

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, September 18, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Judge Link opened in prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV and James Perkins.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the September 05, 2006, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of September, 2006, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. Some discussion was held on two Claims in the Jail Fund. One was to Norix Group, Inc. in the amount of \$12,116.25 for Bunks and one was to Vinyl Products Mfg. Inc. in the amount of \$5,365.25 for Mats-Beds. The Court decided they wanted to talk with the Jailer or the County Treasurer regarding these two Claims before approving them. Judge Link will ask one of them, or both, to attend the next Caucus meeting to discuss these claims. Judge Link did update on one large claim on Page 4 of the General Fund Claims but said these funds would not be disbursed until the Agreements have all been signed and the check will be held until such time as they are signed. He said that he had the

Agreements downstairs if they wanted to review them. Magistrate Conrad said she was aware of what those funds were for and had no problem with that Claim.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-306 thru 01-358 in the amount of \$127,894.83 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0092 thru 02-0111 in the amount of \$16,471.83 paid out of the Road Fund, Claims No. 03-137 thru 03-163 in the amount of \$120,242.82 minus the \$12,116.25 to Norix Group, Inc., and minus the \$5,365.25 to Vinyl Products Mfg., Inc., making the total approved Jail Fund Claims paid out in the amount of \$102,761.32, and Claim No. 04-0000003 in the amount of \$500.00 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of September, 2006, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for August 2006. No action is required. It is as follows: Magistrate Messer commended Canine Control Officer Jeremy Souder for the good job he is doing and said that there has not been as many animals euthanized since he has been there. He said he must be soliciting for more adoptions or something, but we need to commend him if that is what he is doing. Judge Link said we are very thankful for the employees at the Animal Control Shelter, the professionalism that they bring to the job and the dedication they bring to the job. It is not an easy job. They have to deal with a number of complaints and they get called out at all times of the day and evening. He knows that some people poke fun of the job, but they take it very seriously and they are doing a good job. He invited the Court, and said that we are

having a Dedication of the New Puppy Shelter on September 30th between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. The Dedication Ceremony starts at 11:00 AM. He invited the Court and everyone to attend and said it is a taxpayer run facility and this community is to be commended on the investment made there. It is a facility to be proud of and it is a very effective program. He said that all of our employees are dedicated employees to the person in the job and that they perform for the public, and he is proud of all of them. Magistrate Conrad also mentioned the articles on adopting the animals that are in the paper each week. She said that Rita Adams and Brenda Wilson give a lot of their time to take the pictures and do the write-ups and Jamie Baker Nantz at the Grant County News runs them each week which is wonderful and Jeremy says that most of those animals are adopted out very easily and quickly and that brings others to the Shelter to look at the animals. They can't get the ones in the paper, but they find animals that are suitable to them and that is a wonderful thing they have done to adopt so many animals out and it has worked very well. She updated on the persons that are involved with the Friends of the Shelter, i.e., Rita Adams, Brenda Wilson, herself, Jamie Baker Nantz and Shawn Morgan from Tractor Supply, and their funds and said they are working on a Spay Neuter Program to get that going. They have offered that to people several days and it was well attended. She said it is so much better than it was 40 years ago. This is a direct result of so much hard work and Jeremy Souder as well. She can't say enough about the job that Jeremy has done. Judge Link said that it is definitely a community effort. He said that he thought they just recently offered a Spay Neutering at a very low cost, about \$10.00, for some people who qualify. He is not sure how many took advantage of that but you couldn't beat the cost. He also acknowledged the City of Williamstown thru

Tony Penick and Tabitha Fryman of the Williamstown Cable on their weekly show where they do a Dog Segment and give an update on the Animal Shelter. They encourage people to come adopt and to support the Animal Shelter. He said that this just shows that when everyone cooperates and works together collectively and talks about these issues and says “Yes, it is one that we need to support”, good things happen. It just clearly demonstrates that over there at the Shelter and he appreciates Magistrate Conrad’s dedication to serving over there on that very important Board.

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Judge Link presented the County Treasurer’s Monthly Cash Position Report for August, 2006. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Re-Appointment of Steven Kellam as a member of the Grant County Cemetery Board for a 3 Year term retroactive to September 08, 2006, and to expire on September 07, 2009. It is as follows:

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the Re-Appointment of Steven Kellam as a member of the Grant County Cemetery Board as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

Judge Link also stated that he attended the Governor’s Office of Local Development Conference last week on Thursday and Friday, and said that Governor Fletcher presented a check to the county for the Cemetery Board to clean up the Lebanon Cemetery. He said that 51 presentations were made and he was Number 9, and there will be some publicity on that. He updated that Edna Cummins had made application for these funds to clean up

this Cemetery and he commended her and the Cemetery Board for soliciting these funds for the county.

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the ‘Good of the County’. He said that anyone could address the Court at this time. Judge Link invited all “Seniors” to come to the Senior Bash on Thursday, September 21st, at the Grant County Park in Crittenden, and to dress in the “50’s” Theme. All ladies are to wear bobby socks, saddle oxfords, poodle skirts and a white blouse. He said the Staff has been working very hard to make this a wonderful event, one that everyone would enjoy. He thanked the Magistrates for the appropriation they make towards this event, so it is a free event, which makes it successful. There is no charge. He said he noticed in the paper last week that Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties all charge their Senior Citizens \$5.00 to come to their event. He said they have great events, but in talking to them, he couldn’t find that they did any more than we do. We have had a tremendous amount of response and participation from our Businesses. A lot of them donate items for door prizes and they will be named so that everyone will know the Businesses who support them. He said that Elvis Presley will be there in Elvis Presley uniform and he will sing and do a little rock and roll, and all will have a great time. Judge Link appreciates the support and cooperation of the Fiscal Court to make this event possible and free of charge. It is a good time for us to speak to our Seniors and find out what is important to them. It gives them an opportunity to have those conversations with the Court to see if we are on the right track in everything the Court is trying to accomplish as a Court, so it is a day that everyone is blessed and we have fun. He also thanked all of those Committee members also who were working on this event, i.e. Vanessa Rose, Diane Smith, Rhonda Gordon

and Connie McClure and said they have worked very hard collecting prizes and we are looking forward to a very good day. Magistrate Austin reported that the Arts & Crafts Festival held last weekend went pretty well and it was free also and everyone was pleased with it. There were a lot of crafts, a lot of county people and a lot of out of the county people there. Judge Link also reported that the Parks and Recreation and the Chamber of Commerce had also held a Concert there over the weekend which was a free of charge and available to anyone to come out and enjoy. He said you just keep trying and keep trying. You make that investment and make those commitments and we will start to see good results. Magistrate Conrad also reported that Reb Stacey had donated property for the Webb Arnold House to be placed on the property next to Eagle Bank to give it a good home and it will be located across from where the new Judicial Center will be and she feels that is a good location and it will be in line with the Judicial Center. She is excited about that and appreciates Mr. Stacey doing that and she wanted to acknowledge that publicly. Judge Link reported that Magistrate Austin, he, Judge Bates, Steve Howe and Vince Gabbert traveled to Frankfort and made a presentation to the Judiciary Committee in regards to the Justice Center. The Committee approved it unanimously thus far for all the work we have done. He said they were able to provide them with the Conceptual Plan in regards to the Architectural work that has been performed and they were very pleased with our work. He said he received some feedback just a few days ago and it came directly from the Administrative Office of the Courts. They said that our facility that we have planned thus far is the best and the most comprehensive that they have witnessed yet and they are so excited about the fact that this kind of facility is going to be built and they commended us for the vision that had taken place. So again it is a

Committee that has worked cooperatively. There has been a few bumps in the road and we have had a few barriers to overcome, but we talked thru those and we are seeing good results.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that there would be a Public Properties Corporation meeting immediately following this meeting, and that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, September 25, 2006, at 5:30 P.M. Sheriff Dills will be present to discuss a couple of items and he will have the Jailer or County Treasurer present to discuss the two Claims discussed tonight, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, October 02, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, October 02, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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