

Minutes of the Grant County Fiscal Court May 16, 2016 Meeting

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood called to order the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court at 7:00 P. M. in the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky. Magistrate Shawna Coldiron gave the invocation and Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: The Honorable Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood; Magistrates Jacquelyn Riley, Shawna Coldiron, and Bobby Newman; County Attorney Joe Taylor; Sheriff Chuck Dills, Jailer Chris Hankins; and Deputy Judge/ Fiscal Court Clerk Scott Kimmich. Guests: Howard & Cindy Chipman, Travis Collins, Mike & April Robinson, Missy Preston, William Adkins, Deputy Jailer Jason Hankins, Edna Cummins, (Representing the Grant County Soil Conservation District,) Dave Justice (KBA) Tim Brown, (KBA), Deputy Sheriff Mike Webster, and Jamey Rhoton.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood requested a motion for approval of the amended agenda by the court. Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

DELEGATIONS

Judge Wood recognized Mrs. Edna Cummins of the Grant County Soil Conservation District who presented a copy of the annual report of the Soil Conservations District. She explained the importance of the programs and thanked the Fiscal Court for the opportunity to serve.

The Fiscal Court members expressed their appreciation of the work of the Soil Conservation District.

Judge Wood presented a Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness month in Grant County and recognized the members of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association present to accept the proclamations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood presented for approval the minutes of the meeting held May 2, 2016.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion.

Magistrate Riley advised that inasmuch as she had not been present at the meeting she was not comfortable voting to establish the official record of what had taken place. She advised she would like the record to reflect that she was present, but not voting on the approval of the minutes. There being no discussion on the motion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon Judge Wood, Magistrate Coldiron, and Magistrate Newman voted in the affirmative.

FISCAL MATTERS:

Line Item Transfers

Judge Wood presented for approval the transfers among line items to provide for payment of the claims as presented.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Claims List

May 5, 2016

Judge Wood presented for acknowledgement the claims against the General, Jail and Road Funds dated May 5, 2016, paid pursuant to the standing orders.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion.

Magistrate Coldiron requested that the record reflect that she was present but not voting on the claims paid to Owen Electric.

There being no discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative with Mrs. Coldiron's vote reflecting present but not voting on the claims to Owen Electric.

May 16, 2016

Judge Wood presented for approval the claims against the General, Jail, and Road Funds dated May 16, 2016.

Magistrate Riley moved approval and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion for approval.

There being no discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Voided Checks

Judge Wood presented for the court's approval the request of the County Treasurer to stop payment of the following checks as they have been outstanding for more than 90 days. Check # 22762 in the amount of \$165.00 from the General Fund, Check # 22831 in the amount of \$25.00 from the General Fund, and to void check # 23250 in the amount of \$420.00 drawn against the General Fund.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

CASH POSITION REPORT

Judge Wood presented for the acknowledgement of the court the Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge/Executive Steve Wood presented for the court's consideration 3 Change Orders that were necessary in the renovation of the Detention Center as recommended by the project manager and reviewed and recommended by the architect.

- a. Change Order # 1: Replacement of the acoustical ceiling in D-41, and installation of 5 lay in lights for a total of \$2,264.12.
- b. Change Order # 2: Smoke Evacuation System changes to comply with Kentucky Department of Corrections Life Safety Standards in the amount of \$19,964.00.
- c. Change Order # 3: Additional lumber and work on the parapet in the amount of \$10,783.14.

Magistrate Coldiron questioned the increase in the cost for the smoke evacuation system from the original estimate and was advised that the increased costs were associated with the need to replace more than 50 detectors in the system.

Magistrate Riley questioned whether plans have been put in place to insure future maintenance of the system and was advised that this has been addressed.

Magistrate Newman moved approval and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion.

There being no discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Judge Wood returned to Financial Matters and requested the court to grant approval for

the County Treasurer to proceed in the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in the event the county does not receive the reimbursement from the Department of Corrections in time to meet payroll.

Magistrate Riley moved approval and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative. *(Note item was approved as agenda item and simply taken out of order.)*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-06

Judge Wood presented Resolution 16-06 for consideration of the court.

A RESOLUTION OF THE GRANT COUNTY FISCAL COURT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT THE COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE AND OR HIS DESIGNEES BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED IN PREPARING A REPORT ON FUTURE OPTIONS RELATED TO CORRECTIONS IN GRANT COUNTY TO INCLUDE BUT BE NOT LIMITED TO REGIONALIZATION OR PRIVIZATION TO INSURE THE LONG TERM FINANCIAL STRENGTH AND STABILITY OF THE FACILITY AND THE COUNTY.

Magistrate Newman moved approval and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 03-2016-689 (Action is requested)

Judge Wood presented for Second Reading and Final Passage, Ordinance No. 03-2016-689.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GRANT, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MILES PER HOUR ON EIBECK LANE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.

Magistrate Newman moved approval and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 05-2016-691

Judge Wood recognized the Clerk of the Court who advised that the request of the Administration is to defer action on this ordinance pending development of additional information determined essential to the fulfillment of the terms and conditions of the provision of the agenda.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval of the request to table the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 05-2016-691 pending the completion of additional information.

Magistrate Riley seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GRANT, KENTUCKY, DIRECTING THE CREATION OF A PART TIME POSITION, REPORTING TO THE COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE AND FISCAL COURT, IN THE SAME FASHION AS THE COUNTY TREASURER. THE POSITION SHALL BE ENTITLED COUNTY AUDITOR AND HIS/HER RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL BE TO ASSIST THE FISCAL COURT IN THE OVERSIGHT OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE GRANT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-2016-690

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GRANT COUNTY FISCAL COURT DIRECTING THE COUNTY JAILER TO COLLECT MEDICAL COPAYMENTS FROM INMATES LODGED IN THE GRANT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER AND TO REMIT FUNDS FORTHWITH TO THE GRANT COUNTY TREASURER TO OFFSET THE COST OF MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED INMATES AT THE GRANT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. There

being no further discussion on the motion, Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: IF ANY

Judge Wood advised there would be no Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING

There were no administrative reports.

JUDGE/EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood advised he had nothing to report under the Judge's Report.

CITIZEN'S ADDRESS

Missy Preston who serves as the part-time bookkeeper at the Detention Center advised the Court that there are outstanding debts by inmates owed the Detention Center in the amount of \$7,585,657.30. She presented the Court with a few pages of what she advised is a 400 page report.

Magistrate Riley, who previously worked at the Detention Center advised part of her prior job responsibilities was to make calls and collect the fees due. She questioned whether there is a current program to handle collections.

Jailer Chris Hankins advised the current recovery of debt is handled through a third party vendor.

Ms. Preston questioned whether legal action could be taken to recover the fees due.

Judge Wood advised this matter will be referred to the County Attorney for a future update.

Deputy Jailer Howard Chipman advised the jail under the previous administration has been an embarrassment and the Jailer Hankins has straightened out the operations and is running it efficiently. (Note: This was the opinion of the speaker, no one present was disparaging the current or previous administrations at the jail.)

Magistrate Riley explained the action to consider privatization or regionalization was the responsibility of the Fiscal Court in performing their due diligence in the long term spending of limited county tax dollars.

Magistrate Coldiron explained it was the responsibility of the Fiscal Court to maintain transparency in their analysis of long term options and that this Resolution would insure that all actions are public and all parties will be aware of the considerations of the court.

Ms. Preston expressed dismay that there is consideration being given to privatization or regionalization because the jobs of 40 hard working people are at stake.

Judge Wood advised the Court is well aware of the importance of the jobs the jail employees perform and that there are many other hard working employees whose jobs have equal important to the operation of the county and in fairness to all employees in every department this analysis needs to take place.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Wood announced he would entertain a motion to adjourn until the hour of 7:00 P. M. Monday, June 6, 2016.

Magistrate Riley moved adjournment and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote.

Grant County Judge Executive
Stephen P. Wood