property located at 4077 KY 10 from A-2 Agricultural to B-2 Highway Business.

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to adopt Ordinance 21-08 as read in summary and attached hereto.

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

Surplus Auction Report

Executive Assistant Nathan Truesdell reported to members of the court on the Surplus Auction held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Craig Stanfield was hired as the Auctioneer. There were 40 registered buyers at the event and 67 items were surplus and sold at the event. The total profits for the auction came to \$91,751.62.

Permit – South Ripley Road and EKP

Road Supervisor Joe Brown submitted a report of the status of South Ripley Road after East Kentucky Power had used the road for commercial purposes while completing its project. Brown reported minimal disturbance of the road area where the work occurred and advised that no course of action be taken at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner O’Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to terminate the permit given to East Kentucky Power for the use of South Ripley Road for commercial purposes now that the project has ended.

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

Board Appointments

Judge/Executive McNeill informed the court of several board appointments that were made recently. These included Simon Watt to the Board of Adjustments, Tim Brannen to the Buffalo Trace Regional Housing Authority, Dena Green to the Mason County Cemetery Board, and both Matt Comer and Steve Clary to the Mason County Extension District Board.

Communication from the Judge/Executive and Commissioners

Judge/Executive McNeill informed the members of the court that October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Also, on October 14, at 9:00 a.m. Judge/Executive McNeill will sign a declaration commemorating retired teachers’ week. In addition, on September 27, the county judge/executive’s office hosted Mason County women in agriculture for a discussion and signed a resolution in honor of the role these women play in agriculture in Mason County.

Adjournment

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, November 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 12th day of October 2021:



Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk
Approved for Review:



Owen J. McNeill
Mason County Judge/Executive