

The Grant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Jacquelyn Riley, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Shawna Coldiron, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Bobby Newman, Magistrate 3rd District, Present; Deputy Judge Pat Conrad Joe Taylor, Grant County Attorney, and Hon. Stephen Wood, Grant County Judge/Executive. Present and Presiding.

The following guests were in attendance: Deputy Mike Webster, Deputy Brian Maines, Grant County Sheriff, Chuck Dills, and Teresa Wood.

CALL TO ORDER:

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood called the meeting to order and called on Jeromy Northcutt, minister of the Marcus Crooked Creek Baptist Church to offer the invocation, after which Judge Wood led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Judge Wood presented the agenda for approval. Motion of Magistrate Coldiron, seconded by Magistrate Newman to approve the agenda as presented. The roll was called whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood then presented the minutes of December 16, 2016 and asked for a motion for approval of those minutes. Motion of Magistrate Coldiron and seconded by Magistrate Riley to approve the minutes of December 16, 2016.

FISCAL MATTERS:

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood presented the claims to be paid for the General, Road, Jail, and Forest Funds, along with the Transfers as requested.

Magistrate Coldiron moved to approve the payment of all claims submitted on the General, Road, Jail and Forest Funds, along with the transfers as requested. Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. Magistrate Coldiron stated that she is still having a problem understanding the Transfers between funds and the sheet that has the account numbers 01-4909, 03-4910, 03-4909, and 03-4910. Magistrate Riley stated that she is not completely understanding the transfers as well. Ms. Conrad stated that if they look at the Cash Position report and see the cash balances that are in each fund, they can see that there is a cash balance of \$11,675.53 in the jail fund and therefore in order to meet the obligation of payroll on Friday, January, 20th, 2017, we must transfer money from the General Fund into the Jail Fund. She stated that she would have Peggy come to the Caucus meeting on January 10, 2017 and explain the process so that they will have a better grasp of what she is doing with the Inter-Fund transfers. Magistrate Coldiron stated that for the record she would like to state that she was refraining from approving any claims for Owen Electric Co-op. There being no further discussion Judge/Executive Wood directed the Fiscal Court Clerk to call the roll, whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood then acknowledged Sheriff Chuck Dills who presented his annual budget along with the Cumulative Quarterly Report and Annual Settlement for Calendar Year 2017. He also presented the Annual Order setting the Maximum amount of salaries for Deputies and Assistants for 2017.

Motion of Magistrate Riley, seconded by Magistrate Newman to approve in whole the Grant County Sheriff's annual budget along with the Cumulative Quarterly Report and Annual Order setting the Maximum amount of Deputies and Assistants for 2017.

There being no further discussion, Judge/Executive Wood directed the Fiscal Court Clerk to call the roll, whereupon Magistrate Riley voted, yes, Magistrate Coldiron voted, no, Magistrate Newman voted, yes, and Judge/Executive Wood voted yes. Magistrate Coldiron stated that the reason she voted no was because she had not had time to look the presented budget over and was not comfortable voting for something that she had not studied. Ms. Conrad stated that the budget that the Sheriff presents is a formality that is done for the Department of Local Government and that because the Sheriff's office is not a fee pool office, their budget is incorporated into the General budget. She will mail this budget for the sheriff to the Department of Local Government.

APPOINTMENTS:

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood then presented for a motion the following for Re-Appointment to the Grant County Joint Local Industrial Development Authority: Robert McDaniel, Greg Hicks, Bill Dinnison, Logan Murphy, Wayne Sponcil, and Leslie Northcutt Neace will all their terms beginning January 1, 2017 and to expire on January 31, 2019. Judge Wood stated that Ms. Neace is a real asset to the Board as she is a CPA and that makes her a valuable board member.

Motion of Magistrate Riley, seconded by Magistrate Newman to Re-appoint each of the above mentioned persons to serve as a members of the Grant County Joint Local Industrial Development Authority. There being no further discussion, Judge/Executive Wood directed the Fiscal Court Clerk to call the roll, whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood then presented for review and approval the

Recommendation of the Grant County Planning Commission for a Text Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Ordinance, to wit: Section 10.1A (Agricultural One) A-1 Zone; and present for a First Reading Ordinance No. 11-2016-703, relating to a Text Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Ordinance, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing a Second Reading to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible. Magistrate Riley stated that we should anticipate other requests like this but using less than 50 acres. Joe Taylor, County Attorney, stated that the county could take that into consideration in the future if someone desired to pursue it.

Ms. Conrad, the Fiscal Court clerk stated that she would like a motion and a second for this text amendment, as well as the notice that will be posted in the Grant County News showing a Second Reading would be held on January 17, 2017.

Motion of Magistrate Coldiron, seconded by Magistrate Riley to approve a First Reading of Ordinance No. 11-2016-703 for a Text Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Ordinance along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing a Second Reading to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible. There being no further discussion, Judge/Executive Wood directed the Fiscal Court to call the roll, whereupon all members presented voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS:

Judge/Executive Wood gave the court a copy of the Appointment of Jason Mullins as Grant County Facilities Manager. As there was a tie vote at the December 5th, 2016 meeting he is appointing Jason per KRS 67.710 and entering the facts into the minutes of the Fiscal Court.

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood then introduced Jason Mullins as Grant County Facilities Manager and asked Jason to address the court. Jason stated that is has a military background in maintenance and wants to be able to save the county money on purchases. He is currently working on a computer science degree. He will begin by looking at each location and determining what needs to be addressed for maintenance and develop a plan going forward.

JUDGE'S REPORT:

Judge Wood stated that the Jail is still a challenge and each time he thinks he has a handle on the situation, more criteria is brought up. After a discussion with Rodney Ballard regarding more inmates, he has found that Commissioner Ballard doesn't believe the new employees are being trained. Magistrate Newman stated that it is the jailer's job to make sure his employees are properly trained. Magistrate Riley stated that we need to ask for documentation on training, and that there are programs on training the trainers.

Magistrate Newman stated that the Department of Corrections has offered to send trainers, but he doesn't know if those offers have been accepted. Mike Webster, a member of the audience stated that the state has a system for employees being trained. Chuck said that if they are not being trained then Jim Crawford needs to know that. Chuck stated that he supports the jail, but they are bankrupting the county. Magistrate Coldiron asked how does the DOC know that the training was not up to date, but no one answered her question. Magistrate Riley also stated that the trainers train other people to be trainers and that program was referred to a "training the trainers." Chuck Dills said that he had a conversation at a conference and they told him that they would send the jailer help to train new employees if they requested it.

Magistrate Riley stated that the Judge should not have to be the one to make sure the employees were trained. That is the job of the jailer.

CITIZEN'S ADDRESS:

Mike Webster addressed the court and thanked Magistrate Riley for the emails on the insurance. He stated that we have been with this one broker for years now and how do we know that we are truly getting the best insurance for our money. He questioned Magistrate Coldiron about the insurance at Owen Electric and she stated that they are self insured. She was not sure how much the premiums were for families. Mr. Webster stated that he just wants different companies to show us what they offer. Whether it's United Health Care, Humana, or whatever. He just wants to know if we can get a better insurance at less cost.

Brian Maines addressed the court and stated that he feels that he pays too much for insurance and that each increase takes away from his bottom line of pay. He has to pay for a family plan and feels like it is too expensive. He has been told that the City of Dry Ridge pays for their employees insurance in full. He wants the county to look at a less costly plan as well.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood then informed the court and audience that there will be a Public Properties Corporation Meeting immediately following this Fiscal Court meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood then asked for a motion to adjourn until the next Special meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court which will be held in the Grant County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, because the Martin Luther King holiday will be observed on Monday, January 16, 2017; or until the call of the chair.

Magistrate Coldiron made the motion and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion to adjourn. All members present voted to adjourn.

Grant County Judge Executive
Stephen P. Wood