

**POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR CALLED MEETING**

DATE: APRIL 14TH, 2020

TIME: 6:00P.M.

**LOCATION: POWELL COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
33 COMMERCE DRIVE STANTON KY. 40380**

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Clerk's Report of Last Meeting
- V. Bills Submitted for Payment
- VI. Approval Treasurer's Financial Statement
- VII. Approval Treasurer's Transfers
- VIII. Budget Amendment #16
- IX. Old Business:
- X. New Business:
- XI. Updates:

Items to be discussed:

- Stacey Crase (Powell County Health Director)
- Judge's Update
- Department Head Updates
- RFP for engineering at Clay City Business Park
- Magistrates-district update/committee reports
- Energy Savings—approval to start
- Public Questions

VII: Other

**Powell County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
April 14th, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting was held using ZOOM Audio/Video Conference Calling due to Covid 19 Restrictions.
Judge Executive James Anderson was the administrator/host of the meeting.**

The meeting was held in the Powell County Judge Executive's Office using ZOOM audio/video conference calling due Covid 19 restrictions. This meeting was also streamed live through Facebook. Those assisting with the meeting were Wireless 911 Coordinator Cory Graham and Emergency Management Director Steve Asbury.

Those present for meeting in the Powell County Judge Executive's office were County Judge Executive James Anderson, Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree and County Attorney Robert King. Powell County Health Department Director Stacey Crase, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Donna Gabbard, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton and Magistrate Timmy Tipton joined the meeting with ZOOM audio/video conference calling.

Judge Executive James Anderson said he would like to thank everyone for joining us and to bear with us due to this being our first time having a meeting this way.

Judge Executive James Anderson called the ZOOM audio/video meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Judge Executive James Anderson ask the Fiscal Court Clerk to call roll for Magistrates joining in the ZOOM audio/video meeting:

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present through ZOOM audio/video Conference Calling
Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Present through ZOOM audio/video Conference Calling
Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present through ZOOM audio/ video Conference Calling
Magistrate Chad Patton – Present through Zoom audio/video Conference Calling
Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Present through ZOOM audio/video Conference Calling**

Judge Executive James Anderson asked Powell County Health Department Director Stacy Crase to join in the ZOOM audio/video meeting to give an update on Covid 19.

Ms. Crase started out by saying that with this public health emergency we have going on right now she really appreciates all the support that we have got from our local government. We all have worked together in this county to do a lot of things in the last month or so. We have rallied together and have our community partners on the same page and with the technology like ZOOM we have calibrated with Emergency Management and gotten our PPE to all our agencies that we felt like was on the front line. We have worked together with the Powell County Office of Public Information to get the education and the updates out. Ms. Crase really feels that we are on the top tier of the counties that are giving the information out there and the updates that are provided. With being able to go live on Facebook within the hour that we were notified about the first case of Covid 19. She said she appreciates the resources that they got from Emergency Management and the Powell County Fiscal Court to set up our dock which is our operations center here in the County so that when they have a case that they need to monitor we have an operations center that is really fully operational. Everyone has worked really hard and gets so done in one day. There is only one confirmed case in the county at this time that has recovered. There is

a lot of misinformation that gets spread around but that's what the Powell County Health Department has been notified. She said she feels that some people do not understand how the process works but Covid 19 is a reported disease in Kentucky and the Health Department is required to be notified of a Powell County resident that has been confirmed to have it. The county has done really well in our social distancing and hand washing and following all the rules. In closing Ms. Crase said she appreciates everyone helping us be prepared to face whatever comes.

Judge Executive James Anderson said that he appreciates her efforts and that she had been a great resource for Powell County.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask court members to introduce their selves and tell what district they represent.

Magistrate Timmy Tipton representing District 4 said it was an honor to serve and this is a trying time of all of us. He said the Judge Anderson had been in contact with them daily to give updates. Hopefully we are in the beginning stages of getting this behind us which is certainly our hopes and prayers.

Magistrate Chad Patton representing District 1. Mr. Patton said he would like to thank our first responders and everyone that is working for our county.

Magistrate Donna Gabbard representing District's 5, 6, 8, and 10. Ms. Gabbard said she appreciates everyone and reminded everyone to complete their census. You can either send it in by mail or complete it on-line.

Magistrate Dennis Combs representing District 2. Mr. Combs said he appreciates everyone's hard work.

Magistrate Mike Lockard representing District 3. Mr. Lockard said he appreciates everyone's hard work.

Judge Anderson said he would like to commend this court and it has been a privilege to work with them.

Judge Executive James Anderson said normally this is where we would have public comments during our meeting but due to the format that we had to adopt at this time we put something on our public information page asking for any questions that the public may have. As of Sunday which was the cut off date we had only had one question which was in relation to Blaze Enterprises on the property on Virden Ridge regarding dumping. He said he got a call on April 2nd and notified Frankfort and they did come for an onsite visit and to his knowledge this person was cited and they will have to remove it and it will be monitored.

Judge Anderson said if times allows he will also take questions at the end of the meeting.

Clerk's reports for March 2020 meetings.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask if any members of the court would like the Fiscal Court Clerk to make any additions or deletions to the minutes dated March 10th, 2020. There were no requests to make any changes to the regular meeting minutes dated March 10th, 2020 therefore minutes will be accepted.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask if any members of the court would like the Fiscal Court Clerk to make any additions or deletions to the minutes dated March 20th, 2020. There were no requests to make any changes to the special meeting minutes dated March 20th, 2020 therefore minutes will be accepted.

Bills Submitted for Payment:

All bills were submitted for payment. There were no objections to any of the bills therefore all bills submitted will be paid.

Treasurers Transfers:

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard seconded by Magistrate Lockard to approve the Treasurers transfers as presented. This to include interfund transfers, cash transfers and budget transfers made to balance 3rd quarterly report.

Judge Anderson ask the Fiscal Court Clerk to call roll:

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye

Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Judge Executive James Anderson – Aye

Motion passes unanimously

Financials:

The Treasurer presented all of the financials for court's review. To include the Financial Statement, interfund transfers and cash balances.

Budget Amendment # 6

1st Reading of Budget Amendment # 6 increasing the General Fund by \$1,125,527.00 for the Energy Saving Project.

Old Business:

There were a few clarifications made to the 2020-2021 jail budget. The Department for Local Government requires that a proposed jail budget is submitted to the Fiscal Court by April 1 of each year. The Proposed Jail Budget was submitted by email to each Magistrate due to the limitations of having meetings and not having our technology set up at the time. The Governor signed to go ahead and lock in the current retirement rates so that had some implications to the budget as well as the Jailer done a little more investigation to what his deputy salaries line would be.

New Business: Updates

Judge Executive James Anderson said he appreciated Powell County Health Director Stacy Crase for an outstanding job that she has done.

Judge Executive James Anderson encouraged everyone to complete their census. You can either mail it in or go on-line to complete it. The link is mycensus2020.census.gov. On April 12th, 2020 Powell County had a response rate of 40 some percent which is our area that is good but if you start looking at the rest of the state is not great. Judge Executive James Anderson said to please make this a priority and get this done.

Judge Executive James Anderson said some people has received or will start receiving their Stimulus check. He said he understands if it has to be spent on necessities but he would strongly encourage people to wait and spend it when our local businesses all open back up to help them out.

Judge Executive James Anderson said as we just had celebrated our Easter weekend. He wanted to praise our faith community and all of our churches for doing a wonderful job in staying in compliance and leading by example. He said he was very proud of how they represented Powell County.

Judge Executive James Anderson said he would like to commend County Court Clerk Jackie Everman and her staff for going above and beyond to try and make accommodations to serve our public through this time.

She had ask Judge Executive James Anderson to relay this list to the people.

- Registrations and renewal have been extended by 90 days.
- You can still renew on line at drive.kentucky.gov or by mail to P.O. Box 548 Stanton, Kentucky 40380 and the \$2.00 fee will be waved.
- You can still do transfers at her office on Wednesday's 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the side window of her office.
- Marriage license is by appointment. You can call at 606-663-6444.
- Fishing and Hunting license can be done on-line. Also some retailers will still be selling those.
- Please only Powell County citizens use her office at this time.

Judge Executive James Anderson said he would like to give a couple of shout outs to local companies that has done some things for Powell County.

- Powell's Valley Mill Work donated some hand sanitizer this week and we appreciates the community partners that they have been and will continue to be.
- KACO brought law enforcement offices some hand sanitizers.
- Daniel Jones has made some face masks and donated 500 to our county.
- We need to thank our 1st responders and give them an extra prayer. When they go in to situations there is a potential contamination or being exposed to Covid. It's definitely a trying time for them and if you see them out buy their lunch to show your appreciation.

Judge Executive James Anderson said there has been many others that has made sacrifices and done things to help our community get through this.

Judge Executive James Anderson said the most question that we have received here in the office is in relation to our transfer station. We are cutting back the hours to limit exposure of those employees with the public.

The jail staff and inmates that we typically use in our work release program are no longer available so we are still trying to run the transfer station as well as our recycling program.

At the current time the transfer station is open Monday's and Friday's from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday's from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Judge Executive James Anderson said they have been highly recommending curbside service by dialing Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171. The rates are \$18.35 monthly or 4.59 weekly. Doing this will probably be

more economical than going to the transfer station because the rates there will have to go up due to our cost of doing business.

Judge Executive James Anderson said that we need to continue to support our leaders both national, state and at the local level.

Two primary examples are our Governor and Stacy Crase which both have been outstanding. We have had great responses from our Emergency Management.

Clay City Industrial Park Discussion:

We have been trying for several years to get our Clay City Industrial Park open. It will be off the main exit at Clay City. We have an ARC grant to get the utilities put in the city park. As part of getting this back on line we have put out a request from Engineering. Three people submitted bids at this time. At this time Judge Anderson said that he would open and acknowledge them at this time. They will then meet with the Industrial Authority prior to awarding them.

The first sealed bid opened was received on March 17th, 2020 at 12:10 p.m. was submitted from Nesbitt Engineering.

The second sealed bid opened was received on March 23rd, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. was submitted from Blake Adams Engineering.

The third sealed bid opened was received on March 20th, 2020 at 3:35 p.m. from Palmer Engineering. Judge Anderson said they all appear to be complete with what was requested.

Magistrates Updates:

Judge Executive James Anderson ask court members if they had anything they would like to report on.

Magistrate Chad Patton which serves on the Jail Committee made court members aware that as of right now the jail has 195 state inmates. Due to the Governor's call they are letting some inmates out early that has shorter sentences. A lot of our surrounding counties are losing state inmates which is hurting them. The good news for Powell County is we will be only be losing 6 to 8 inmates at the most but should be able to replace them quickly.

Jailer Travis Crabtree signed a contract with Saint Clair Medical Center to add another substance abuse and transiting program for the jail. It should start sometime in the fall if everything goes cordially.

Energy Saving Project discussion:

Judge Executive James Anderson made the court aware that the bond had gone through and they are ready to start the project. We need to approve our first pay request on this Project to Perfection Group in the amount of \$225,105.40.

The payment procedure will be similar to our Jail Expansion Project. The Fiscal Court will approve all pay request draws. Once they are approved the Treasurer will forward the pay draw request to Lonnie Campbell at KACO which he will then send it on to U.S. Bank which will issue payments. The county will never tangibly hold these funds.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs to approve the first draw request to Perfection Group in the amount of \$225,105.40 for the Energy Saving Project.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask the Fiscal Court Clerk to call roll:

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

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

Magistrate Timmy Tipton ask what the status was on the Roll-Off Truck at the landfill. Judge Anderson said that we had the quote and approval to move forward with this at any time. We have been on hold with it due to the Covid issues but will move forward soon.

Other:

Acknowledgement of the Powell County Extension and Powell County Soil Conservation Budgets:

Judge Anderson made court members aware that the Powell County Extension Board had submitted their budget to the Powell County Fiscal Court.

Judge Executive James Anderson made court members aware that the Powell County Soil Conservation had submitted their budget to the Powell County Fiscal Court.

The Powell County Soil Conservation also submitted a letter to the Powell County Fiscal Court requesting an increase for their county contribution for the new Fiscal Year 2020/2021. They are now requesting that their county contribution be \$45,000.00. Judge Anderson said this is something that would have to be discussed with the Fiscal Court.

County Attorney Robert King said that the statues reads that if we do not respond it is a acceptance of that budget request and there is a time frame but he would have to check on it. He said it is something that the court needs to stay on and thinks the court needs to decide if that's the budget that they want to accept or discuss an amount to give them that they all feel comfortable with. The response needs to be more detailed than saying we cannot pay what they are requesting. The response needs to say why the county cannot honor their request at this time.

Last year the county contribution to the Powell County Soil Conservation was in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask what the pleasure of the court would be for this request.

Magistrate Timmy Tipton said it was scary to think about any kind of increase because we do not know the impact that this virus is going to have on us.

Magistrate Donna Gabbard brought up when the Fiscal Court offered them an office building to use but they declined that offer.

Judge Anderson said he was at the mind set to hold to the \$20,000.00 that we gave them last year because of what we are going to be facing.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to leave the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year county contribution for the Powell County Soil Conservation the same as last year in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask Fiscal Court Clerk to call roll:

Magistrate Tipton said that he needed to do a letter in the next week so we are in compliance with the law.

Fiscal Court Clerk called roll

Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs- Aye

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Motion passes unanimously

Judge Executive James Anderson mentioned that it was Telecommunications Week.

He said he is proud of our staff and appreciates them.

Public Questions:

Someone wanted to know what contributed to the low number of Covid cases in Powell County.

We as a state has had a proactive action on this and helped protect all of us in Powell County.

He said all our business and people have done an outstanding job. Judge Anderson said he didn't want to alarm anyone but there may be more Covid cases in Powell County that is not showing but we have been blessed with just the one confirmed case and no deaths.

Another question came in wanting to know about interest access for rural parts of Powell County.

Judge Executive James Anderson said that we have worked very hard on this. He said we are very limited on options as far as our telemedicine, children's ability to continue their education and limits the possibility of people being able to work from home.

Magistrate Donna Gabbard reminded everyone about getting their census in.

Judge Executive James Anderson said that this meeting was a learning curve for us tonight and we will try to improve. He also said he wants to thank the Fiscal Court and the public for all that they have done.

Emergency Management Director Steve Asbury wanted to remind everyone that we need to get some bids for our previous damaged roads. He also said that severe weather time is upon us in Powell County. He wants to remind everyone in the community that they are only going to sound the weather sirens if there is severe weather with winds greater than 57 mph. Just because the sirens go off does not mean that there is a tornado. He told everyone to keep check on the weather by whatever source that you have to use.

With no further discussion Judge Executive James Anderson ask for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton to adjourn the ZOOM audio/video meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Judge Executive James Anderson ask the Clerk to call roll:

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye

Judge Executive James Anderson – Aye

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