

Mason County Fiscal Court
Regular Session
December 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, Sheriff Patrick Boggs, County Treasurer Kim Muse, Road Supervisor Joe Brown, Landfill Supervisor Todd Leonard and Emergency Management Director Tony Leiss.

Introduction of Guests

Judge/Executive McNeill welcomed City of Maysville Mayor Debra Cotterill to the meeting. Judge/Executive McNeill introduced Bill Marshall, who was in attendance representing the Limestone Cycling League. Mr. Marshall asked the court to consider making a donation, as in years past, to next year's cycling tour, scheduled for April 29, 2023. All proceeds from the tour will go to the flood victims in Eastern Kentucky.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to approve the donation of \$1,500.00 to the Limestone Cycling League for next year's tour scheduled for April 29, 2023, as requested by Bill Marshall.

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 November 15 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 November 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

Members of the fiscal court discussed the livestock removal program and the costs associated with it. Currently, the county is in a contract with Countryside Industries LLC and the cost is approximately \$2800.00 a month, according to County Treasurer Kim Muse. Members discussed the annual donation received from the Mason County Conservation District that benefits the livestock removal program. Members also discussed considering raising the price charged to farmers for removal of livestock.

Members discussed the assets at the Road Department. Supervisor Joe Brown informed the court that another dump truck had gone down and was not working. As of Friday morning, the county only has four working dump trucks. Recently, Supervisor Brown, Judge/Executive McNeill and Kelly Bradford traveled to Kentucky Surplus Division to look at surplus units. There are seven dump trucks available for sale. All units are 2010 Freightliners with Cummins motors. Both Supervisor Brown and Bradford advised the court to purchase all seven available units, due to the lack of working inventory at the Road Department. This would save money in that the county could cease spending money on trucks that were past repair and it would be easier to maintain a fleet that has the same model of truck. The cost is less than \$105,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to approve purchase of the seven dump trucks from the Kentucky Surplus Division for less than \$105,000.00, and permission for the county treasurer to pay.

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 November report as submitted by Supervisor Angela Allison and attached hereto.

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

Sheriff's Report

Motion by Commissioner Day and seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the Monthly Tax Disbursement Report for November totaling \$9,258,236.72, 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. Sheriff Boggs advised the court he will be purchasing snow tires for the Dodge Chargers.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Tony Leiss informed members of the court that the Mason County Emergency Management office has been awarded additional grant funding in the amount of \$6,787.50 for the purchase of five portable radios. These radios will be used by the director as well as the two deputies, with two in the command center to be used as needed. Sheriff Boggs also commented on the portable radios. Last week, Sheriff Boggs met with law enforcement with the City of Maysville about the grant received to encrypt the portable radios. Encryption is necessary for the safety of first responders. The encryption grant was in the amount of \$96,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn to accept the November report as presented by Emergency Management Director Tony Leiss and attached hereto.

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

Landfill Report

Motion by Commissioner McKay, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the November 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 O'Hearn to accept the November 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 November 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 November 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 McKay to accept the November 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 November 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 \$90,642.62, 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 November 30, 2022, as presented 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 November EMS Report for review. The report is attached hereto.

Permit Report

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

2023 County Clerk Budget

County Clerk Stephanie G. Schumacher presented the 2023 budget for the Mason County Clerk's Office to fiscal court for approval. The estimated budget for 2023 shows receipts totaling \$5,689,350.00, disbursements totaling \$5,491,850.00 leaving excess fees in the amount of \$197,500.00.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Day to accept the County Clerk's Budget for 2023 as a whole, with receipts totaling \$5,689,350.00, and disbursements totaling \$5,491,850.00, with an estimated amount of excess fees equaling \$197,500.00. The clerk budget is attached hereto.

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

County Clerk Schumacher presented the Annual Order Setting the Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants for approval by members of the court. The maximum amount that may be spent for 2023 for salaries for deputies is \$285,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Hearn approving salaries for deputy clerks in the amount of \$285,000.00 for 2023.

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

Board Appointments

Judge/Executive Owen McNeill informed members of the court of his decision to recommend the reappointment of Bill Boggs to the Buffalo Trace Area Development District.

Judge/Executive McNeill, along with Commissioner O'Hearn and Commissioner McKay, expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Day for his service to Mason County Fiscal Court and all of Mason County for the past twelve years. In recognition Commissioner Day's service, Judge/Executive McNeill presented Commissioner Day the Mason County Pioneer Award.

Communication from Judge/Executive and Commissioners

Judge/Executive McNeill said the Charles Young Cabin Committee is coming along well with getting the cabin registered with the National Parks.

Judge/Executive McNeill announced that there will be a special meeting on Dec. 30, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. The swearing in ceremony for the elected officials will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Justice Center.

Commissioner Joe McKay announced that the Knights of Columbus is again this serving Christmas dinners. Donations are being accepted and volunteers are welcome to help serve and deliver dinners. The Knights of Columbus serve over 700 meals.

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

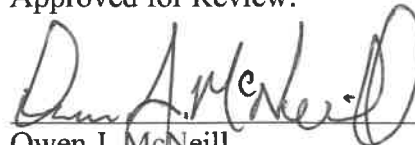
The next fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this the 13th day of December 2022:



Stephanie G. Schumacher
Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved for Review:



Owen J. McNeill
Mason County Judge/Executive