



GRANT COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Minutes

August 15, 2016

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood called the meeting to order and called upon Chris Courtney, Pastor, Potters, to lead in the invocation. Judge Wood led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance: Judge Stephen Wood, Magistrates Bobby Newman, Shawna Coldiron, Jacquelyn Riley, County Attorney Joe Taylor, County Sheriff Chuck Dills, Jailer Chris Hankins, Deputy Judge/Fiscal Court Clerk Scott Kimmich.

Guests: Pastor Courtney, William Spalding, Lisa Mentrup, Howard Chipman, Cindy Chipman, Michael Robinson, Harvey Perelberg, Vicky Webster, Klint Bruce, Sherry Conley, Terry Conley, Lynn Saddler, Adam Prince, Dan Hess, Sheila Daugherty, Nancy Owens, Debbie Hankins, John Souder, Mike Webster, Philip Knarr, Teresa Wood, Bill Adkins.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Judge Wood presented the Agenda for approval of the court and Magistrate Coldiron moved to approve and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon Judge Wood and Magistrates Newman and Coldiron voted in the affirmative and Magistrate Riley voted no.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Judge Wood presented the minutes of the meeting held August 1, 2016 for approval of the court and Magistrate Newman moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

FISCAL MATTERS:

Judge Wood presented for approval of court the requested transfer to cover claims as recommended by the Finance Officer. Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Judge Wood presented for approval of court the claims against the General, Jail, and Road funds dated August 15, 2016. Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all

members present voted in the affirmative.

Judge Wood presented for approval of court the claims utilities previously paid under the standing order approved by the Fiscal Court against the General, Jail, and Road funds. Magistrate Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Short Term Loan Request

Judge-Executive Steve Wood requested authorization to secure a short term loan through the Kentucky Association of Counties Advanced Revenue Program in the amount of \$350,000 to be repaid upon collection of the annual property taxes.

Judge Wood advised, as is the case in many counties across the Commonwealth, the county faces a cash flow problem in the first quarter of the fiscal year in large part to the payment of insurance premiums, which are paid to assure reduced rates. This early payment of insurance premiums, combined with the fact that the Fiscal Court operates the Sheriff's office from the General Fund, thus providing that the Sheriff is not required to borrow money for the operation of his office, places the county in a cash shortfall position. In previous years the county has borrowed the money from the investment accounts. However, the investment account was liquidated to pay debt service at the detention center in FY 2015 as the revenue shortfall provided a significant expense over revenue situation. It is required that the funds borrowed through short term financing at KARP is repaid in the current fiscal year and will not adversely impact the county's overall financial position.

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

DELEGATIONS:

Judge/Executive Wood recognized Dr. Lynn Sadler, M.D., M.P.H, Director of District Health for the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District and Mr. George Moore, Director of Administration and Finance of the NDIHD for presentation of the annual report and tax rates for the district.

Judge Wood advised the Court has already acknowledged the tax rates for the District Health Department but revisions in the Kentucky Revised Statute requires the district to report in person to the Fiscal Court on their plan of action and formal presentation of the tax rates. No action is required on the report the court will hear.

Dr. Sadler advised the tax rate remains the same as it has for many years and is providing the statutory contribution to the District for the operation of the Grant County Board of Health.

Dr. Sadler also reported on the Needle Exchange Program and informed the court that the return of needles is at a nearly 1-1 ratio which is almost unheard of. She stated there have been no police calls to the clinic, ½ of the cases coming to the center are 18-29 years of age; 2/3 are male; the department has distributed 23 Doloxen kits; 5 of those who have come into the center are now in residential treatment for chemical dependency; and police have seen no increase in overdoses as a result of the needle exchange being put in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Setting of Tax Rates.

Judge Wood presented the tax rates for 2016, advising that the rates are remaining almost exactly the same. He called on Deputy Judge Kimmich to report the rates as recommended by the County Treasurer after confirmation of computation by the Department for Local Government.

Kimmich reported:

Real Property-	.144 per \$100.00 assessed value
Motor Vehicles & Watercraft-	.157 per \$100.00 assessed value

Ad Valorem

Personal Property-	.144 per \$100.00 assessed value
Motor Vehicles & Watercraft-	.157 per \$100.00 assessed value

Mental Health

Real Property-	.016 per \$100.00 assessed value
Motor Vehicles & Watercraft-	.016 per \$100.00 assessed value

Soil Conservation	.010 per \$100.00 assessed value
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Forest Acres	.03 per acre
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Magistrate Newman moved approval of the recommended rates and Judge Wood seconded the motion before the court. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Interlocal Agreement Amendment for Sheriff.

Judge Wood advised action is requested to formally approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement by and between Grant County and multiple counties in central Kentucky to insure sharing of jurisdictional powers among Sheriff's Deputies in the event there is a situation where one of Grant County Deputies are called into service in another jurisdiction or visa versa.

Judge Wood advised the County currently has an interlocal agreement in place, as attached, the amendment simply adds the following jurisdictions of the listing those with which the Grant County Sheriff's Office will share joint policing powers: the cities of Stamping Ground, Lagrange, and Wilmore and the counties of Anderson, Garrard, Hardin, Harrison, Jessamine, Marion, Metcalf, and Rowan.

Magistrate Newman moved approval of the recommended changes to the agreement and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion before the court. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Contract for Health Care Reporting under ACA.

Judge Wood presented for approval of the court a contract in the amount of \$1,000.00 with American Fidelity Administrative Services, LLC, to provide reporting services for the County in accordance with the Affordable Care Act, as recommended by the county's third party insurance provider, Sherrill Morgan and Associates.

Judge Wood reminded the court the County currently contracts with the Northern Kentucky Public Entity Joint Insurance Board for health insurance, who in turn contracts with Sherill Morgan Associates for program administration. In accordance with the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, which provides for significantly more administrative reporting on each program participant in 2016, Sherill Morgan has recommended that all participants contract with American Fidelity Administrative Services to provide the reporting as mandated by the Act.

Magistrate Riley confirmed the \$1,000 is in addition to the money already paid to Sherrill Morgan as the County's third party plan administrator. Deputy Judge Kimmich advised this is accurate.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval of the contract with American Fidelity Administrative Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,000 and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion before the court. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon Judge Wood and Magistrates Riley and Coldiron voted in the affirmative and Magistrate Newman voted NO.

Eibeck Lane Surfacing Project.

Judge Wood requested action "nunc pro tunc" to amend the bid to Bluegrass Paving, Inc. previously awarded in the amount of \$56,000 for the surfacing of Eibeck Lane, by \$1,000.

Judge Wood reminded the court that during preparation of the Development Agreement for the Ark, the County agreed to cover the cost of surfacing Eibeck Lane upon opening of the Ark. The funds for this project are coming from the County Road Fund. Upon award of the bid, the contractor acknowledged and the County Road Supervisor confirmed that it would be necessary to perform what is called "keying" on the edges of the roadway before the paving could begin. The cost for the service would be \$1,000, which still provided that the bidder remained the low bidder. In the essence of time the Deputy Judge, in consultation with the Judge and Road supervisor granted verbal authorization to proceed and the Judge followed up with a letter. The court is asked at this time to formally acknowledge the change, for the record.

Mrs. Riley questioned if it is no longer the desire of the Fiscal Court to maintain this roadway, since it is in the city limits of Williamstown, would it be possible for the county to simply turn it over to the city.

Deputy Judge Kimmich advised the right of way on which the roads is built was contractually taken in the name of the county, not the city, and the county subsequently entered into contractual relationships with third parties to maintain the roadway. If the county would seek to stop maintaining the roadway it would not only require the agreement of the city, but would likely require the consent of the other parties with whom the county has entered into contractual relationships including the Mt. Olivet Church, the Ark, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, who was acting as the agent for the Veteran's Cemetery when the agreements were entered into.

Magistrate Newman moved approval of the recommended changes to the agreement and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion before the court. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:

Status of Eibeck Lane. Please see notations under new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: IF ANY:

Judge Wood advised he would entertain a motion to retire to executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) pertaining to pending or threatened litigation against the county, specifically, Cases 16-CI 95.

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval of the request to retire to Executive Session and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion before the court. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Judge Wood requested a motion of the court to reconvene in open session. Magistrate Riley moved approval of the request and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion before the court. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Judge Wood advised there was no action to be taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:

Judge Wood advised there would be no Administrative or Departmental Reporting.

JUDGE EXECUTIVE/S REPORT:

Judge Executive Steve Wood advised there were people waiting in the audience who had remained during the Executive Session and questioned whether they wanted to speak.

Mr. Harvey Perleberg addressed the court and said that the court had acted appropriately in taking action to close the detention center. He advised he had previously been an employee at the facility and that it had become a source of controversy in the county dating back more than 15 years, it was time for action and he was glad the court had acted.

Mr. Howard Chipman (A current employee of the detention center) advised he disagreed with the previous speaker and that the jail has been running smoothly under Mr. Hankins. He stated that it is unfair for the court to continue to consider options as the center is losing good employees, he said the court needs to cast a definitive vote and let the employees know what's going on.

Judge Wood thanked both speakers for their comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Wood requested a motion to adjourn the court until the hour of 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2016, or until the call of the Chair.

Magistrate Newman moved approval and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. There being no

further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

SIGNED:

Stephen P. Wood
Grant County Judge/Executive