

**May 4, 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 Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of Schamback Park/Westport Update. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve the meeting minutes from April 20, 2021, with the change on page 302 from Global Information Systems Detailed Design / Engineering Middle-Mile Fiber Network to Broadband Detailed Design / Engineering Middle-Mile Fiber Network as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kevin Van Winkle of 1618 Whitaker Road, Centerfield, addressed the court regarding his concern about the lack of information on the permission to install solar energy panels like the ones his neighbor recently installed. Mr. Van Winkle would like to respectfully challenge anything that comes up about solar panels in the future.

Judge-Executive Voegele responded the solar panels fit within the planning and development services regulations and encouraged Mr. Van Winkle to also attend planning commission meetings which address topics such as this.

Jim Urban, director of planning and development services, responded that the solar panels meet all required regulations as they were properly permitted, have the proper setbacks, and the electrical permits have been approved.

Magistrates Hawkins, Haunz, Likins, Theiss, and Dye spoke in response to Mr. Van Winkle's public comment. It was suggested the solar panel discussion be taken to the Study Review Committee.

**GRANT AWARDS 2020 - 2021**

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to approve the list of 2020/2021 fiscal court community grant award allocations as submitted. **Exhibit #1 5/4/21**. Discussion followed. Motion carried 7-2 with Magistrate Theiss and Magistrate Greenwell voting no.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION:****Payables**

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Likins to authorize payment of the payables as submitted. **Exhibit #2 5/4/21** Motion carried 8-1 with Magistrate Greenwell voting no.

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS:****1<sup>st</sup> Reading – FY 21/22 Budget**

Judge-Executive Voegele presented for first reading the county's 2021/2022 budget as submitted. **Exhibit #3 5/4/21** Discussion followed. The second reading/public hearing is scheduled for June 1, 2021.

**CONTRACTS / RESOLUTIONS:****US 22 Corridor Planning Study Agreement with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet & Resolution**

Motion made by Magistrate Theiss and seconded by Magistrate Logsdon to authorize the judge-executive to sign the agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in the amount of \$202,500 in federal SLO funds with a required local match of \$50,625 for a corridor planning study along US 22 between Haunz Lane and KY 329. **Exhibit #4 5/4/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / REPORTS:****Human Resources, Grants & Technology Committee – Return to Work Policy**

Motion made by Magistrate Hawkins and seconded by Magistrate Logsdon upon recommendation of the Human Resources, Grants, & Technology Committee to approve the adoption of the Return to Work Policy as submitted and to add it to the Employee Handbook Section 1.5: Conditions of Employment (17) Safety and Injuries. **Exhibit #5 5/4/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Road Committee – Recommendation to Release Erosion Control Bond – Buckner Pointe Apartments**

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Likins upon recommendation of the county engineer to release the \$160,416.75 erosion control bond for Buckner Pointe Apartments as submitted. **Exhibit #6 5/4/21** Motion carried unanimously.

**Road Committee – 2021 Spring Paving Contract Amendment**

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve the amendment to the spring paving contract with Louisville Paving in the amount of \$13,985.00, as submitted. **Exhibit #7 5/4/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS / BOARD APPOINTMENT:****Personnel Actions - Parks & Recreation**

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Hawkins to hire the following for the parks & recreation department:

- Nate Kommer as building monitor at a rate of \$7.40/hour effective 5/5/2021;
- Dalton Maggard as seasonal maintenance at a rate of \$15/hour effective 5/5/2021;
- Seasonal pool hires effective 5/5/2021, as submitted.

**Exhibit #8 5/4/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT:****Tourism Commission**

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to appoint Liz Ratliff to the Tourism Commission with a term to expire 5/1/2024, as submitted. **Exhibit #9 5/4/21** Motion carried unanimously.

**WESTPORT/SCHAMBACK PARK UPDATE:**

Motion made by Judge-Executive Voegelé and seconded by Magistrate Harrison to move forward working with Tetra Tech on the Shamback Park/Westport project. Discussion followed.

Motion withdrawn by Judge-Executive Voegelé and the second withdrawn from Magistrate Harrison.

A motion and a second was made to stop debate. Motion carried 8-1 on a roll call vote with Magistrate Harrison voting no.

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to enter into a personal services contract with Mike Prather to provide a rendering of Schamback Park and for fiscal court to approve the allocation of funds not to exceed \$4000 to pay for this service. Discussion followed. Motion carried 8-1 with Magistrate Harrison voting no.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kevin Van Winkle, 1618 Whitaker Road, Centerfield addressed the court regarding the following:

- putting up signs throughout the community for Menus & Mentors,
- and establishing a small-batch distillery in Oldham County.

Judge-Executive Voegele advised Mr. Van Winkle to speak to Jim Urban in planning & development services.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Magistrate Greenwell announced the prayer service planned for the National Day of Prayer on May 6 at 12 noon at the courthouse.

Magistrate Harrison made the following comments:

- May 8 marks the anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. This anniversary marks the date of the end of World War II in Europe. One gentleman in Oldham County, Sergeant Howard Griffin, remembers that day because he was there. Sergeant Griffin will be the grand marshal of the parade for Oldham County Day. He also served in Korea and Vietnam. Thank him for his service upon meeting him.
- Experienced another disappointing day at the fiscal court meeting. The second time fiscal court has summarily rejected an element of a project in the third district. The third district is his district and no one knows the people or the area as well as he does, but when he stands in front of fiscal court, he is a nothing and everyone else knows more about Westport. When he was elected as magistrate he understood fiscal court to be a collegial group of individuals, however, he is not experiencing a collegial atmosphere. No special consideration is given to the magistrate in whose district the project is.
- In 2019, it was told that Schamback Park in Westport was the signature project of fiscal court, but it is not even on the radar.

Magistrate Theiss announced the special meeting of the parks committee scheduled on May 11, 2021. Magistrate Harrison's name would not be on the list, but Magistrate Theiss asked a parks committee member to step-down from the meeting so Magistrate Harrison may attend the special meeting.

Magistrate Likins made the remark that his horse is still running in the Derby race.

Judge-Executive Voegele made the following announcements:

- It was a robust discussion during this fiscal court meeting. There are nine people making decisions to benefit the community. His still optimistic Schamback Park will turn out as a great project. The project will continue to move forward and the residents of Oldham County and the visitors to Oldham County will have something nice to enjoy.
- An individual called him on the phone to tell him a resident of Jefferson County visited Westport and was amazed with the beauty of Schamback Park.
- Oldham County Day is July 17 and booth space is available. Call the Ladies Project Guild or visit [oldhamcountyday@gmail.com](mailto:oldhamcountyday@gmail.com) to reserve booth space.
- Property tax assessment appeals can be scheduled with the Property Valuation Administration's office through May 17.
- Oldham County Health Department has plenty of Moderna COVID vaccine available. Interested individuals should make an appointment online at [oldhamcountyhealthdepartment.org](http://oldhamcountyhealthdepartment.org)
- Reminded everyone to remember his/her mother on Mother's Day.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Denise Clark  
Fiscal Court Clerk  
May 4, 2021