

GRANT COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Minutes

September 19, 2016

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood called the meeting to order and called upon Brother Greg Nimmo, Director of Missions Crittenden Baptist Association to lead in the invocation. Judge Wood led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Guests: Rev. Robinson, David Rose, William Spalding, Lisa Mentrup, Howard Chipman, Cindy Chipman, Paul Samples, Janie and Don Hobbs, Nancy Owens, Barry Robinson, Carol Fell, Vicky Webster, Ann Greene, Barry Greene, Frances Doane, Klint Bruce, Sam Perry, Jill Perry, Robert Perry, Dan Hess, Sheila Daugherty, Nancy Owens, Debbie Hankins, John Souder, Mike Webster, Paul Knarr, Teresa Wood, Melissa Schwiegeraht, Don and Mary Regan.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Judge Wood presented the Agenda for approval of the court and Magistrate Coldiron moved to approve 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Judge Wood presented the minutes of the meeting held September 6, 2016 for approval of the court. Deputy Judge/Fiscal Court Clerk Scott Kimmich advised that at the request of the Librarian, the minutes of September 6 would be altered to reflect that Elyse Willoughby would have been eligible for reappointment to the board, and did not seek reappointment. Magistrate Riley moved approval with the noted change 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 with Magistrate Newman asking the record to reflect he was present but not voting on the matter.

FISCAL MATTERS:

Judge Wood presented for approval of court the requested transfer to cover claims as recommended by the Finance Officer. Magistrate Coldiron questioned the overtime in the Detention Center and was advised by the Deputy Judge that the Detention Center had indicated the overtime was the result of an inmate having been hospitalized. Mrs. Coldiron moved approval and Magistrate Riley seconded the

motion. 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.

Judge Wood presented for approval of court the claims against the General, Jail, and Road funds dated September 19, 2016. Magistrate Coldiron questioned the expenditure of funds for the SAP program and payments of Aramark and was advised staff would look into this matter and report back.

A discussion ensued concerning the pharmaceuticals at the Grant County Detention Center and Deputy Judge Kimmich confirmed he has spoken with the Finance Officer and Treasurer about this issue and to date there is not a record of refunds for pharmaceuticals, however, he also reported that he has been in contact with the management of Grant County Drugs and they are certainly willing to work with the county on this measure although it is important to note that when the prices were originally awarded to the county it was done on a competitively bid system and when the new health care manager took over at the detention center there were no efforts to reach out or work with the pharmacy in securing the lower prices and the invoices became part of the county payment schedule where in the past this had been part of the county payment to the health care vendor.

Judge Wood moved approval of the claims and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. Deputy Judge/Fiscal Court Clerk Kimmich confirmed this included the billing from Garry L. Edmondson for legal services and was advised this was covered in the motion. There being no further discussion Judge Wood directed the clerk to call the roll whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative; with the exception of Magistrate Newman who voted NO on all and with Magistrate Coldiron voting present but not voting on all claims payable to Owen Electric.

Judge Wood presented the Approval of the claims against the General, Jail, and Road funds for utilities as previously approved by standing order. Magistrate Riley 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

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 16-25

Judge Wood presented EXECUTIVE ORDER 16-25, an order appointing Barbara Chaney to complete the unexpired term of Robert Hall on the Northern Kentucky Council on Aging said for a term of office to expire on February 2, 2017.

The background presented indicates The Council on Aging is composed of two representatives from each of the eight counties comprising the Northern Kentucky Area Development District, except that in those counties where the population is in excess of 30,000 there is added one member for each full 30,000 population segment that is in excess of the base 30,000 population. Local veterans' health care facilities have one representative member and there is one at-large member. The Judge Executive of each County comprising the Northern Kentucky Area Development District appoints members from his or her respective County to serve on the Council on Aging.

Magistrate Newman moved to confirm the appointment and Magistrate Coldiron 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.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:

Judge Wood advised he felt the update on pharmaceutical refunds from Grant County Drugs had been covered under the Fiscal Matters and advised the county will continue to monitor this situation.

Judge Wood presented an update and led the discussion concerning repairs at the Grant County Detention Center to comply with Department of Corrections Standards, including the life safety issues related to the smoke evacuation system and sprinkler system repairs. He advised that the Sprinklers are functioning and the smoke evac system is working in some parts of the jail but not others. This continues to be a work in progress and he will keep the court up to date as we move forward. He again asked the court to move forward on the contracts for HVAC and plumbing repairs.

Magistrate Riley said until a decision is made concerning the long term future of the facility she is not willing to invest any more money in the facility. She also confirmed Judge Wood's report that there be no bed space in Franklin, Scott, Fayette, and Carroll Counties for inmates. She also questioned how the court had set a 120 day window in which to take action and the time line got reset to 90 days.

Deputy Judge Kimmich advised the court that when the Fiscal Court took action to close with 120 days and the state inspections in July reflected significant deficiencies in the life safety issues of the sprinkler and smoke evacuation system, the Department of Corrections, to insure safety for all inmates, which is their job, set a 90 day window to meet their guidelines or they would take action. In the meantime it was incumbent upon the Jailer to supply DOC with a plan of how to resolve the deficiencies as well how he would deal with addressing such things as a fire or other smoke related incident in the detention center. As of this date, no such medial services plan has been submitted to DOC.

Magistrate Coldiron questioned what would happen if no action is taken by the Fiscal Court to address these issues by the October closure date.

Magistrate Newman said it was his understanding that the Kentucky Department of Corrections would close the facility, take custody of all the prisoners and house them wherever they can find sufficient bed space and the Grant County Fiscal Court would be responsible for payment of the per diem and health care costs. He said the county is seeking to keep the place open and safe while gathering the numbers to make good decisions for the future. He said without good numbers the court cannot act.

Magistrate Riley said she thinks the court has nearly exhausted all options, there are no counties in close proximity to house the inmates and that she thinks it is time to rescind Resolution 16-10 and move on with how to maintain the facility to meet the life safety standards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: IF ANY:

Judge Wood advised there would be no request or recommendation for Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:

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

JUDGE EXECUTIVE/S REPORT:

Judge Executive Steve Wood thanked everyone who had helped with the Senior Bash and reminded everyone the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall is coming to Grant County on September 29.

CITIZENS' ADDRESS:

Mr. Bobby Webb, a Grant County Deputy Sheriff, addressed the court and said he did not agree with everything the Judge or Jailer has said and done, and this is a mess that was inherited, but he hoped the Fiscal Court would keep the jail open.

Mr. William Adkins, an attorney representing a number of jail employees in a salary dispute against the county, said he did not think the county used good numbers when they made the decision to close the jail.

Mr. David Rose, a citizens of Dry Ridge, said the county needs to look back over 5 years or more and see how much this jail is costing the county and then make a well-reasoned decision on the financial stability of the center moving forward.

Mrs. Cindy Chipman, a wife of an employee of the detention center, presented a petition calling for the resignation of the Judge Executive and Deputy Judge/Executive. She asked that it become part of the record. (The petition is on file in the office of the Judge/Executive for anyone interested in viewing the document.)

Mrs. Bernice Delph a resident of Flat Creek Road came before the court requesting that the end of the road on which she owns property be maintained. She advised that historically the school bus turn around had been maintained but this has not been done in recent years. Judge Wood advised the school buses are not going down that section of the road any longer. Magistrate Newman said he had talked with this individual and this was not on the county road list.

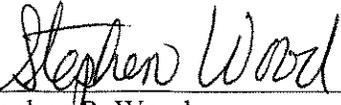
Judge Wood and Magistrate Newman are going to work with Steve Tatum in getting a response to this property owner.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Wood requested a motion to adjourn the court until the hour of 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 3, 2016, or until the call of the Chair.

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.

SIGNED:



Stephen P. Wood
Grant County Judge/Executive