

**POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR CALLED MEETING**

Date: **MARCH 10TH, 2020**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **County Judge Executive Office**

Room 102

The Powell County Fiscal Court met at the Office of the County Judge Executive Office for a regular called meeting held at 6:00 p.m.

Those present for the meeting were the following:

County Judge Executive James Anderson, Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, County Attorney Robert King, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Emergency Management Director Steve Asbury, Ambulance Director Nathan Hall, Asst. Ambulance Director Arlene Rogers, Recycling Coordinator Chris Chaney, Jail Employees, Connie Harding and Beth Patrick, Road Employees Ben Bishop and Harding, EMT Shawna Staton, EMT Tim Riddell, EMT Jarrad Blevins, Clay City Times Reporter Madison Allen, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden and Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers.

Judge Executive James Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask the Fiscal Court Clerk to call roll for Magistrates in attendance for the meeting.

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present

Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Absent (sick)

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present

Magistrate Chad Patton – Present

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Present

Fiscal Court Clerk notes that all members of the court was present except Magistrate Donna Gabbard.

Public Comments:

Michael Frazier approached the court to discuss the Powell County Public Library. Mr. Frazier is a Trustee for the Library. He made Fiscal Court members aware that it had come to their attention that during the past state budget bill the state has decided to de-fund all state aid to public libraries across the state. Here in Kentucky and Powell County partially when you break down the individual allotment it is usually around \$13,000.00 per year. This \$13,000.00 is used to pay all of the utilities for the year, all of the internet services that is provided for the adult and children programs. When you remove the state aid from the library it creates a 17 percent gap within their budget. Mr. Frazier said the Powell County Public Library to a degree has control over property taxes and they try to set the lowest rates in the state which they do intentionally so that the hard working families be able to keep their money to take care of everyday expenses. He told court members that he was here tonight to tell them that this is a problem for the library and he is hoping that us as a community will support them. There is families and students that go to the library for free internet to do their homework due to them not having service at their home. They are trying their best to give notice to the community to rally so that the senate can do a budgetary fix but if not and this bill does pass and a lot of areas could be de-funded. As we all know there is a senate bill SB5 which will most likely to pass and if it does it can actually remove the taxing authority to the Fiscal Court and the Libraries budget will then be the Fiscal Court's

responsibility. Mr. Frazier said it will be determined what steps the state will take next, what steps the library will take next and obviously what new powers the county will be given.

Clerk's Reports:

The Fiscal Court Clerk presented court members with the Clerk's reports for the February 2020 meetings. The first was a regular called meeting dated February 11th, 2020 and the second one was a special called meeting date February 28th, 2020.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask members of the court if they would like the Fiscal Court Clerk to make any changes, amendments, additions or deletions for the regular called meeting minutes dated February 11th, 2020.

There were no changes requested for these meeting minutes therefore the meeting minutes dated February 11th 2020 is accepted as presented.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask members of the court if they would like the Fiscal Court Clerk to make any changes, amendments, additions, deletions to be made to the special meeting minutes dated February 28th, 2020.

There were no changes requested for these meeting minutes therefore the special meeting minutes dated February 28th, 2020 is accepted as presented.

Bills Submitted for Payment:

All bills were submitted to court members for payment including an incentive payment for completing 40 hours of training for Magistrate Dennis Combs.

Magistrate Dennis Combs incentive payment for receiving his 40 hours training unit for the calendar year 2020. A letter of approval was sent from The Department for Local Government showing that Magistrate Dennis Combs had successfully completed 2 units and are due 2 incentive payments of \$1,078.15 for a total of \$2,156.30 (a copy of the approved annual incentive letter will follow minutes.)

There were no objections in paying any of the bills submitted, therefore all bills will be paid and to include the annual incentive payment for Magistrate Dennis Combs for successfully receiving his 40 hours training unit in the amount of \$2,156.30 for the calendar year 2020.

Financials:

Treasurer presented all of the Financials for court members to review. Reports presented were the Financial Statement, Interfund Transfers, Cash Transfers and Cash Balances for each fund.

Transfers:

A motion was made by Magistrate Patton seconded by Magistrate Combs to approve all of the Treasurers transfers as presented to include interfund and cash transfers.

Motion passes unanimously

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye

Judge Executive James Anderson - Aye

Old Business:

No old business discussed

Updates:

Judge Executive James Anderson made court members aware that the Performance Engineering bond had sold for the Energy Savings Project and the paperwork should be complete today. This project should be underway sometime this month.

Judge Executive James Anderson made court members aware that he had attended a meeting at the Powell County Health Department to discuss the coronavirus. Most of our doctor offices were present for the meeting. There will be another meeting at the EOC Thursday at 10:30 for people that want to obtain information. As of now they are referring everything back to the CDC website and there is also some hot lines you can call.

Judge Anderson said he would like to express his concerns if the EMS Staff got some exposure and had to be quarantined for 14 days they would be unable to respond to any calls. He said they are trying to be proactive to see what needs to be done which may result in our call center asking a different line of questions in certain cases to give them better thoughts of what they are going into.

New Business:

Judge Executive James Anderson made court members aware that he along with Magistrate Timmy Tipton had attended a meeting earlier today in support of HB580. He said we have taken cuts over the last 5 years. This is a user fee instead of a gas tax. He said the infrastructure is not getting corrected especially on state roads. A lot of this is a result of the drop of funding. Currently any road project that we have in the 6 year plan should start next year and if this current road plans holds up our movement is 25-26 including the 213 project.

Magistrate Timmy Tipton said that the counties get 18.4 percent of that revenue and this is how we operate our road fund.

Judge Anderson said that the state has toll credits which has allowed us to match federal funds coming down. Those are getting ready to lapse so not only are we already in the hole but if there is not a way to make those up it will take state money to pay those portions to even be able to receive federal funds.

Rural Secondary Recommendations 2020-2021:

Judge Executive James Anderson presented court members with the District Ten 2020-2021 Rural Secondary Recommendations. He said the state has numerous ways that they score roads and they come back with what they think is the most needed improvements to our Rural Secondary roads.

The following are the Temporary Budget Allotments:

Allotment: \$726,731.00

County Judge Executive Fund: \$2,584.00

Maintenance/Traffic: \$370,200.00

County Road Allotment: \$322,353.00

Balance: \$262,964.00

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D-10 Office Recommendations:

- **KY 1639 (South Fork Rd)**, MM 1.9 to 4.436, Width 19.5', Length 2.536 miles 00.187 South of Halls Cemetery Rd B95N over South Fork Red River
Total: \$233,259.00
- **KY 1050 (Lower Cane Creek Rd)**, MM 0-0.325, Width 16', Length 0.325 miles JCT KY 599 Powell-Montgomery Line
Total: \$29,133.00

Total: \$262,392.00

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Timmy Tipton to approve District Ten 2020-2021 Rural Secondary Recommendations. (A copy of the list will follow minutes).

- Motion passes unanimously
- Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye
- Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye
- Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye
- Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye
- Judge Executive James Anderson – Aye

Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees Appointments:

Judge Executive James Anderson ask the Fiscal Court to approve his appointments to the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustee.

Since the term of Kay Epperson of the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees will expire on April 26, 2020 Judge Executive James Anderson appointed Candance Hampton to fill this position to the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees.

A motion by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs to approve Judge Executive James Anderson's appointment of Candance Hampton to fill this position to the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees.

- Motion passes unanimously
- Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye
- Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye
- Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye
- Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye
- Judge Executive James Anderson – Aye

Since the term of Darla Lacy of the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees will expire on April 26, 2020 Judge Anderson appointed Barbara Taulbee to fill this position to the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs to approve Judge Executive James Anderson's appointed of Barbara Taulbee to fill this position to the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees.

- Motion passes unanimously
- Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye
- Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye
- Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye
- Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye
- Judge Executive James Anderson – Aye

Meeting Times & Schedules:

Judge Executive James Anderson ask fiscal Court members present what their thoughts was on having two fiscal court meetings a month. He feels this may eliminate having so many special meetings. He said the second meeting of the month would be more like a workshop and they would not have to vote on things but could if it was needed. He said he was thinking about the 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Judge Anderson said he would rather wait to make the final decision about the second meeting when all members of the court was present since Magistrate Gabbard was unable to attend tonight due to sickness. All court members agreed to wait on making the final decision on having a second fiscal court meeting.

No Action Taken

Department Head Updates:**Recycling:**

Recycling Coordinator Chris Chaney made court members aware that he will be submitting a grant for recycling by the end of the month.

He also made them aware that he as working with someone at Bluegrass Area Development on a web page app. This app would make the public aware of all of the recycling containers. He said they can click on the app and it will show if the container is full or been emptied. It will also tell you what is allowed and not allowed in the containers.

He also made them aware that he was working with Chad Rice about getting some decals for the containers.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Steve Asbury gave court members a hand out discussing the best ways to prevent illness of the Corona Virus (COVID-19). He told them they could find more information at _____).

He also made them aware of some road projects. The projects that are 100 percent complete was Upper Cane Creek, Jerrica Leigh Lane, Homestead (Sons and Allie Roads). He gave them a copy of the project worksheet.

Judge Anderson said of the damage on the list was damage that was done last February. One of the big ones was Mill Knob. People complained and was an inconvenience for them to have to deal with it for over a year but if the county had not gone through the process with the state about getting the funding the county would have been out that money for that project.

Judge Anderson ask him about his personal current workman's comp claim. The Judge said he may have to appoint CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock if he has to be off due to his claim.

EMS:

Ambulance Director Nathan Hall gave Magistrate Tipton some run reports for the ambulance service to look over that has taken place over the last 180 days.

Judge Anderson said he would like to brag on the EMS Department. He said we have improved so much and he appreciates them.

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Magistrate Tipton ask Ambulance Director Nathan Hall about the fuel for the ambulance service. He said he had looked over some reports showing fuel mileage. It looked like in some of the areas of the county gas was 10 cent cheaper. He said if you looked at 4000 miles and you saved a dime that would be like saving \$400.00 per month and in a year's time it would be around \$5,000.00. Magistrate Tipton said he wished the employees would be more sensitive to the prices when purchasing their gas. Ambulance Director Nathan Hall told Magistrate Tipton that you have to take some things into consideration such as the time of day that they need to purchase their fuel some stations may not even be open. There is just a lot of variables to look at. Mr. Hall said he has talked to the employees about this before.

CSEPP:

CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock made court members aware that he had ordered the 3500 truck. It's 45 to 90 days out as of now. He said he is confused because they have switched the 2020 to 2021 models this month because they are changing the style. He is on hold to wait and see if he still can purchase the Tahoe within the price of \$35,000 to \$36,000.00. If it goes up much more than he will have to switch back to the Durango. Mr. Babcock said the court had voted last month for him to get the best deal out of the options he had to choose from and as of right now he is looking at the Tahoe. The communication package quote is in place in Frankfort with the quick committee. Basically the state of Kentucky has to prove all radio communications even though it's the same system we have now. After he hears back with approval he can order the radios and get them out to the fire, EMS and police. He said there should be radios for the all of the Magistrates so they can monitor their areas.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Magistrate Combs seconded by Magistrate Patton **to go into closed session KRS 61.810 Paragraph (F).**

Motion passes unanimously

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye

Judge Executive James Anderson – Aye

Court resumes at 8:00 p.m.

Judge Executive James Anderson made everyone aware that there were No Action taken in closed session.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Timmy Tipton seconded by Magistrate Combs to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye

Judge Executive James Anderson - Aye

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