

March 2, 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, County Attorney John Carter, 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 deletions of: “amendment to waste hauling contract-Republic Services” and “employee compensation” and the addition of: “1st reading-ordinance to repeal and replace the Oldham County comprehensive plan” as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve the meeting minutes from February 16, 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.

COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE-2021 BUDGET:**County Clerk’s Office 2021 Budget**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz upon recommendation of the finance committee to approve the county clerk’s 2021 budget as submitted. **Exhibit #1 3/2/21** Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk’s Office 2021 Annual Order Setting Maximum Salaries-Deputies and Assistants

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to approve the county clerk’s 2021 annual order setting the maximum amount of salaries for deputies and assistants at \$1,245,600 as submitted. **Exhibit #2 3/2/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk’s Office-Excess Fees

County Clerk Julie Barr provided Oldham County fiscal court with a check for excess fees in the amount of \$1,128,404.16.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

BID OPENINGS-I.T. & STORAGE ROOM ADDITION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The following sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the *I.T. & storage room addition construction project*. **Exhibit #3 3/2/21**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Alternate 1</u>
Calhoun Construction-Louisville	\$399,572.00	\$10,008.00
East & Westbrook Construction-Buckner	\$362,871.79	\$ 4,000.00
Jacobs Group-Buckner	\$331,400.00	\$10,100.00
Martin Construction-Louisville	\$575,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
OMNI Commercial-Lexington	\$413,000.00	\$ 9,700.00

The bids were provided to the building committee for review and recommendation.

BID OPENINGS-SURFACE WATER QUALITY MONITORING WITHIN OLDHAM COUNTY WATERSHEDS

The following sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the *Surface Water Quality Monitoring within Oldham County*. **Exhibit #4 3/2/21**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
ATC Group Services-Louisville	\$9,400.00
Metric Environmental-Lexington	\$11,124.74

The bids were provided to the county engineer for review and recommendation.

BID OPENINGS-OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT BUILDING SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The following sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the *Oldham County Fiscal Court Building Sidewalk Replacement Project* **Exhibit #5 3/2/21**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Alt 1</u>	<u>Bid Alt 2</u>	<u>Bid Alt 3</u>
Hall Paving-Louisville	\$241,079.78	\$209,833.38	\$139,845.97
Seven Seas Construction	\$208,879.42	\$182,096.30	\$129,285.65

The bids were provided to the county engineer for review and recommendation.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA SUMMARY REPORT-2020:

Becky Zocklein, Solid Waste, Recycling & Grants Coordinator, presented the 2020 solid waste management summary report as submitted. **Exhibit #6 3/2/21**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION:

Payables

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Dye to authorize the payables as submitted. **Exhibit #7 3/2/21** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS:

1st Reading-Ordinance Relating to Flood Damage Prevention in Oldham County

Jim Urban, Director of Oldham County Planning & Development, presented for first reading ordinance KOC 21-360-201 amending the flood damage prevention ordinance, repealing and replacing ordinance number KOC 06-360-41, as submitted. **Exhibit #8 3/2/21** Director Urban answered questions from the court.

1st Reading-Ordinance to Repeal and Replace the Oldham County Comprehensive Plan

Director Jim Urban presented for first reading ordinance KOC 21-910-71 to repeal and replace the Oldham County comprehensive plan in its entirety containing both the goals and objectives statements and plan elements and replaces ordinance KOC 13-120-399 as submitted. **Exhibit #9 3/2/21** Director Urban answered questions from the court.

CONTRACTS / RESOLUTIONS:

Consent & Release between KYTC, District 5 and Oldham County Fiscal Court for Brick Paver Sidewalk

Motion made by Magistrate Harrison and seconded by Magistrate Logsdon to authorize the judge-executive to sign the consent & release form/maintenance agreement between the Kentucky

Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, District 5, and Oldham County fiscal court for the maintenance of the brick paver sidewalk as submitted. **Exhibit #10 3/2/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment #1-Goshen Hills Drainage Improvements Phase 1 (Total Project Cost Reduction)

Motion made by Magistrate Harrison and seconded by Magistrate Dye to authorize the judge-executive to sign the amendment #1 for the Goshen Hills drainage improvements phase 1 with Flynn Brothers Contracting, Inc. for a contract reduction in the amount of \$17,302.78, as submitted. **Exhibit #11 3/2/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Final Acceptance Certificate-Oldham County Simulcast System

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to authorize the judge-executive to sign the final acceptance certificate for the Oldham County simulcast fire paging system original presented to court and accepted on 12/17/2019, as submitted. **Exhibit #12 3/2/21** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

Human Resources, Grants & Technology Committee-Roadway Construction Inspector Job Description

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon upon recommendation from the human resources, grants, and technology committee and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to approve the roadway construction inspector job description. **Exhibit#13 3/2/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee-Magistrates and Coroners Compensation

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to accept the 1.4% increase as directed by the state of Kentucky for the 2021 county magistrates' and coroners' compensation as submitted. **Exhibit #14 3/2/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Road Department

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to promote Kevin Rankin to roadway construction inspector at \$21/hour (from \$19.38/hr.) effective 3/3/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #15 3/2/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to hire Roxanne White and John Ford as seasonal drivers at \$25/hour effective 3/3/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #15 3/3/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to accept new hire, David Haskins, as animal control officer at \$15/hour effective 3/8/2021. **Exhibit #15 3/2/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA SUMMARY REPORT-2020:

Motion made by Magistrate Hawkins and seconded by Magistrate Dye to authorize the judge-executive to sign the solid waste management area annual report for 2020, as submitted. **Exhibit #6 3/2/21** Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Magistrate Hawkins mentioned she watched CPAC, the conservative convention, and was amazed and entertained. She recommended people to watch two impressive speeches from the convention: the speech by Matt Gates, representative out of Florida, and the speech by Kristi Noem, governor of South Dakota.

Magistrate Theiss stated he would like all the committees to provide early reports for what they are working on and what the projects are. He stressed it would be nice to know before a vote stands at the fiscal court meeting, for example, what the addition of the church would look like and what the details are on the sidewalk project. His wish is for better communication coming out of the committees.

Magistrate Harrison made the following comments:

- Two years prior there was an issue raised on the contractor who had worked on the detention center. The contractor spoke to fiscal court members and explained his position on the situation saying they wanted to be good citizens and good contractors here in Oldham County. Two projects were recognized during the meeting for reductions in cost and Louisville Paving was the contractor on both of those projects. They deserve recognition for their honesty and their candor for the reduction in costs on the two projects. He thanked Louisville Paving.
- The flooding in and along the Ohio River will get dramatically worse through the weekend with reports indicating another 8-foot rise to be expected before the river crests.

Judge-Executive Voegele stated one of the projects with a cost reduction involved the contractor, Flynn Brothers.

Ben Kimbler, road department supervisor, announced the road department had already installed signs at Harmony Landing alerting drivers to possible high water.

Jim Urban, director of planning and development services, asked LG&E to notify Oldham County fiscal court if they would be turning off the grid due to flooding. He is coordinating with Jerry Nauert, emergency management director, to send alerts to citizens affected by the flooding. He is also prepared to communicate to HOA presidents for neighborhoods affected.

Magistrate Dye spoke about the WDRB news story about Oldham Reserve that was very informative and commented that David Bizianes, president of the Oldham County chamber and economic development, did a great job.

Magistrate Logsdon made the following comments:

- He drove down Riverside to look at new construction on Huckleberry Hill and in the twenty to thirty minutes he was there, the river rose and covered the road. He urged everyone to be careful as the river rises so quickly.
- To Magistrate Theiss's point, magistrates can join other committee meetings to find out more information on projects. Also, the information is included in the fiscal court meeting packet sent the Friday before the fiscal court meetings so each magistrate has the opportunity to review the information and ask questions.

Magistrate Theiss expressed he would like to receive reports along the way.

Magistrate Greenwell reported he is happy the road department hired two additional seasonal drivers, but he hopes they do not have to shovel a single flake this season.

Magistrate Likins communicated the following:

- Regarding the flooding, he thanked Magistrate Harrison for the update.
- He echoed the sentiments of citizens and appreciates the hard work of employees at the road department helping people in flooded areas.

Magistrate Haunz made the following comments:

- Kudos to Matt Rhodes & the team at the Oldham County health department, and the employees at Oldham County EMS for the ease and efficiency of their COVID-19 vaccine drive-thru service; two positive comments received about the vaccine operation.

- Observed Jay McDowell working on the new camera system in the courtroom and is working on upgrading the system to high definition. With the new camera system, fiscal court meetings should be able to include outside videos to view, such as the WDRB story about Oldham Reserve.
- David Bizianes has a podcast (which can be accessed from Spotify or Apple podcasts) and a recent episode featured Gant Jones, an architect from Oldham County. The podcast speaks about a vision for Oldham County. One thing that is discussed is the entrance and exit ramps to and from the interstate. It was a good conversation, an educated conversation about growth opportunities in Oldham County.
- With the weather getting warmer, he reminded people walking along the road to walk against traffic to be able to see what is coming and announced not to walk in the middle of the road.

[Magistrate Harrison left the meeting at 4:24 p.m.]

Judge-Executive Voegele stated:

- There are many projects happening simultaneously: two road projects, a parks project, a broadband package, off ramps from the interstate, additions to two buildings, a new animal control building – a lot of great things for the people in our community and we are doing our best so we will be proud of what we have.
- Courthouse plans are moving forward with the demolition scheduled to, perhaps, begin in June. The fencing around the building will be installed soon.
- The farmers market may need to shift locations.
- The Project Guild expects to have Oldham County day in 2021.
- More people are attending events as more vaccine is distributed and the virus is starting to come under control.
- He appreciates the work everyone is doing on their committees; this is a team effort.

Magistrate Greenwell asked when fiscal court meetings may return to in-person meetings.

Judge-Executive Voegele asked for a show of hands for returning to in-person March 16 or April 6 and received mixed results.

Magistrate Dye wants to hear from an authority that it is safe to return to in-person as he has not yet received the vaccination.

Judge-Executive Voegele announced he will ask Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association (KCJEA) to run a survey to see which fiscal courts have returned to in-person meetings and make a decision once that data has been collected.

Magistrate Haunz reported that when everything is up and running, staff will be able to join the fiscal court meeting via Zoom, but he believes it might be short-spaced for committee meetings in the large conference room.

Judge-Executive Voegele mentioned other guests could Zoom into the meeting, as well.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Dye to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Clark
Fiscal Court Clerk
March 2, 2021