

The Fleming County Fiscal Court held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at the Fleming County Courthouse, 100 Court Square, Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Magistrate Taylor Hunt led the opening prayer and County Judge/Executive John Sims Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance and call to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll called by Fiscal Court Clerk Tammy L. Gray as follows: Magistrates present: Kerri Marshall, Taylor Hunt, Richie Kielman, Joe Dunaway Jr., Donnie Fawns and Ray H. Money. Also present was County Attorney Monica Hill and County Treasurer Kathy Dryden.

Vote Unan. Motion: Kerri Marshall Second: Richie Kielman  
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2024.

Vote Unan. Motion:  
A motion was made to retract the December 2023 decision to appoint Mark Smith to the Board of Health as he was not our appointment to make.

Vote Unan. Motion: Taylor Hunt Second: Richie Kielman  
A motion was made to reappoint Lynda Skaggs for another term on the Board of Health effective 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second: Richie Kielman  
A motion was made to reappoint Steve Hurd to serve another term on the Ambulance District Board from 2/12/2024 through 2/12/2026.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second : Kerri Marshall  
A motion was made accept District Five Magistrate's recommendation to reappoint Tony Workman to serve another term on the Fox Valley Recreation Park Board from 2/17/2024 through 2/17/2027.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second : Kerri Marshall  
A motion was made to accept District One Magistrate's recommendation to reappoint Gary Shannon to serve another term on the Fox Valley Recreation Park Board from 2/17/2024 through 2/17/2027.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Joe Dunaway Jr.  
A motion was made to approve to renew the Lewis County Animal Shelter agreement with the same terms.

Vote Unan. Motion: Joe Dunaway Jr. Second : Richie Kielman  
A motion was made to approve to amend the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Flemingsburg to change the time of distribution of funds to run with a Fiscal Year instead of Calendar Year and add an additional clause to allow for autorenewal each year unless proper notice is filed by either party.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Donnie Fawns  
A motion was made to approve the fire extinguisher inspections agreement with Koorsen as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Taylor Hunt  
A motion was made to approve the County Treasurer's monthly ending January 31, 2024 financial reports: General Fund \$ 1,205,324.86, Road Fund \$ 429,990.27, Jail Fund \$21,336.18, LGEA Fund \$ 117,610.53, Forest Fire Fund \$ 1,173.66, CDBG Fund \$ 720.30, Dispatch Fund \$ 247,544.20, Clerk's Storage Fund \$ 26,368.60, ARPA Fund \$ 1,270,473.15, Opioid Fund \$ 100,312.06, Capital Improvement Fund \$ 316,308.55. Total all funds \$ 3,737,162.36.

Vote Unan. Motion: Joe Dunaway Jr. Second: Donnie Fawns  
A motion was made to approve the Budget Transfers as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Kerri Marshall Second: Richie Kielman  
A motion was made to approve the Cash Transfers as presented.

Motion: Taylor Hunt  
A motion was made to NOT accept the elected officials' annual CPI salary increase of 3.4%.

Roll Call of Vote: TO NOT accept the salary increase: Marshall – YES, Hunt – Yes

Roll Call of Vote: TO accept the salary increase: Kielman – YES, Dunaway – YES, Fawns – YES, Money – YES. Majority of Votes Accepts the salary increase.

Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Donnie Fawns  
A motion was made to approve the County Judge/Executive's recommendation to increase Madonna McElfresh's hourly pay rate to \$ 16.50. Roll Call of Vote: Marshall – NO, Hunt – NO, Kielman – NO, Dunaway – NO, Fawns – YES, Money – YES. Motion fails.

Vote Unan. Motion: Taylor Hunt Second: Richie Kielman  
A motion was made to approve all claims reports, carry in claims reports, payment for court ordered indigent cremation to M. Gray Funeral Home \$ 1,520.00 and Stull Auto Parts for jailer car parts \$ 172.45 as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Taylor Hunt  
A motion was made to approve the January 2024 County Road Maintenance reports as presented.

Discussion was held regarding recent annual KTC bridge inspection reports which identified immediate bridge repairs needed and substandard conditions.

A petition was received requesting consideration to adopt Hawkins Lane into the county road maintenance system. Record of prior Fiscal Court decision from 4/13/2010 were referenced in that Hawkins Lane did not meet the required adoption guidelines.

County Judge/Executive requested assistance from the Sheriff's Department to patrol Kendall Lane to reduce speeding vehicles.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Kerri Marshall  
A motion was made to approve the Fleming County Clerk's month end report of January 2024 as presented.

Fleming County Sheriff Smith introduced Deputy Adam Horn and K-9 Deputy Rex to the Fiscal Court and gave an update of current and scheduled academy training. Current transmission situation of radios and repeaters was discussed. Sheriff Smith is to seek open grant opportunities with Buffalo Trace Area Development District for communication upgrade funding.

Sheriff Smith stated that Hester Towing has passed inspection.

County Judge/Executive stated a recent meeting was conducted with the City of Flemingsburg regarding codes enforcement of medical marijuana dispensaries and potential Interlocal Agreement.

Vote Unan. Motion: Joe Dunaway Jr. Second: Donnie Fawns  
A motion was made to approve the Fleming County Sheriff's month end January 2024 report as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Donnie Fawns  
A motion was made to approve the jailer's monthly report as presented.

Discussion was held about IT support for the County Attorney's Office, the process of obtaining quotes prior to work ordered and underfunded County Attorney budget. It was agreed for the County Attorney to obtain a quote for necessary network capabilities needs and present the quote for approval via polled claim.

Vote Unan. Motion: Taylor Hunt Second: Joe Dunaway Jr.  
A motion was made to surplus the 2006 Ford Explorer VIN 7886 due to high mileage and mechanical issues and submit for disposal at next available local auction.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Kerri Marshall  
A motion was made to approve the request made by Camp Sousley to place a statue of Franklin R. Sousley, USMC ( purchased by Camp Sousley ) at Judicial Center courtyard and pre-approval has been given by Chief Circuit Judge per Sims.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second : Joe Dunaway Jr.  
A motion was made to approve Change Order Four a credit of ( \$ 7611.71 ) for the Senior Center Project.

The Fiscal Court was notified of revised claims voucher for Momentum's progress pay application to appropriate \$ 720.00 from grant funds and adjust the Change Order Four amount.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Kerri Marshall  
A motion was made to approve lease renewal for two years ( FY23-24 and FY 24-25 ) with Fish and Wildlife for Captain's office at the courthouse.

Discussion was held regarding quote to open trails at Park Lake Mountain Nature Preserve and improving trail signage.

Vote Unan.                    Motion: Taylor Hunt                    Second: Kerri Marshall  
A motion was made to go into Executive Session citing 61.810(f) to discuss personnel and 61.810(c) pending litigation at 10:02 AM.

Vote Unan.                    Motion: Taylor Hunt                    Second: Joe Dunaway Jr.  
A motion was made to resume in open session at 10:44 AM.

Vote Unan.                    Motion: Richie Kielman                    Second: Joe Dunaway Jr.  
A motion was made to approve the application review committee's recommendation to hire Miranda Utterback as County Treasurer effective 2/14/2024 with a salary of \$ 40,000 per year under 90 days probation. Official Appointment set for April 1, 2024.

Vote Unan.                    Motion: Kerri Marshall                    Second: Ray H. Money  
A motion was made to give Madonna McElfresh a one dollar per hour pay increase effective at the next payroll period.

Vote Unan.                    Motion: Richie Kielman                    Second: Taylor Hunt  
A motion was made to adjourn at 10:49AM.