

June 1, 2021

The Oldham County Fiscal Court convened at a regular meeting at 2 p.m. with Judge-Executive David Voegele, 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 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Magistrate Likins and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to approve the meeting minutes from May 18, 2021, as submitted with the revision on page 311 changing the date of the Flag Day ceremony to June 12. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION:**Payables**

Motion made by Magistrate Theiss and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to authorize payment of the payables as submitted. **Exhibit #1 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve line-item budget transfers in the amount of \$8,640.00, as submitted. **Exhibit #2 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Property – Old Jail

Motion made by Magistrate Theiss and seconded by Magistrate Dye to approve the surplus of the old jail building, and the following contents of the old jail: a roof repair from 1997, stoves and a washer as submitted. **Exhibit #3 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS:**2nd Reading / Public Hearing – FY 21/22 Budget**

Judge-Executive Voegele presented for second reading/public hearing proposed Ordinance No. KOC 21-220-232 relating to the annual budget and appropriations for fiscal year 2021/2022. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to adopt Ordinance No. KOC 21-220-232 relating to the annual budget and appropriations for fiscal year 2021/2022, as submitted. **Exhibit #4 6/1/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS / RESOLUTIONS:**Waste Tire Grant Agreement**

Motion made by Magistrate Hawkins and seconded by Magistrate Theiss to authorize Judge-Executive Voegele to sign the agreement for the \$4,000.00 waste tire grant requiring no match for tires collected throughout the year as submitted. **Exhibit #5 6/1/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Change Orders – I.T. / Storage Room Addition Construction Project

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Theiss to authorize Judge-Executive Voegelé to sign change order number one with the Jacobs Group for additional electrical work in the amount of \$11,405.91, for the revised contract price of \$342,805.91. **Exhibit #6 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Likins to authorize Judge-Executive Voegelé to sign change order number two to run additional power to a new water heater in the amount of \$305.80, for the revised contract price of \$331,705.80. **Exhibit #6 6/1/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS:

FY 21/22 Budget – Standing Order

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Likins to approve the standing order for pre-approved recurring expenses as submitted. **Exhibit #4 6/1/21**. Motion carried unanimously

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / REPORTS:

Road Committee – Recommendation to Release Erosion Control Bond – Claymont Springs Subdivision

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Dye upon recommendation from the road committee to release the \$17,000.00 erosion control bond as it relates to Claymont Springs subdivision as submitted. **Exhibit #7 6/1/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Committee – Recommendation to Release Performance Bond – Claymont Springs Subdivision

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Logsdon upon recommendation from the road committee to release the \$77,000.00 performance bond as it relates to Claymont Springs subdivision as submitted. **Exhibit #7 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Spring Paving Contract Amendment – Additional Patching and Paving, Mayo Lane

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Likins upon recommendation from the road committee to request approval of contract amendment number 2 to the 2021 spring paving contract with Louisville Paving and Construction for additional patching and paving to be completed on Mayo Lane in the amount of \$8,971.27, as submitted. **Exhibit #8 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Police

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Dye to accept the resignation of Michael Rittenhouse from the police department effective 6/5/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #9 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to hire Tyler Birk as a 4-year lateral officer at the police department with a base hourly rate of \$23.64/hour effective 6/15/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #9 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to hire Kevin Reyna-Padilla as seasonal hire-parks & recreation laborer at \$15/hour effective 6/5/2021, and seasonal pool hires at \$7.40/hour effective 6/1/2021, as submitted. **Exhibit #9 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department

Motion made by Magistrate Harrison and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to accept the retirement of Troy Woosley from the road department effective 5/26/2021, after 27 years of service. **Exhibit #9 6/1/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Police Merit Board

Motion made by Judge-Executive Voegele and seconded by Magistrate Dye to appoint Sherlonda Gray to the police merit board with a term to expire 5/1/2025, as submitted. **Exhibit #10 6/1/21** Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to hold a special meeting of the fiscal court on Tuesday, June 29 at 2 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Magistrate Harrison asked for an update on the dilapidated structure at 6533 Jacob Drive in Westport. Director of Planning and Development Services, Jim Urban, provided an update on the status of notices which were posted on the property, sent to the property owners and advertised in the Oldham Era. Mr. Urban described he would be asking for an opinion of cost to tear down the building and save the foundation. He explained if the quotes were considerably less than \$30,000, he will request quotes from three contractors. If it is over \$30,000, he will advertise the project, so at 45 days things will be in place to take action and tear down the building. The forty-five days will expire July 3, 2021.

Magistrate Likins made the following announcements:

- The building/maintenance and construction committee made the decision to go with Project Delivery as the construction manager for the new animal control building construction project.
- A special meeting of the building/maintenance and construction committee is scheduled for 10 a.m. on June 10, 2021, to present the construction manager decision to Architectural Investments.
- Sad to see Michael Rittenhouse resign from the Oldham County police department. He helped Magistrate Likins with a case.

Magistrate Theiss discussed a constituent who is having stormwater issues. The constituent filed the original complaint in 2018, and Magistrate Theiss would like to fix this issue. Magistrate Theiss explained his understanding that the road department is short-handed and fiscal court needs to take action to get the road department fully staffed. He recommends hiring three employees to the road department who would be designated to work on stormwater problems. If these three employees have time after tending to the stormwater issues, they can assist with road department projects. Magistrate Theiss urged the fiscal court, as a government entity, to find a solution to the problem in Darby Pointe in Buckner.

Judge-Executive Voegele responded to Magistrate Theiss citing the fact that no one applies for the jobs that are posted by fiscal court. Unless the rate of pay increases, it will be difficult to fill these positions.

Magistrate Theiss described it is the responsibility of the fiscal court to tell a citizen when the work will be completed.

Magistrate Haunz pointed out there was a change in the budget in order to hire the additional staff being discussed.

Magistrate Harrison interjected that fiscal court might consider contract work to complete the stormwater projects.

County Engineer Jim Silliman explained some items do not get addressed as soon as others because they are not as critical. He will look at putting together a linear paving package through contract work.

Magistrate Dye stated the grant program is in place to fund these projects.

Judge-Executive Voegelé clarified the grant program is set at a maximum of \$7,500 with homeowners paying an equal part of the expense.

Magistrate Hawkins mentioned the program started at a 75/25 match and it is now a 50/50 match. She suggested perhaps it should return to the county paying 75% and the homeowner paying 25%, then market the program to get more participation.

Magistrate Harrison made the following announcements:

- Urged everyone to take note of how many signs are advertising places of business looking to hire employees and no one is getting response.
- June 6: D-Day
- June 12: Women Veterans Day
- June 14: Birthday of the U.S. Army
- June 14: U.S. Flag Day, and the week of June 14 is National Flag Week
- June is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month – statistics show the loss of 22 veterans per day to suicide.

Magistrate Greenwell reminded everyone that June 7 is the last day of the school year for Oldham County schools. There will be a comprehensive summer school program so still be aware of students using the school bus. Dr. Jason Radford is the new Oldham County Schools Superintendent and Magistrate Greenwell is looking forward to working with Dr. Radford. Fifty years ago to the day, he graduated from Oldham County High School and he feels he received a great education.

Magistrate Haunz made the following comments:

- It is still important to serve the people on the bottom of the list; maybe action can be taken to start working on the lower priority projects.
- This is the start of the annual collection for WHAS Crusade for Children. Volunteers will not be visiting door-to-door so be sure to wave them down when you see one of the volunteers and would like to donate. 100% of the funds return to Oldham County.
- A reminder that three police recruits are graduating from the police academy.

Magistrate Hawkins made the following statements:

- In May of 2020, the court agreed to hire a highly credentialed professional to look at the trees in Westport and he did a fantastic job. At the meeting on May 5, 2021, this same professional was mentioned.
- Recently we approved to hire / pay another equally, highly credentialed professional to assess the trees at Westport and Magistrate Hawkins looks forward to hearing that report.
- Parks & Recreation committee work is going well.

Magistrate Dye reiterated school would soon be dismissed for the summer and to anticipate an uptick in things “walking away” from automobiles. He reminded everyone to put valuable items in the trunk.

Judge-Executive Voegelé made the following announcements:

- He stopped by Schamback Park on Monday, May 31. There were a large number of people including boaters, enjoying the park and utilizing the ten picnic tables that were placed there.
- The parks committee will be meeting soon with Tetra Tech to formulate the RFP / engineering contract for the Schamback Park project utilizing the information formulated by Mike Prather of Prather Designs.
- The trees at Schamback Park were evaluated and a couple of trees need to be removed. Personnel from the road department will remove these trees.

Magistrate Dye asked for clarification that the special meeting scheduled for June 29 does not negate the meeting on June 15 and that it does negate the meeting the first Tuesday of July. It was confirmed this information was correct.

Magistrate Greenwell made the remark that the budget would not be completed without the efforts of Melissa Horn and Stan Clark.

Judge-Executive Voegele continued his announcements:

- There are many projects underway including: East Peak Road, the re-bidding of the expansion construction of the community center, broadband, sidewalk replacement at the fiscal court building, and the IT/storage addition at the church building. Progress is being made and all of these projects are moving forward.
- There was high foot-traffic at the farmers market and at the Memorial Day ceremony.

Magistrate Thiess asked if a fireworks display would take place on Independence Day. Judge-Executive Voegele responded there would be no fireworks on Independence Day this year due to coronavirus and the increased expense of the fireworks.

Judge-Executive Voegele concluded his announcements informing everyone the sporting clay shoot hosted by the Rogers Group at the Sporting Club at the Farm on May 21, raised around \$50,000 for Oldham County emergency first responders. He announced the funds raised would go toward the hosting of an appreciation event for the emergency first responders and their families sometime in August, and purchasing equipment the departments would share. Judge-Executive Voegele expressed his appreciation for the Rogers Group and all they have done to recognize the emergency responders in this community.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Clark
Fiscal Court Clerk
June 1, 2021