

**KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MEETING MINUTES
Covington Courthouse
303 Court St.
Covington, KY 41011**

**August 27, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Judge/Executive Knochelmann called to order the August 27, 2019, meeting of the Kenton County Fiscal Court. Commissioner Joe Nienaber led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Judge/Executive, Kris Knochelmann
Commissioner Beth Sewell, District 1
Commissioner Jon Draud, District 2
Commissioner Joe Nienaber, District 3
County Attorney Stacy Tapke

Staff: Joe Shriver, County Administrator
Scott Gunning, Assistant County Administrator
Sue Kaiser, Fiscal Court Clerk
Roy Cox, County Treasurer

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of August 12, 2019.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

B. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of August 14, 2019.

Commissioner Sewell made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Citizens Address

No citizens came before the Fiscal Court.

General Business

A. Claims List -Dated August 23, 2019.

There were no questions on the Claims List.

B. Presentation on a proposed donation of a mural to Kenton County.

The team from Xylene Project presented on their mural for the BLINK event on October 10-13.

Judge Knochelmann asked what paint is used, does it hurt the garage and what kind of maintenance will it take?

The team answered that it is only paint. They will be buffing it with a latex primer, so it won't penetrate the seal of the stone on the wall. It is a high grade spray paint that has an integrity of three to five years.

Commissioner Draud asked where the funding is coming from for them?

The team answered that this is an incredibly generous region, and it is privately funded.

County Attorney Stacy Tapke stated that we will have a formal agreement to accept the donation before the event.

C. Presentation of the Kenton County Library 's Tax Rate.

Dave Schroder stated that the Library Tax Rate will remain the same.

D. Presentation of the Piner Fire District 's Tax Rate.

Chief Schleue stated that Piner Fire District's Tax Rate will remain the same.

E. Presentation of the Kenton Fire District 's Tax Rate.

Chief Grizzell stated that the Kenton Fire District's Tax Rate will remain the same.

**F. Executive Order No. 19-96
An Executive Order of the Judge/Executive merging the Kenton Fire District and the Piner-Fiskburg Fire District.**

Judge Knochelmann stated that no vote is needed on this item. He thanked the chiefs for all of their cooperation.

**G. Executive Order No. 19-97
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Mike Ruttle, Lorne Wolfe and Janice Friedman to the Piner-Fiskburg Fire District Board.**

Judge Knochelmann stated that this is the reconstitution of the board that goes with the merger. He thanked County Attorney Stacy Tapke and her team for all of their help with this merger.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

H. Discussion regarding the new Administration Building.

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that work is continuing, and we have had our move in meetings. The only thing that is hitting a snag is the work underneath the 175 underpass. There is some work that still needs to be done. Aside from that, we are still on schedule to move in on the dates we expected.

Commissioner Draud asked if there is a tentative date planned for a grand opening?

Judge Knochelmann answered that a date hasn't been chosen yet, but will be sometime in mid to late October.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 19-19 (Action Requested)
A Resolution of the Kenton County Fiscal Court regarding 2019 Grant Funds for the Kenton County Police Department.**

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 225.87 - Second Reading
An Ordinance of the Kenton County Fiscal Court relating to the levy and adoption of the 2019 tax rates of 15.9 cents per hundred dollars valuation on real property, 20.20 cents per hundred dollars valuation on personal property and 15.8 cents per hundred dollars valuation on motor vehicles to provide such revenue as has been budgeted and approved for expenditure in the current fiscal year.**

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

- B. Ordinance No. 320.14 - Second Reading
An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the Fiscal Court of Kenton County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, establishing a service fee for Enhanced 911 Emergency Dispatch Services to owners of real property in Kenton County, Commonwealth of Kentucky.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

- C. Ordinance No. 225.88 - First Reading
An Ordinance of the Kenton County Fiscal Court relating to the levy and adoption of the 2019 Annual Improvement Benefit Assessment Rate on the basis of the assessed values of benefitted properties within the former City of Latonia Lakes, Kentucky as specifically identified in Kenton County Ordinances 620.9 and 620.10.**

Judge Knochelmann stated that this is the first reading. It is an Ordinance that has to be approved annually. It is for the road project in Latonia Lakes.

Consent Agenda

- A. Exhibit No. 19-115
Request approval to surplus a 2014 Dodge Charger for the Kenton County Fleet Department.**
- B. Exhibit No. 19-116
Request approval to ratify the two amendments to the Tyler Technologies agreement with the Kenton County Emergency Communications Department.**
- C. Exhibit No. 19-117
Request approval to award the Plumbing Services/Repair bid to Peck, Hannaford and Briggs for the various departments of Kenton County.**

- D. Exhibit No. 19-118**
Request approval of an addendum to the agreement between Combined Public Communications and the Kenton County Detention Center.
- E. Exhibit No. 19-119**
Request approval to award the Evidence Van bid to Bush Specialty Vehicles, Inc. for the Kenton County Police Department.

All items on the Consent Agenda were voted on together.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Executive Orders

- A. Executive Order 19-92**
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Missy Andress to the Elsmere Fire District Board, with the term expiring on June 30, 2022.

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

- B. Executive Order 19-93**
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the re-appointment of Clyde Cunningham to the Water District Board, with the term expiring on August 28, 2023.

Commissioner Sewell made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

- C. Executive Order 19-94**
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the re-appointment of Stacie Franke to the Ryland Fire District Board, with the term expiring on June 30, 2022.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

- D. Executive Order 19-95**
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the reorganization of the Emergency Communications Department.

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Administrative Reporting

Public Works

Nick Hendrix stated that the Bromley/Crescent Springs project continues to move along very well. At this point, the consultant has made offers to all parcel owners in Phase One. He believes that there are eight offers accepted. GRW is working on structural design for the culvert and the retaining wall that will be on the right hand side. They are working with the Transportation Cabinet on an agreement that looks similar to one that we have held with them in

the past for maintenance of Rural Secondary routes in the southern end of the county. He hopes to have a final draft of that contract to present at the next regular meeting.

Judge Knochemann stated that this is big news that Nick has been working on.

Mr. Hendrix stated that in 2004 or 2005 we entered a contract with the State of Kentucky to maintain the rural secondary system in the south end of the county. It wasn't working well for the county, and the Judge asked us to renegotiate this contract. At the beginning of this term, we renegotiated a "pay as you go" agreement. We had major materials covered by the Transportation Cabinet, pipes, large rocks and asphalt as well. We billed for labor and equipment. When the current administration took over, they had cuts to their budgets and the district made the decision to pull out of that agreement. The struggles that the district is having with maintenance aren't new. They are having trouble with having enough bodies to do the work. They approached us again to renegotiate the same type of agreement that we had before. We are not taking these roads on, we are agreeing to help them as a contractor.

Emergency Management

Steve Hensley stated that last Friday they started rolling out the newly formatted emergency operations plan. They have been busy with hazardous material response runs. In addition, he recapped on the topic from the last meeting about flooding. The efforts within our office were made to try to find Federal Aid for people. We put together a Google poll, and asked for information from individuals that sustained damage during the flooding events. Unfortunately, as a result of the type of damage it wasn't significant enough of an event. Therefore, no one qualified for the type of assistance that we were trying to obtain for them. We tried to do everything in our power to assist them, but when you have those rain events the systems aren't built to accommodate that.

Animal Services

Sarah Hightchew stated that they have changed their euthanasia room into their surgery suite. In the month and a half that they have been doing surgeries at the shelter, they have already accomplished 125 spay/neuters. They have been working with the schools to get career days planned. They were included in the Villa Hills Safety night, which was very successful.

Ms. Hightchew then stated that their live release rate is around 96%, and in the past they were at a 30-40 %. The only time they euthanize now is if a vet says that it is the only humane option for the animal.

Technology Services

Lisa Desmarais stated that the print collateral developed and we are ordering the letterhead, business cards, etc. with the new branding. Also, the new for KentonCounty.org, KentonCountySheriff.org, KentonCountyJail.org, and the Fiscal Court Intranet are launching this week, beginning on Wednesday, August 28th. A new website specific to Parks & Recreation Shelter House reservations is also under development for anticipated December 2019 implementation.

Ms. Desmarais then stated that she is walking the new administration building site daily to inspect progress of data cabling as the new furniture is assembled. They are working actively with Cincinnati Bell to bring telecomm and data to the site. Also, her department is cabling the network switches in the various communications closets. They are configuring the Digital Signage Software and Conference Room Scheduling Software, and working closely with WSP and POE consultants on the Move Planning

Ms. Desmarais then stated that they purchased 10 PC Replacements for multiple service groups, working on FY2020 replacement, purchased and received 80 laptops for the rollout of the Covington Police cars and upgraded/replaced/decommissioned 35 servers running old operating systems that is no longer supported 1/1/2020.

County Attorney 's Report

County Attorney Stacy Tapke stated that she is presenting the court with the numbers that they are seeing in District Court. Last year they handled 13,527 traffic and misdemeanor cases, there were 137 felonies, 613 disability and mental health petitions, and for the first time in a long time Kenton County didn't lead the Commonwealth in Casey's Law filings. These are for the involuntary drug treatment filings. Jefferson County had 58, Allen County had 54 and we came in at 51.

Commissioner Draud asked what impact the settlement from Johnson and Johnson has on our lawsuit?

Ms. Tapke stated that there will be an update from legal council on this soon.

Commissioners ' Reports

Commissioner Jon Draud

Commissioner Draud had nothing to report.

Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Sewell had nothing to report.

Commissioner Joe Nienaber

Commissioner Nienaber had nothing to report.

Judge/Executive 's Report

Judge Knochelmann stated that the issue on I-75 is slated for an emergency repair by the State of Kentucky. They are going to be doing repaving and tearing down and replacing the section. Bob Yeager was really on this to get it taken care of for us. Also, this will be our last Fiscal Court meeting in this room.

Adjournment

Having completed all business before the Court, Commissioner Draud offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Knochelmann requested a voice vote, whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative with a 4-0 vote.

Text for all proposed and recently passed ordinances may be acquired by accessing the Fiscal Court web page at <http://www.kentoncounty.org> or by contacting the administrative offices at 859.392.1400.

CLERK CERTIFICATION

I, Sue J. Kaiser, having been appointed to the office of Fiscal Court Clerk, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the actions taken by the Kenton County Fiscal Court at the meeting of August 27, 2019.

Sue J. Kaiser
Fiscal Court Clerk