

**January 19, 2021**

The Oldham County Fiscal Court convened at a regular meeting at 2 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live with Judge-Executive David Voegelé, Assistant County Attorney Travis Combs, and the following magistrates in attendance: Brent Likins, Wayne Theiss, Albert Harrison, Steve Greenwell, Chris Haunz, Stephanie Hawkins, Bob Dye, and Michael Logsdon.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to approve the agenda with the addition of *Trees at Schamback Park/Westport on the River's Edge* as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Dye to approve the meeting minutes from January 5, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:**

Matt Rhodes, Director for the Oldham County Health Department, provided an update on the status of COVID-19 in the community and the COVID-19 phased vaccine campaign for Oldham County.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Larry Kiser commented he appreciates all that fiscal court is doing during the online meetings and allowing participation. He expressed his hope that it continues.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE-FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2020 CALENDAR YEAR**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to accept the sheriff's office financial statement for the 2020 calendar year as submitted. **Exhibit #1 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID OPENING-EAST PEAK ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

The following sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the *East Peak Road Construction Project*. **Exhibit #2 1/19/21**

<b><u>Company</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
Dan Cristiani Excavating-Clarksville, IN	\$1,995,310.00
Flynn Brothers-Louisville, KY	\$1,437,506.61
Louisville Paving-Louisville, KY	\$1,640,000.00
MAC Construction-New Albany, IN	\$1,335,759.00
Todd Johnson-Danville, KY	\$1,641,324.83

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION:****Budget Transfers**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Theiss to authorize budget transfers in the amount of \$228,920.20 for the quarter ended 12/31/2020, as submitted. **Exhibit #3 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Payables**

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to authorize the payables as submitted. **Exhibit #4 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Surplus Property**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to surplus to scrap the Briar Hill Park playground equipment in order to remove the assets from the county books as submitted. **Exhibit #5 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / REPORTS:**

#### **Parks Committee-Schambark Park Mailing**

Motion made by Magistrate Hawkins and seconded by Magistrate Theiss to authorize spending \$6,182.57 on a postcard mailing of the Schambark Park survey in order to receive feedback before proceeding with the rendering for the Schambark Park project as submitted. **Exhibit #6 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried 7-1-1. Magistrate Harrison voted no and Judge-Executive Voegele abstained.

#### **Parks Committee- Trees at Schambark Park/Westport on the River's Edge**

Motion made by Magistrate Hawkins and seconded by Magistrate Likins to retain the trees on the river's edge at Schambark Park in Westport which the hired professional stated to keep and remove the trees the hired professional stated to remove. **Exhibit #7 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion failed on a roll call vote with 2 votes in favor and 7 against. The following magistrates voted no: Brent Likins, Wayne Theiss, Albert Harrison, Chris Haunz, Bob Dye, Michael Logsdon, and Judge-Executive Voegele.

Motion made by Magistrate Harrison and seconded by Magistrate Likins to authorize the judge-executive to enter into a contract with Bob Ray Company to have the trees removed at Schambark Park/Westport. Motion carried on a roll call vote with 7 votes in favor and 2 against. The following magistrates voted no: Steve Greenwell and Stephanie Hawkins.

#### **Finance Committee-Police Scheduling**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to allow the police department to move to a 12-hour shift no sooner than January 31, 2021.

Motion amended by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to allow the police department to move to 12-hour shifts no sooner than January 31, 2021. **Exhibit #8 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONTRACTS / RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **Resolution-National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, 2021 Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program**

Motion made by Magistrate Hawkins and seconded by Magistrate Likins to allow the judge-executive to sign the resolution which authorizes Oldham County fiscal court to apply for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 2021 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program as submitted. **Exhibit #9 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Resolution-Kentucky Department of Highway Safety Grant**

Motion made by Judge-Executive Voegele and seconded by Magistrate Dye to authorize the judge-executive to sign the resolution which allows the police department and the sheriff's office to apply for the Kentucky Department of Highway safety grant as submitted, and to accept the grant if it is awarded. **Exhibit #10 1/19/21** Motion carried unanimously.

### **PERSONNEL ACTIONS:**

#### **Dispatch**

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Dye to accept the resignation of Rita Fuller effective 1/7/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #11 1/19/21** Motion carried unanimously.

## Road Department

Motion made by Magistrate Harrison and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to hire Marina Arterburn as a road department seasonal driver at \$25/hour, effective 1/7/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #11 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried 7 to 2. The following magistrates voted no: Steve Greenwell and Stephanie Hawkins.

## Police

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Likins to accept the resignation of Clayton Reeves effective 1/15/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #11 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

### Ambulance Taxing District Board

Motion made by Judge-Executive Voegele and seconded by Magistrate Logsdon to reappoint Stan Clark to the ambulance taxing district board with a term to expire 02/01/2023, as submitted. **Exhibit #12 1/19/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried 7 to 2. The following magistrates voted no: Bob Dye and Albert Harrison.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Magistrate Harrison encouraged residents who live in wooded areas on county roads and state roads to be cognizant of the leaf fall which leads to leaf collection in the ditches and the pipes. He asked all citizens to clean leaves out of the ditches and pipes so instead of water running across the roads it is running down the ditches and through the driveway culverts. This will help individuals and help the county.

Magistrate Logsdon thanked Pewee Valley for spreading salt down on the roads.

Magistrate Greenwell commented that he liked the meeting; it wasn't short and it wasn't dull. He noted he found it ironic the court applied for a grant to help the environment in the county and in the same meeting voted to cut down trees.

Magistrate Likins mentioned someone in Oldham County needed to win the \$850 million lottery.

Magistrate Theiss agreed with Magistrate Greenwell that it was a good meeting.

Magistrate Haunz made the following comments:

- A lot of good was done during the meeting.
- The reason there are eight magistrates & the judge-executive is because not everyone has the same opinion and his thought is it is healthy conversation and a healthy meeting when we have quality discussion and not all members agree. This shows that the fiscal court members are not all falling in line.
- It is a good idea for the police officers to go to 12-hour shifts. The new schedule should increase morale and more officers patrolling and performing speed checks on I-71 will hopefully provide a safer county for residents.
- He was fortunate enough to get a COVID shot through the fire department. It was a smooth process especially for someone who is not a fan of shots. Kudos to the Oldham County Health Department and Baptist East for the smooth process.
- The shot is not going to get us back to normal. It is going to get us back to a new normal. He is glad the kids are back in school and applauds the school system for getting the kids back in school.
- He appreciates everyone keeping the county safe.

Magistrate Hawkins recognized the anniversary of Roe v. Wade; believes it is the greatest genocide of our generation. Abortion was initiated as a means of controlling a population and a demographic of the population. It is being propagated as a form of birth control. At the federal level, it will be talked about as a normal means of birth control and it is time for those who are pro-life to stand up and be silent no more about this social issue, this "heart" issue. She urged everyone to do what they can to eliminate abortion as an easy, which ends up not being easy, way out of an unplanned situation.

Judge-Executive Voegelé commented:

- A new president of the United States of America inaugurated on January 20, 2021.
- In the future perhaps we will consider some resolutions to address certain things; the fiscal court serves everyone in the community, but the members still must speak up.
- Expressed his concern about shutting off access to Facebook and Twitter to certain citizens. He would hate to think someone could decide that he would not be able to put out what he would like to communicate.
- The individual who said members of the National Guard could be suspected to do something in Washington during the inauguration, he believes is one of the most reprehensible comments he has heard. As a former member of the National Guard, he took extreme offense at a comment like that.
- Continue to move forward in our community to do the best for everyone – all colors, all races, all religions. For all who live in Oldham County, we are out here to do our best for each citizen.
- Invited all to review a book he recently received from KACo, *Kentucky's Counties: A Postcard Album* by Carl Howell and Robin Milby. There is a postcard from the Oldham County 1910 girls' basketball team. It will be kept in the judge-executive office next to the statue of Colonel Oldham for all to harken back to wonderful memories and remembrances from days gone by in Oldham County and all counties in Kentucky.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Denise Clark  
Fiscal Court Clerk  
January 19, 2021