



## Fiscal Court Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood called to order the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court and called upon Pastor Jeromy Northcutt, Marcus Crooked Creek Baptist Church for the invocation before the Judge led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Judge/Executive Stephen Wood; Magistrates Jacquelyn Riley, Shawna Coldiron, and Bobby Newman; County Attorney Joe Taylor; Deputy Judge/Fiscal Court Clerk Scott Kimmich.

Guests: Jailer Chris Hankins, Deputy Jailer Jason Hankins, Deputy Sheriff Mike Webster, Deputy Sheriff Bobby Webb, David Rose, John Sowder, Howard Chipman, Cindy Chipman, Clint Bruce.

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Judge 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 presented voted in the affirmative.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Judge Wood presented for approval the minutes of the meeting held March 21, 2016.

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 presented voted in the affirmative.

Judge Wood presented for approval the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 23, 2016.

Magistrate Riley 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 presented 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 presented voted in the affirmative.

#### Claims List

Judge Wood presented for approval the claims against the General, Jail, and Road funds dated April 4, 2016.

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 presented voted in the affirmative.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Resolution 16-04

Judge Wood presented Resolution 16-04 for the consideration of the court.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GRANT COUNTY FISCAL COURT INFORMING THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET OF THE DESIRE OF THE FISCAL COURT TO HAVE THE "FLEX FUNDS" IN THE RURAL SECONDARY SYSTEM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,708 RETAINED FOR USAGE BY THE FISCAL COURT FOR COUNTY ROADS.**

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 presented voted in the affirmative.

#### Acknowledgement of the Annual Budget of the Grant County Conservation District

Judge Wood presented for the court's acknowledgement the Annual Budget of the Grant County Conservation District. Judge Wood advised that Pursuant to KRS 65A.010 (9)(a) the Conservation District is recognized as a Special Purpose Governmental Entity and is required to file their annual budget with the Fiscal Court and the Department for Local Government. He explained no formal vote is required this is simply an acknowledgement in the record that the budget has been submitted.

Magistrate Riley expressed her view that the district does a good job in the community.

#### Acknowledgment of receipt of the Jailer's Budget for FY 16-17

Judge Wood advised the Jailer submitted his budget to the Fiscal Court, via the County Judge/Executive on March 31, 2015. The budget was therefore submitted in a timely manner and the Judge/Executive will be contacting the members of the court to establish a caucus to review the budget as a component part of the overall county budget.

Magistrate Riley questioned whether a date has been set for the caucus and Judge Wood advised he

would contact the magistrates to confirm dates for caucus meetings with the Sheriff and the Jailer.

#### Request of the Jonesville Fire Department

Judge Wood advised the court the county has received the annual request from the Jonesville Fire Department for their annual subsidy for 2016, in the amount of \$19,000.00, which is what is necessary to hold the department harmless from the time of the imposition of the household fire service fee. Judge Wood requested he be authorized to execute the contract necessary to effectuate the transfer of funds.

Magistrate Riley expressed she would be moving approval of the request and also would ask that the whole issue of the fire fees be placed on an agenda for a caucus meeting as there are departments that have not benefitted as was planned at the time the fees were imposed.

Magistrate Riley moved approval of the request for the Judge to sign the contract 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 presented voted in the affirmative.

#### Request for mowing contract at Mt. Zion and Jonesville Parks

Judge Wood requested authorization of the Fiscal Court to enter into a one year contract with James Rose to perform grass cutting at Mt. Zion Park and Jonesville Park at a rate of \$50.00 per park per cut.

Judge Wood advised Mr. Rose will be an independent contractor, using his own equipment to perform the tasks outlined thus saving the county the expenses incurred through the routine employment of summer help to cut these two more remote locations where transporting the county equipment creates a cost and time delay for transport.

Magistrate Newman questioned why the Jail work release program could not assume this function. Jailer Chris Hankins advised the work release program could perform this work and that he would coordinate with Mr. Chipman to have it put into his schedule.

Magistrate Riley advised the Recreation and Community Services Director should coordinate the scheduling of the cutting with jail staff.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; IF ANY:**

##### Ordinance 16-

Judge Wood presented for first reading Ordinance 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.**

Judge Wood advised there continues to be a problem with dust and overall safety conditions on Eibeck Lane as construction traffic uses the roadway in conjunction with the increased traffic flow created by the newly constructed Mt. Olivet Church as well as expanded use of the soccer fields. It is recommended to reduce speed which will enhance overall safety on the roadway while reducing the blowing of dust in the area. He explained this reduction in speed has been requested by the manager at

the Veteran's Cemetery.

Magistrate Newman expressed his view the situation was only going to get worse as the Ark comes on line later this spring and summer.

Magistrate Riley questioned this being a city street and was advised by the Deputy Judge/Executive that there was a development agreement entered into with the developers of the Ark, the City of Williamstown and the county whereby the county will bring the road up to county standards and maintain the road for the duration of the construction period for the Ark.

Magistrate Riley questioned whether the Williamstown Police Department is going to enforce the speed limit and Judge Wood advised he would have to get with them to discuss this matter.

**OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:**

Judge Wood advised there was no Old Business to come before the court.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: IF ANY:**

Judge Wood advised here was no issue requiring an Executive Session.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:**

Deputy Judge Kimmich advised the court, for the record, the latest request of the Treasurer for a transfer of an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to the Jail Fund had not been necessary and the funds were not transferred.

**JUDGE EXECUTIVE/S REPORT:**

Judge Wood advised construction at the Jail is going very well. The roof is nearly complete and the kitchen remodeling will be complete within approximately 2 weeks.

Judge Wood advised that Jamie Baker has assumed her new role as the Director of the Industrial Development Authority.

Judge Wood announced that Marsha Chaney and the staff at the Grant County Animal Shelter have recently been recognized as the top animal shelter in the state by the Kentucky Association of Animal Shelters.

Judge Wood explained he and the Mayors have been looking at the long term funding of 911 and that there will have to be action taken on the issue in the not too distant future as the number of people using land lines is continuing to decrease and there is no fees collected on cellular services.

Mr. Bobby Webb said there is a fee on cell phones.

Deputy Judge Kimmich explained that a number of years ago the General Assembly had imposed fee on cellular phones, the proceeds of which are held by an organization in Frankfort identified as the CMRS Board. Kimmich explained this had been done to rebuild the state police radio system and that it is used to maintain that system today, with a small fraction of the fee actually returning to the local jurisdictions for the Public Safety Answering Points of (PSAPs)

Mr. Webb questioned what had become of what had been referred to as the “Sterling Account” when he was on the 911 Board and Judge Wood explained he had not heard of anything referred to that since assuming office and he would check into that and report back.

#### CITIZEN’S ADDRESS

Mr. David Rose questioned the contract with Republic Solid Waste and the recent increases that have been put in place. He specifically questioned the length of the contracts, expressing his view that it would be inappropriate for any government to enter into 10 year contracts.

Mr. Rose also expressed strong concerns over the increased “fuel charges” being billed to the citizens given that there have been significant decreases in fuel costs.

Magistrate Riley expressed that she shares the concerns related to the fuel charges and will contact Bryan Miles, Solid Waste Coordinator to discuss this situation and report back to the court.

Mr. Rose then read an excerpt from the Grant County News concerning salaries and his belief that there is nepotism being shown at the facility.

Judge Wood and County Attorney Joe Taylor advised that due to the fact litigation has been filed there is nothing the members can say concerning the specific issues Mr. Rose addressed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Judge Wood requested a motion to adjourn until the hour of 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2016.

Magistrate Coldiron moved adjournment and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. There being no discussion on the motion Judge Wood declared the meeting to be adjourned.

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Stephen P. Wood  
Grant County Judge/Executive