

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
October 11, 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, Jailer Lisa Kern-Yearly, County Treasurer Kim Muse, Landfill Supervisor Todd Leonard and Solid Waste Supervisor Shane Taylor.

Introduction of Guests

Judge/Executive McNeill introduced former Mason County Judge/Executive Buddy Gallenstein. Gallenstein has worked many years in the protection and restoration of the property on which stands the cabin where Colonel Charles Young was born. Gallenstein traveled to Washington DC and visited the embassies of both Liberia and Haiti. At each embassy, Gallenstein presented a block of wood from the log cabin of Colonel Young. Both embassies advocated for the promotion of Colonel Charles Young to the rank of Brigadier General, which President Joe Biden did. Gallenstein also visited Arlington Cemetery and thanked the National Association of Black Veterans for its assistance in advocating for the promotion of Colonel Young. Gallenstein said it has taken 42 years for Colonel Young to be promoted to Brigadier General. Lastly, Gallenstein said those involved would like to see the property in Mays Lick, on which the cabin is located, become part of the National Park System. He said the court would need to re-establish the Young committee and draft legal documents for the annexation process.

Next, Judge/Executive McNeill introduced Lori Ulrich, who was recently reappointed to the Buffalo Trace Wooden Covered Bridge Authority Board by Governor Andy Beshear. She currently serves as chairman of the board. Ulrich expressed her concern of the condition of the covered bridge in Dover. She said funding for wooden covered bridges has diminished and she and Judge/Executive McNeill have discussed different strategies for fund raising.

Lastly, Judge/Executive McNeill welcomed and introduced Jason York who serves as the Kentucky Emergency Management Area Manager.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve the minutes from the September 13 regular 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 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

Animal Shelter

Judge/Executive McNeill introduced to the court, Angela Allison, who is the new manager of the Mason County Animal Shelter.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the September report as submitted and attached hereto.

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

Sheriff's Report

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn and seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the Monthly Tax Disbursement Report for September totaling \$190,936.18 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 was submitted for review.

Landfill Report

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the September report as submitted by Supervisor Todd Leonard and attached hereto.

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

Supervisor Leonard said bids were opened on October 3, 2022, for the purchase of a used or new motor grader to replace the 1993 John Deere grader currently being used at the landfill. One bid was received. It was from Boyd Company and Caterpillar for a 2022 Caterpillar, 140-13 AWD for \$335,556.88. The landfill committee met and recommended Mason Fiscal Court proceed with the purchase of the 2022 Caterpillar as submitted on the bid from Boyd Company and Caterpillar.

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to purchase the 2022 Caterpillar for \$335,556.88, as submitted on the bid from Boyd Company and Caterpillar and for the county treasurer to finance the purchase through a lease purchase agreement with US Bank.

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

Supervisor Leonard also explained that approximately 13.5 acres of trees need to be removed before construction of Phase 6 of the contained landfill can begin. Several logging operations were contacted about the project and a request for bid was advertised but no bids were received.

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to advertise the bid again for the removal of the trees from the 13.5 acres.

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 McKay, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn 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 and Illegal Dumping Report

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the September report as presented by Shane Taylor and attached hereto.

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

Supervisor Taylor said the 5-year Area Solid Waste Management Plan for years 2023-2027 was submitted to the state at the end of September for approval. In addition, he reported that more than 8,100 tires were collected during the tire abatement event.

Garbage Collection Report

Motion by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner McKay 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 submitted by Jailer Lisa Kern-Yearly and attached hereto.

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

Also, Jailer Yeary reported that the decision had been made to terminate the contract with the Lewis County Fiscal Court as to housing its inmates. The Detention Center population is running too high. The inmates from Lewis County were relocated to other detention centers.

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner McKay to authorize the payment of claims, including additional claims totaling \$68,921.40, as presented and attached hereto.

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

Treasurer Muse explained the protocols in place for use of the county's credit card. The card is used only by administrators and has a \$10,000.00 limit.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the Quarterly Financial Statement as of September 30, 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 the Quarterly Investment Journal as of September 30, 2022, 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 \$46,015.00.

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

Permit Report

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

New Business

Resolution 22-22 – KY Employees’ 457 and 401(k) Deferred Compensation Plans

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Hearn to adopt Resolution 22-22, in which the Mason County Fiscal Court has elected to participate in the plans for the benefit of its employees and appoints the Kentucky Public Employees’ Deferred Compensation Authority as its agent in the administration of the plans.

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

Board Appointments

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that Lori Ulrich had been reappointed to the Buffalo Trace Wooden Covered Bridge Authority Board by Governor Andy Beshear. Also, Kirby Rosser was appointed to the Maysville-Mason County Joint Planning Commission, replacing Tom Coe, who recently passed away.

Adjournment

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

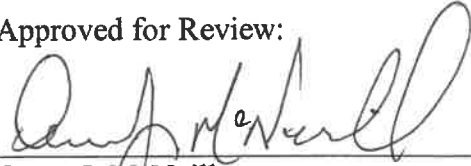
The next fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 11th day of October 2022:



Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:



Owen J. McNeill
Mason County Judge/Executive