

Mason County Fiscal Court  
Regular Session  
September 13, 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, Assistant County Attorney Jackie Sue Wright, Road Department Supervisor Joe Brown, Sheriff Patrick Boggs, Jailer Lisa Kern-Yearly, County Treasurer Kim Muse and Landfill Supervisor Todd Leonard.

### **Introduction of Guests**

Judge/Executive McNeill introduced Jonathon Gay and Vanessa Keaton, who work for Addiction Recovery Care (ARC) and announced that the program would be expanding its services into Mason County. ARC began in 2008 as a referral services for those with a substance abuse disorder. It now houses over 1,000 people across the state and offers 30 different programs in 21 counties. ARC works with the court system to get out of jail those who would benefit from a treatment program. Liaisons from ARC would come to the detention center to evaluate inmates to determine if they would benefit from participation in the program. ARC intends to establish a permanent location in Mason County that would offer clinical and transport services. Members of the court thanked the presenters.

Judge/Executive McNeill introduced Tony Leiss, who has been appointed as the new Maysville Mason County Emergency Management Director. Mr. Leiss currently serves as the chaplain for the Maysville Police Department and has emergency management experience from his work with the Baptist church. Judge/Executive McNeill administered the oath and congratulated Mr. Leiss on his appointment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve the minutes from the August 19 special 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 McKay to accept the August 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 McKay to accept the August report as submitted and attached hereto.

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

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that Angela Allison has been named as supervisor of the Mason County Animal Shelter.

### **Sheriff’s Report**

Sheriff Boggs said there was not a Monthly Tax Report this month. The Monthly Vehicle Report was submitted for review.

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to accept the Sheriff’s report as presented by Sheriff Boggs.

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

### **Landfill Report**

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the August 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 McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the August 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 August report as presented 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 August 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

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that the waste tire collection event would be held on September 29 and 30, as well as October 1, at Industrial Park I.

### **Garbage Collection Report**

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the August 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 August 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 \$91,570.15, 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 August 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 Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$21,515.00.

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

County Treasurer Muse read in summary Ordinance 22-03, which is a Budget Amendment to include the receipt and disbursement of storage fees from the county clerk's office. This was a first reading.

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-03 as read and attached hereto.

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

### **Permit Report**

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

### **New Business**

#### **A. Request for funding for fire school**

Maysville Fire Chief Kevin Doyle submitted a request for funding to Mason County Fiscal Court. Chief Doyle asked for the court's consideration of donating \$500 to the Buffalo Trace Area Fire Fighters Association fire school, which will be held on October 21-23. The event attracts more than 300 firefighters, instructors and support staff to deliver professional training. Most of the students come from departments within our region.

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to donate \$500 to the Buffalo Trace Firefighter Association's fall fire school to be held October 21-23.

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

### **B. Road Department Truck Bid**

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that a bid opening for a 2022 Ram 5500 4x4 or its equivalent was held on Friday, September 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. No bids were submitted. Members of the court discussed buying from a dealer on the state price contract list. Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to purchase an international CV 4x4 cab and chassis, upgraded with a dump bed, plow and salt spreader, from Bluegrass International on the State Price Contract for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00. Delivery of the vehicle is not expected until January 2023 and the County Treasurer will investigate and report on financing options and seek authorization to pay for the vehicle at a subsequent meeting.

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

### **C. Kentucky Gateway Museum Center Funding Request**

C.J. Hunter, IV, Executive Director of the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center, submitted a letter to the fiscal court asking for its continued financial support with a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve the request for funding to the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

### **D. Tom Browning Boys and Girls Club Funding Request**

Caitlin Waddell, Executive Director of the Tom Browning Boys and Girls Club, submitted a request for funding to the Mason County Fiscal Court. The Boys and Girls Club offers many programs throughout the year to the youth in the area.

Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the request for funding by the Tom Browning Boys and Girls Club and donate \$10,000.00 to the club as in years past.

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

**E. Mason County Senior CDBG – Revolving Funds Guidelines**

Kristi Dodge, with Buffalo Trace Area Development District, presented the Housing Revolving Fund Guidelines concerning the Senior Housing Renovation Project. Motion made by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to adopt the Revolving Funds Guidelines for the Senior Housing Renovation Project as presented and attached hereto.

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

**F. Proposal for Transport Van for Detention Center**

Jailer Lisa Yeary addressed the court and asked for its consideration in purchasing a new van to be used at the Detention Center. Jailer Yeary explained with the increased possibility of transporting inmates to other jails and state institutions, the detention center is in need of a vehicle that can transport four or more inmates. Currently, none of the vehicles in the detention center inventory has this capability. Jailer Yeary has been in contact with Paul Miller Ford in Lexington, Kentucky. Paul Miller Ford is a state contract deal. The estimated cost of a cargo transit van is \$55,000.00. Jailer Yeary proposed the court purchase the van and commissary funds would be used to upgrade the van so as to transport prisoners safely. The upgrade is estimated to cost over \$30,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to approve the purchase of the cargo transit van from Paul Miller Ford for \$55,000.00.

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

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

Judge/Executive McNeill congratulated local attorney, Sue Brammer, on her retirement and thanked her for her service to the community. A reception will be held on Friday, September 16, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the law office of Royse, Zweigart, Kirk, Brammer and Caudill.

**Adjournment**

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 McNeill – Yes

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

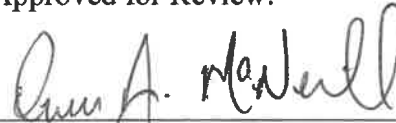
Respectfully submitted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022:



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Stephanie G. Schumacher  
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:



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Owen J. McNeill  
Mason County Judge/Executive