

**Minutes
Grant County Fiscal Court
October 19, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Wood called to order the October 19 meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court and advised that inasmuch as there were three members present the body was legally constituted to do business.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood, Magistrates Jacquelyn Riley and Shawna Coldiron, Deputy Judge Scott Kimmich, and Recreation and Community Outreach Director Mattie Gutman.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Judge Wood recognized David Shanklin, Pastor of the Violet Ridge Church of Christ, to offer the invocation after which Judge Wood led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Judge Wood requested a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Magistrate Riley moved approval and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. There being no further discussion on the motion, Judge Wood asked the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Judge Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 5. Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion with corrections on Page 4, where the word deleted had been misspelled; on page 5, the contract with Bobby Whitaker was mistakenly reported to have been seconded by Magistrate Coldiron, when it had in fact been seconded by Magistrate Newman; and finally, the adjournment should reflect adjournment until the Special Called meeting to be held on October 12, or until the call of the Chair. There being no other member seeking recognition Judge Wood asked the clerk to call the role whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

DELEGATIONS:

There were no delegations seeking recognition of the court.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

Judge Wood advised there were no Executive Orders to present.

FISCAL MATTERS:

Judge Wood asked for a motion and second to approve the claims list dated October 19, 2015 against the General, Jail, and Road Funds.

Magistrate Riley moved approval and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion.

There was a discussion concerning the cost reimbursement on roadside clean-up and Deputy Judge Kimmich advised that this number reflects 70% of the costs associated with the program. He explained while the number of bags collected is dropping, monitoring by the state reflects the measurable progress in keeping the roadsides clean.

Magistrate Riley questioned whether the payment to Edie Ireland includes the restrooms at Mullins Field and was advised the contract does not.

Magistrate Coldiron suggested the county contact the Dry Ridge Reuse Center to find replacements for the commodes vandalized in the county park. Deputy Judge Kimmich advised it is a common practice in some counties to acquire fixtures from buildings being demolished to maintain a stock of fixtures to keep the parks in good working order despite vandalism.

Magistrate Coldiron also questioned the prescription drug program costs at the detention center, explaining that based on the current funding trends the costs could well exceed the \$120,000 appropriated for this fiscal year. Magistrate Riley expressed that she had similar concerns and had asked the Deputy Judge, prior to the meeting, to examine the situation and review the pharmacy utilization to determine if there is a consistent return policy of pharmaceuticals through the blister pack distribution system.

Magistrate Riley questioned whether the county is collecting co-payments and prescription reimbursement from the inmates through their commissary accounts. Deputy Judge Kimmich advised he would evaluate the situation and report back.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Judge Wood advised there were no ordinances or resolutions to bring before the court.

OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:

Judge Wood advised there was no old business to bring before the court.

ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:

Judge Wood recognized Mattie Gutman, Director of Recreation and Community Outreach, for an update of activity within her department.

Mrs. Gutman reported on facilities and the potential to spruce them up and create more revenue from the facilities. She brought forth the issue of security in the parks and advised she is working with the Sheriff and Director of Emergency Management to evaluate the potential of putting cameras in key locations in the parks. She explained that vandals had broken windows, destroyed toilets and doors on the stalls, and torn fire exit signs from the walls. Of the apparent favored means of clogging the plumbing in the park is to stuff large quantities of paper towels in the commodes.

Mrs. Gutman also raised the issue of the concession stand that had burned during the previous term and whether the facility was insured. Deputy Judge Kimmich will review and report back.

In reporting on the upgrading of the soccer fields, Mrs. Gutman advised there is a plan to aerate the fields, spread manure or compost, and follow-up with split seeding early in 2016. She expressed the soccer league seems pleased with the work that has been done.

The Mud Run and Bark in the Park have been completed with reported mixed results. It was discussed that the Mud Run had not generated the participation from Grant County running enthusiasts that had been anticipated. There were estimates that of the 133 runners who took part in the event, only 20 were from Grant County. Given this estimate, the per person cost for Grant County participants, for hard costs only, including shirts and advertising, was \$50.00.

Magistrate Riley explained this had been initiated as part of a larger effort to promote tourism but this year participation from the Tourism Commission had significantly declined.

Monster Mash is well underway with approximately 20 vendors having committed to participate. The county will be distributing apples in place of candy as part of a health awareness campaign, Depending on weather conditions it was announced the movie planned for the evening may shown in the cattle barn.

JUDGE/EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Judge Wood advised that DHL, a large employer at the Cincinnati/Northern KY International Airport, is preparing to expand by more than 200 jobs and has preliminarily agreed to host a job fair in Grant County for employee recruitment

Judge Wood explained the County Treasurer has requested permission, in the event the state reimbursement for inmates is not received, to transfer \$50,000 from the Certificates of Deposit to meet the detention center payroll.

Magistrates expressed concern that given the fiscal constraints the county is facing until tax receipts start coming in, the expenditures at the detention center do not seem to be slowing. It was questioned whether the Jailer had submitted his staffing plan consistent with the actions of the court and the members were advised the plan has not been submitted.

Judge Wood moved to authorize the Treasurer, if necessary, to borrow proceeds not to exceed \$50,000 from the Certificates of Deposit to cover payroll at the Detention Center. Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion.

All members expressed they were taking his action reluctantly and with reservations considering the spending and lack of cooperation seen from the Detention Center.

No members seeking further recognition, Judge Wood asked the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative

CITIZENS' ADDRESS:

There were no citizens seeking recognition of the court.

ADJOURNMENT:

Judge Wood requested a motion to adjourn the court until 7:00 p.m. pm Monday, November 2, 2015. Magistrate Coldiron moved to adjourn and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. The court adjourned on a voice vote:

Signed:

Stephen P. Wood
County Judge/Executive