

**Minutes  
Grant County Fiscal Court  
August 3, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood called to order the August 3, 2015 meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court.

Those in attendance were Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood; Magistrates Jacquelyn Riley, Bobby Newman, and Shawna Coldiron; Joe Taylor, County Attorney; Sheriff Chuck Dills; Deputy Judge/Executive & Fiscal Court Clerk Scott Kimmich.

Citizens in attendance were: John Souder, Chief Deputy Sheriff Brian Maines, Deputy Sheriff Mike Webster, Robert Hall, and Teresa Wood.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Judge Wood led in the Pledge and called upon Rhonda Fields, Christ Community Church to offer the invocation.

**Review and Approval of the Agenda**

Judge Wood presented the Agenda for approval. Magistrate Coldiron offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Judge Wood presented the minutes of the Meeting held July 20, 2015 for consideration. Magistrate Riley offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

**Delegations**

Judge Wood recognized Dr. Lynn Saddler, Director of Public Health for the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District for her annual report of activities.

After her presentation, Magistrate Riley commended Dr. Saddler and her staff for their collaborative efforts in improving the health awareness in Grant County through their participation on the FFLAG program.

**Executive Orders**

Executive Order 15-55

Judge Wood presented for Fiscal Court acknowledgment and confirmation of Executive Order

15-55 which authorizes James Daugherty to continue perform electrical inspections in Grant County, Kentucky, pursuant to Kentucky Statute.

Magistrate Coldiron offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Fiscal Matters**

#### **Claims List**

Judge Wood presented for the court's approval the claims list dated August 3, 2015 against the General Fund; Road Fund; and Jail Fund.

Magistrate Coldiron advised that upon review she saw where the water bill at the detention center have climbed to \$19,000 again this month.

Magistrate Riley questioned the fees related to the Sherman Tavern and was advised this is for engineering for the sewer line to join up with the school and for the new drive off the school entrance. She also questioned the new servers and was advised this will serve all the departments.

Magistrate Newman questioned the cost for the mowing at county parks in the amount of \$450.00 and suggested the county look at having the inmates cut the grass in the parks.

Magistrate Riley moved approval of the Claims List and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE on all claims except those payments to Owen Electric, upon which she requested the record reflect her as present but not voting; Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried.

Judge Wood presented a request of the Treasurer to acknowledgement that Check #21939 was issued on July 21, 2015 for Fred Jernigan in the amount of \$550.00 which was incorrect. The Treasurer has taken steps to stop payment on the check and issue Check #21967 in the amount of \$105.00

Judge Wood advised there would be no action needed, simply that the Clerk would report the matter in the minutes.

### **Ordinance and Resolutions**

Judge Wood advised the Fiscal Court there were two ordinances for first reading and ask the clerk to report both Ordinances 07-2015-682 and 07-2015-683.

The Clerk presented both ordinances by title and summary.

Judge Wood presented Ordinance 06-615-681 for second reading and final passage and asked the clerk to report.

The Clerk reported Ordinance 06-615-681:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GRANT COUNTY FISCAL COURT ENACTING AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR SETTING FEES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF TIRES IN THE COUNTY OF GRANT, KENTUCKY.

Magistrate Riley moved approval of the passage of Ordinance 06-615-681 on final passage and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE; Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Sheriff's Request for Reclassification**

Judge Wood presented a request of the County Sheriff to reestablish the position of Captain in the Sheriff's office and establish a salary for said position.

Judge Wood advised the sheriff has submitted his written justification for the position, it should be noted this is not an increase in current personnel, it is a reclassification of a position to which a current employee will be appointed as part of a departmental shift created as a determination by the sheriff to appoint Sgt. Brian Maines to the position of Chief Deputy, a decision within the discretion of the Sheriff.

Magistrate Newman moved to approve the Sheriff's recommendation and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion.

Magistrate Coldiron said that she was not questioning the decision of the Sheriff to do the reclassification, but was concerned that this measure is coming within the first 30 days of a new fiscal year. She said this item should have been presented as part of the overall budgeting process as decisions related to personnel are part of best practices that should be undertaken in a global perspective.

Sheriff Dills advised that at the time he prepared the budget, while it was known Chief Deputy Hagedorn was planning to retire, the exact time of his departure was not known.

Magistrate Coldiron expressed her continuing concern that when adjustments are made to salaries after the adoption of the budget, there are increases in the soft cost, including pensions, are not taken into consideration.

Sheriff Dills assured the court that he could accommodate the requested adjustment and soft cost in the current budget as he had budgeted the salary to hire a full-time person and that hire did not take place until August 1.

Sheriff Dills explained that as part of this process the position of Chief Deputy, being filled by someone without the years of experience enjoyed by former Chief Troy Hagedorn will require some shifting of duties within the overall structure and that the elevation of Sgt. Switzer will provide for those shifting duties.

Chief Deputy Maines explained that as second shift supervisor he was frequently called to handle matters requiring early arrival. This transition to a Captain will alleviate some of that overlapping of shifts.

Magistrate Coldiron said she wanted to be clear that her objections were not to the final outcome or the personnel involved. She said it is her opinion that consistency is essential to managing the county's business and that the county has to be more focused on the decisions like this during the budgeting process, not after the fact.

Judge Wood called for a vote on the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted NO; Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Judge Wood requested action of the court to extend the expiration date of Executive Order 15-45 setting salaries and positions in the Grant County Detention Center for thirty (30) days.

Magistrate Newman said since the Jailer was not present there was little else the court could do but would like a letter sent to the Jailer to make sure he is at the next meeting.

Magistrate Riley confirmed this is a thirty calendar day extension, not thirty days from the date of the last order. She was advised this is the intent.

Magistrate Newman moved to extend the terms of the order as requested and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. Judge Wood called for a vote on the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted YES; Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **Administrative/Departmental Reporting**

Deputy Judge Kimmich advised there had been one proposal submitted for Fiber Optic and Internet services and that had been from Cincinnati Bell. The proposal has been turned over to the County Attorney for his review.

### **Citizen's Address**

No citizens sought recognition.

### **Judge's Report**

Judge Wood advised the Williamstown Baptist Church had invited him to share in the celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Frances Stanley, who turned 96. He said it was a nice celebration and he was appreciative of the opportunity to participate on behalf of the court.

Judge Wood advised the Ark will have a booth at the State Fair and encouraged anyone who wanted to participate to contact them, it would be a good opportunity to showcase the community. Magistrate Newman advised the Tourism Commission and Historical Society will also be involved in the booth.

## **Executive Session**

Judge Wood requested that the court take action to reconsider the motion by which the agenda had been approved to include Executive Session. Magistrate Riley moved approval of the request and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Magistrate Riley moved to retire to Executive Session pursuant to the provision of KRS 61.810 (1)(f) - Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee. Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion which carried on a voice vote.

Magistrate Riley moved to return to open session and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Judge Wood advised there was no action as a result of the Executive Session.

Magistrate Riley moved to retire to Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f) and Magistrate Coldiron Seconded the motion.

## **Adjournment**

Judge Wood requested a motion to adjourn Fiscal Court to the hour of 7:00 p.m. EST on August 17, 2015, or until the call of the chair. Magistrate Coldiron moved to adjourn and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion.

The Court adjourned on a voice vote.

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Stephen P. Wood  
Grant County Judge/Executive