

**Minutes of the  
Grant County Fiscal Court  
May 18, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood called to order the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court.

Those in attendance were Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood; Magistrates Jacquelyn Riley, Bobby Newman, and Shawna Coldiron; County Attorney Joe Taylor; County Jailer Chris Hankins and Chief Deputy Donnie Mullikin; Deputy Judge & Fiscal Court Clerk Scott Kimmich.

Citizens in attendance were: Chuck <sup>Given</sup> Given, Robert Hall, Philip Knarr, Dewey & Krissy Schlueter, Estella & James Adams, Lisa Tucker, Sean Delaney, Tonya Beagle, Lula See, Missy Preston, Ann Greene, Jim Thorne, Teresa Wood, Mike Webster, Steve Coldiron, Bobby Burgess, Kathy Burgess, John Souder, April Smith, Tim Sloane, Fran Sloane, Clara and Vanous Brown.  
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**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Judge Wood called upon Rev. Johnny Hoskins, Williamstown Church of God, to offer the invocation after which Judge Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 May 4, 2014 for consideration. Magistrate Newman offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Riley 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:**

Judge Wood presented for approval the claims list dated May 18, 2015 against the General, Road, and Jail Funds. Magistrate Riley offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE on all claims other than those to Owen Electric, upon which she asked to be recorded as present but not voting, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Wood presented Resolution 15-02(K) approving line item transfers, within funds, to provide for the payment of bills. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS, IF ANY:**

Judge Stephen Wood presented the Frontiersman Award to Tommy Judd for his heroic efforts in saving a woman who was being assaulted and for assisting in the arrest of the perpetrator.

Judge Stephen Wood presented a Certificate of Merit to the VICE Team of the Grant County Sheriff's Office, which is a citizen organization formed by the Sheriff's Office to assist in the management of community events in the county.

Judge Stephen Wood called forward Mr. Sean Delaney for a presentation by the Grant County Youth Soccer Association.

Mr. Delaney recognized the officers of the GCSA and advised Mrs. Krissy Schlueter would present the information on behalf of the league. A copy of the handout is available in the office of the Judge/Executive for review.

Ms. Schlueter thanked the court for the ability to present on behalf of the Grant County Youth Soccer which is a private non-profit organization established 10 years ago to provide spring soccer leagues as well as fall soccer leagues. She advised the court that there are 224 young people engaged in the fall league.

She advised that some years ago the fiscal court purchased a parcel of land to be used for soccer fields but that the property has a complete lack of shade, the ground is hard and grass cannot grow there. She said there needs to be a shelter house, and that in fact, the fiscal court had budgeted for shelter a number of years ago and the shelter was never built.

It was explained no such funding had been in the budget for 2014-15 and no such structure is budgeted for 2015-2016.

She explained the terrain makes use of the fields unsafe for the children. She also enlightened the court that the league had placed a small storage building in the property and the winds coming across the field had blown the building down. She also said that port o lets on the site have been blown over because of the wind blowing across the ridge.

Magistrate Coldiron expressed that the wind blowing across the field without protection of the trees likely resulted in some of the problems with the compactness of the soil.

Judge Wood advised he would have the county's Director of Recreation and Community Programs look into the site development issues and report back to the court.

Magistrate Riley expressed her desire that the site evaluation include options for the potential placement of a more permanent structure on the site.

**Inmate Phone Contract**

Judge Stephen Wood presented for the consideration of the Court a recommendation of the Grant County Jailer to proceed in terminating the contractual relationship with the current inmate phone vendor and transferring the service to Combined Public Communications. Judge recognized the Jailer who called on his Chief Deputy for a report.

Mr. Mullikin advised the court the Jail operates an inmate phone system for which the inmates are charged on a per call basis. He said switching vendors could result in an increased level of funds for the jail, perhaps as much as \$60,000 per year and recommended the court take action to approve.

Magistrate Newman questioned the status of the existing contract and was advised the vendor is on a month to month contract. When he questioned whether an automatic renewal had kicked in as a result of the previous court to take action to terminate the contract and was advised this had not occurred.

Magistrate Coldiron stated the recommended contract does not make a formal monetary commitment and was advised by Mr. Mullikin that the vendor could not make a formal commitment as the revenue is directly tied to the number of calls an inmate makes. Mrs. Coldiron questioned whether other vendors had been consulted and was advised they had been but this vendor was chosen because, "they are local and they did not blow smoke".

Magistrate Newman also questioned whether the current vendor had been given an opportunity to participate in the process and was advised they had but that the recommended vendor recommended a higher level of services with increased revenue. Mr. Newman questioned whether there had been problems with the current vendor and Mr. Mullikin expressed there had been no significant problems. However, Missy Preston advised there had been problems with the system freezing up which resulted in a lack of willingness of people to pay for the system and that had resulted in loss of revenue.

Judge Wood advised that if it is the court's desire to act on this contract there would first need a motion to approve a Letter of Agency authorizing the release of all documents on the system to the new vendor. Magistrate Riley 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.

Judge Wood then called for a motion to enter into a contract with Combined Communications as recommended by the Jailer. Magistrate Riley 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.

### **Jail Food Services Contract**

Judge Wood presented to the Fiscal Court the recommendation of the Jailer to proceed in the execution of an extension of the current contract with Aramark. Judge Wood recognized the Jailer who deferred to the Chief Deputy for an explanation. Mr. Mullikin advised he would like to see approval of the contract extension to hold down long term costs at the Detention Center. He explained that by extending the life of the contract the meal costs could be locked in and also explained this contract provides for three hot meals each day.

Magistrates Newman and Riley both questioned the term of the contract and were advised the contract would end in 2018 as amended.

Judge Wood questioned the need for three hot meals and was advised this is an inmate population control mechanism that allows the jail to better manage behavior of the jail population.

Magistrate Newman questioned whether there were protections in the contract that if the vendor or inmates under the control damage the equipment through negligence, they should be held accountable. Mr. Mullikin advised this is not provided for in the contract.

Magistrate Riley questioned whether there has been a comprehensive analysis of the potential to return to the food preparation at the facility using county personnel after the kitchen renovation takes place later this year. She was advised by Mullikin this is not something he would recommend to the Fiscal Court.

Magistrate Coldiron offered a motion to approve the contract extension as requested and Magistrate Riley 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.

### **Executive Orders**

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-32 providing for a Reorganization for the operation of various departments in Grant County government. 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.

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-33 to confirm the appointment of Kyle Wallace to serve as Program Assistant for the Grant County Recreation and Community Programs at an annual salary of \$26,000, as an at will employee to be effective May 20, 2015. 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.

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-34 to confirm the appointment of Michael Drysdale to the Kenton County Airport Board for a four year term of office to commence on July 15, 2015 and to expire on July 15, 2019. Magistrate Newman 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.

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-35 to confirm the appointment of Roxanne Howe to the Grant County Library District Board. Magistrate Coldiron offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Riley 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.

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-36 to confirm the appointment of Cara Copes to the Grant County Library District Board. 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.

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-37 to confirm the nomination of Peggy Updike for reappointment as Grant County Treasurer for a term of office to commence on July 1, 2015 and to expire on June 30, 2019, at her established rate of pay. Magistrate Newman offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. Both Judge Wood and Magistrate Coldiron expressed deep appreciation of the level of professionalism and skill that Mrs. Updike brings to the Treasurer's post. 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.

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-38 to confirm the appointment of Colton Simpson as an at will employee in a seasonal capacity in the Grant County Department of Recreation and Community Programs effective May 17, 2015 and to expire September 1, 2015. 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.

Judge Wood presented Executive Order 15-39 to confirm the nomination of Dr. <sup>Jack</sup> Michael Lenihan to serve on the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District Board to replace Dr. John Rich, who is ineligible for reappointment, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute. Dr. Lenihan's term of office shall commence on July 1, 2015 and expire on June 30, 2017. Magistrate Coldiron offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Riley 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.

### **First Reading of the County Budget**

Judge Wood requested the clerk to read the summary of the County Budget Ordinance :

#### ***BUDGET SUMMARY***

***AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.***

***BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF GRANT COUNTY KENTUCKY:***

*The following is a true and actual reflection of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.*

#### **GENERAL FUND**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <i>General Government</i>                 | <i>\$4,180,731</i> |
| <i>Protection to Persons and Property</i> | <i>368,500</i>     |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>General Health and Sanitation</i> | 490,747            |
| <i>Social Services</i>               | 10,000             |
| <i>Recreation and Culture</i>        | 264,550            |
| <i>Debt Service</i>                  | 647,633            |
| <i>Administration</i>                | 1,236,984          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$7,199,145</b> |

**ROAD FUND**

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Roads</i>          | \$1,086,467        |
| <i>Administration</i> | 220,152            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$1,306,619</b> |

**JAIL FUND**

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|---|--------------------|
| <i>Protection of Persons and Property</i> | \$3,047,083        |
| <i>Administration</i>                     | 874,802            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$3,921,885</b> |

**FOREST FIRE PROTECTION FUND**

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <i>Administration</i> | \$1,782        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$1,782</b> |

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (LGEA)**

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Road</i>  | \$63,500        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$63,500</b> |

**TOTAL ALL FUNDS** **\$12,492,931**

**OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:**

There was no Old Business to come before the court.

**JUDGE/EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

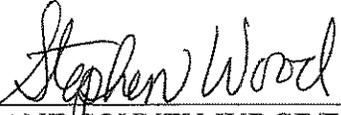
Judge expressed again his appreciation for Tommy Judd and his efforts in making Grant County a safer place to live.

**CITIZEN'S ADDRESS**

Bobby Burgess addressed the court and expressed his views concerning the decision not to reappoint him to another term on the Grant County Sanitary Sewer District Board. He said he felt given his years of dedicated service he deserved to be treated better than he was. There were no citizens seeking recognition of the court.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Magistrate Coldiron, seconded by Magistrate Riley that the Grant County Fiscal Court adjourn until Tuesday, June 15, 2015; or until call of the chair. There being no objection Judge Wood adjourned on a voice vote.

  
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GRANT COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE