

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 04, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Austin opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2007, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, 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 and Jail Fund for the month of September, 2007, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. He did report that there was a Claim in the General Fund for a Pauper Burial and it was to McDaniel Funeral Home for a Cremation for \$995.00.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0216 thru 01-0256 in the amount of \$35,475.13 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0093 thru 02-0110 in the amount of \$11,726.13 paid out of the Road Fund and Claims No. 03-0099 thru 03-0111 in the amount of \$50,537.25 paid out of the Jail Fund for the month of September, 2007, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the Applications submitted for the Area Development Funds (ADF) for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. Only one was submitted and it was from the City of Williamstown for the Williamstown Skywire Project to purchase towers and install them at various locations in Grant County to provide wireless broadband internet service to the citizens of Grant County. The total cost of the project is \$121,800.00 and is the investment they are making and that is a significant investment. They state that they will use the funds toward that investment which equates to 9%. Currently we have about 15,440 people by their estimate that doesn't have access to broadband internet service. He said that is probably intended to say high speed broadband. They are estimating that after the Project is completed that 95% of Grant County citizens would have access to high speed broadband internet access. He thinks that is significant. The map attached to the application shows large circles as to where these antennas are to be placed. He stated that he would note, and he does not know this to be absolutely true, but would think there are two pockets there South of Williamstown, one out toward the Holbrook area where it intersects with 1933 or Lawrenceville Road, and then one in the Southeastern quadrant around Cordova, 330 and the 36 area, that still may be going underserved, and that just suggests that maybe two more towers would need to be erected. He said that he would imagine if that turns out to be true after they get these towers up and we start receiving feedback, which he assumes a lot of it will be positive, then it might be worthy of the Court taking a second look to see if we can provide some further financial assistance that

would allow everyone to be served if it proves to be a success and looked to be cost effective on our part. Discussion was held and Judge Link recommended that we accept this application and award the ADF Funds to the City of Williamstown to be used as they have submitted. The application is as follows:

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to accept the Application of the City of Williamstown for the ADF Funds for the 2007-2008 fiscal year as presented, and that the Court being the Committee of four, awards the Grant to the City of Williamstown for the purpose of investing in the High Speed Internet Access as described on the City of Williamstown's application and to authorize the Judge/Executive to submit this application to the Northern Kentucky Area Development District for approval by their Board.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

Magistrate Linder said he thinks this is important. It is probably one of the top five things he heard while campaigning going door to door was high speed internet in parts of the county that didn't have it, and he thinks it is a good thing. Judge Link said "that is absolutely true and he thinks "Right On, Brian", and said it will also demonstrate what is in the Courts Goals and Objectives and so it will bring about part of the Court's vision as well and it is a great partnership".

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Judge Link presented for review the Road Supervisor's Report for August. No action is required. It is as follows: He also presented the Building Inspector's Report for August. No action is required. It is as follows: He also presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for August. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Candy Link as Part Time Secretary in the Office of the County Judge/Executive effective September 02, 2007, at a salary of \$13.00 per hour. It is as follows: He said that she comes in and assists us when Connie or Evalene has to be off and it allows us to keep the office fully staffed and that is the capacity that she is working.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Candy Link as Part Time Secretary in the Office of the County Judge/Executive as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, 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 Appointment of Christopher P. Webster to serve as Road Laborer for the Grant County Road Department effective September 10, 2007, at a salary of \$10.50 per hour. It is as follows: He said that Mr. Webster has a Class A-CDL License. He already has that available to him. Chris has been working part time at the Boone County Jail. He said that he just found out that they only employ about fifteen people full time at that Jail and the rest are part time. He is sure the reason for that is so they don't have to pay out for the benefits, and one is hazardous duty retirement. He feels that Chris will be an excellent addition to the Road Department.

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Christopher P. Webster to serve as Road Laborer for the Grant County Road Department as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented a copy of the minutes of the Grant County Fiscal Court dated June 08, 1960, recorded in Fiscal Court Order Book 11 Pages 239 and 240, discussing County Occupational License Taxes, Imposition, Penalties which he updated on. In those minutes it says that the Sheriff of Grant County or his deputies shall inspect the places of business required to have occupational license throughout the county as he makes his county inspection each month. This was to govern the sale of tobacco products and the sale of soda drinks or soda pops and pool halls. These are collected each year by the County Clerk and they in turn at the end of the year give the Sheriff a list of those businesses that are past due on obtaining this license. He said that he does not know what the environment was at that time or what their thinking was. It was brought to our attention a few weeks ago that a number of businesses disregard this and the Sheriff felt that he had an obligation or responsibility to enforce this and to go out and fine those businesses for not having these licenses. After discussing that issue with the Sheriff and a brief conversation with the County Attorney as well as the Court, he feels that all arrived collectively with the same logical conclusion as to why should we continue with this nonsense. Why don't we rescind the order. He talked to Ed and asked if it could be done just by Motion as opposed to Ordinance or Resolution, and his finding was that it could. He said if the Court understands all of this and agrees he is asking for a Motion to rescind the Order previously approved on June 08, 1960, and do away with this requirement.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to Rescind and Void the action taken by the Grant County Fiscal Court dated June 08, 1960, Recorded in Fiscal Court Order Book 11, Pages 239 and 240 regarding County Occupational License Taxes, Imposition, and Penalties as requested by Grant County Sheriff Chuck Dills.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link requested a Motion to Void Check No. 7672 dated 10-17-06 paid out of the General Expense Fund payable to Melissa Newman in the amount of \$107.83 due to the fact that she held the check and did not present it to the bank for deposit until after the 90 day timetable and her bank will not accept said check at this time.

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Void Check No. 7672 dated 10-17-06 in the General Expense Fund paid to Melissa Newman as requested.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link requested a Motion to Void Check No. 9637 dated 08-21-07 paid out of the Jail Fund to Brook's Meats in the amount of \$2,209.33 due to the fact that said check should be made partly to Books Meats and the balance should be made to Uncle Charlie's Meats.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to Void Check No. 9637 dated 08-21-07 in the Jail Fund payable to Brook's Meats as requested.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the County Treasurer's Annual Financial Report for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year. No action is required. It is for the Court to take home and review.

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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. No one did. Judge Link updated for all the Seniors at home that the Seniors Bash will be held on the third Thursday of this month, September 20th beginning at 11:00 AM. He said they would eat around Noon and then give out the Door Prizes. He said that we welcome all of our Senior citizens to come to the park and attend this event. It will give them a chance to meet with the Magistrates who serve them on a daily basis if not hourly, and it is a good time to communicate with you on what your issues are and also to see you and have a good time and fellowship and he encouraged everyone to come. He also stated that he had done an Interview with Ken Stone today and that it will air on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM. He said that if anyone was up at that hour and wants to get an overview on some of the Projects that are going on in the county, he suggested that they tune in to Ken Stone's show on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM. He also stated that this Friday there will be another tour of Lake Williamstown to continue to push and advocate the Expansion of the lake, and if anybody would like to be a part of that, please let him know. It will begin about 11:00 AM and should conclude about 1:00 PM, so if there is any interested at home or anyone interested in that tour, please let him know. He also said that Judge Moore and he were able to make Presentations to the Sub Committee on Transportation today regarding all

the reasonable Projects in Northern Kentucky. Judge Moore did a good job, a great job in being an advocate for the urban counties, Boone, Kenton and Campbell, and he was humbly honored to be able to present the Projects for the five rural counties, Grant, Owen, Gallatin, Pendleton and Carroll, so we may see or hear something about that. Magistrate Austin encouraged all Senior citizens to attend the Senior Bash and to bring someone with them who hasn't been there in the last couple of years, and we will try to show them a good time

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that there would be a Public Properties Corporation meeting immediately after this meeting and that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, September 10, 2007, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, September 17, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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