

August 17, 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, Steve Greenwell, Chris Haunz, Stephanie Hawkins, Bob Dye, and Michael Logsdon. Magistrate Woosley was absent.

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 Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2021, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Oldham County Health Department Director Matt Rhodes provided an update on COVID-19 in Oldham County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judge Voegele responded to the public comment from the fiscal court meeting on August 3, 2021, in regards to the extension of the occupational (compensation) tax. Neither advocating nor opposing the tax, Judge Voegele pointed out that the revenue from the occupational tax is split between the City of LaGrange and Oldham County, therefore, Oldham County Fiscal Court has benefited from the occupational tax.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 2020 PROPERTY TAX SETTLEMENT:

Sheana Ingram from the Sheriff's Office presented the property tax settlement for 2020.

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve the Judge-Executive to sign the Sheriff's property tax settlement for 2020, as submitted. **Exhibit #1 8/17/21**

OLDHAM COUNTY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - BUDGET & TAX RATE PRESENTATION:

Will Douglas, Chairman of the Oldham County Storm Water Management District, presented information relating to the district's FY 21/22 budget and storm water quality fees that will stay at the same rate as the previous year at \$33.84/year. Jim Silliman, County Engineer/MS4 Coordinator, presented information regarding the MS4 program. Mr. Douglas and Mr. Silliman responded to questions from the court. **Exhibit #2 8/17/21**

EXTENSION DISTRICT – BUDGET & TAX RATE INFORMATION:

Extension District Board Vice President Ken Hepperman presented information relating to the Extension District FY 21/22 budget and ad valorem tax rate which will all be kept at the same rate except for personal property which decreased 1 cent per \$100/assessed value.

- 1.36 cents per \$100 real property
- 1.45 cents per \$100 personal property
- 1.50 cents per \$100 motor vehicle
- 1.50 cents per \$100 watercraft
- 1.45 cents per \$100 inventory

Kelly Woods, Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development, and Traci Missun, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, presented information regarding the programs at the Oldham County Cooperative Extension Service.

The representatives from the Extension District responded to questions from the court. **Exhibit #3 8/17/21**

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE:

Animal Control Director Polly Helton provided an update on the emaciated horse on Echo Valley Drive. The horse was 29-years old and would not eat; the veterinarian did not find abuse or neglect. The veterinarian recommended euthanasia and the owner agreed. The horse was euthanized.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION:

Payables

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Theiss to authorize payment of the payables as submitted. **Exhibit #4 8/17/21** Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to approve two budget transfers: \$24,586.87 for discretionary salaries and \$284,754.08 for reclassification of Court Security Officers required by the Department of Local Government as submitted. **Exhibit #5 8/17/21** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS:

Oldham County Tax Rate

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Haunz to authorize Judge Voegele to sign Resolution Number 01-08-17-21 adopting the tax rate for 2021 at 8.7 cents per \$100 assessed property value as submitted. **Exhibit #6 8/17/21** Discussion followed. Motion carried 7-1, with Magistrate Greenwell voting no.

1st Reading – Wrecker Services Ordinance

Magistrate Haunz introduced and summarized a first reading of the Wrecker Services Ordinance as submitted. **Exhibit #7 8/17/21** Discussion followed. The second reading/public hearing will take place after the ordinance is advertised.

CONTRACTS / RESOLUTIONS:

Spay/Neuter Grant – Memorandum of Agreement

Motion made by Magistrate Dye and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to authorize Judge Voegele to sign the spay/neuter grant memorandum of agreement and any other documents pertaining to this grant, as submitted. **Exhibit #8 8/17/21** Motion carried unanimously.

CDBG-CV UTILITIES GRANT – LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT

Motion made by Magistrate Theiss and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to authorize Judge Voegele to sign the CDBG-CV utilities grant legally binding agreement as submitted. **Exhibit #9 8/17/21** Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Police

Motion made by Magistrate Haunz and seconded by Magistrate Greenwell to approve the following personnel actions within the police department:

- Hire Ryan Alexander as a 4-year lateral officer at \$23.64/hour effective 8/23/21, as submitted.
- Promote Jared Ellison to Sergeant at \$27.57/base rate effective immediately. **Exhibit #10 8/17/21**

Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Voegele announced the following resignations:

- Brent Wilson from the police department effective 8/24/2021;
- Patrick Miller from maintenance effective 8/6/2021;
- Jeremiah Mutchler from maintenance effective 7/30/2021.

BOARD APPOINTMENT:

South Oldham Fire Protection District Board

Motion made by Magistrate Logsdon and seconded by Magistrate Haunz appoint Jason Greer to the South Oldham Fire Protection District Board for a term to expire 6/30/2023, to fill the unexpired term of David Largen, property owner, as submitted. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit #11 8/17/21**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Magistrate Likins made the following announcements:

- The building committee is scheduled to meet with Encompass Development Design & Construction to discuss entering into negotiations to serve as construction manager for the animal control facility project.
- The parks committee met and progress continues on the Schamback Park project.
- The HR/grants & technology committee is moving forward on the grant process.

Magistrate Theiss reported:

- The parks committee met with Tetra Tech regarding the Schamback Park project. Tetra Tech has been assigned tasks on which the parks committee will be notified monthly as the project moves forward.
- He is looking forward to serving on the road committee as he and Magistrate Woosley recently switched committees, and Magistrate Woosley will be serving on the Public Safety and Jail committee.

Magistrate Greenwell welcomes Magistrate Theiss to the road committee, and he encouraged everyone to visit and support the Kentucky State Fair.

Magistrate Haunz asked for everyone to increase their level of patience now that school is back in session. He has received phone calls of people irritated with the traffic situations around the schools. Magistrate Haunz encouraged everyone to use the bussing system for students, and for everyone to be careful of students walking to school.

Magistrate Dye announced:

- If someone has a swimming pool with no fence and has not had a final inspection, the pool permit money will be held until the pool is up to code.
- Flood mitigation will also be addressed by fiscal court.
- LG&E is trimming trees in the 40059 zip code and Magistrate Dye asks everyone to look at the name on the truck to confirm it is not Oldham County government doing this work.

Magistrate Logsdon made the following comments:

- Families with children are using golf carts to go back and forth from the swimming pool. He urged everyone to be careful as this practice is dangerous. The golf cart is operating on a road that has a 25 mph speed limit, and on Clore Lane-a 35 mph speed limit.
- Until the whole story is known regarding the woman who had to euthanize her horse, do not make judgment. Magistrate Logsdon has taken care of the woman's animals in the past and she cares about her animals and did not want to euthanize the horse. He asked everyone to be considerate before posting something on Facebook or Twitter that is going to hurt someone because sometimes the whole story is not known.

Judge Voegele announced:

- The First Responders appreciation picnic-scheduled for Sunday, August 22. The money raised by The Rogers Group funded two drones for an aerial response team.
- Regarding the traffic issue around schools, Governor Beshear has given \$1.8 million for a turn-lane at the North Oldham campus and that is appreciated. There is also a traffic issue in Buckner; highway 146 is a state highway. Judge Voegele recommends fiscal court consider hiring an engineer and design a turning lane at Oldham County Middle School and fiscal court pay for the expenses incurred. He will approach the Road Committee with this project.
- The courthouse construction project has run into a problem with the building mover. The building mover bid approximately \$800,000 to move the historic part of the building. The other bidder came in at \$1.8 million. Since the job was awarded to the low bidder, the state has not signed a contract with the low bidder. The low bidder came back and said they insured the building for only \$250,000 which is far less than what is needed if that building were to be damaged. The Project Development Board voted another \$24,000 to raise the insurance on the building to \$1.5 million. Now the building mover has come back requesting another \$500,000 to outfit the building with structural steel. The PDB believes the job should not be bid unless the exact cost is known. The project will take additional time to complete with the two change orders.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion made by Magistrate Greenwell and seconded by Magistrate Dye to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Clark
Fiscal Court Clerk
August 17, 2021