

**KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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**1840 Simon Kenton Way
Covington, KY 41011**

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Judge/Executive Knochelmann called to order the May 12, 2020, special 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 April 28, 2020.

Commissioner Sewell made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Citizens Address

No citizens sent any questions to the Fiscal Court.

General Business

A. Claims List - Dated May 8, 2020.

There were no questions on the Claims List.

A. Update on Transitions from Jim Beiting.

Jim Beiting, the CEO for Transitions stated that it is a different world on the treatment end right now. He reviewed the statistics for the Residential Treatment Center (RTC), and 56% of people

who walked through the doors were from Kenton County. He doesn't have 2018 statistics on his slides, but they did over 2,000 assessments in 2019. This resulted in almost 30,000 days of residential service. He is very proud of his team, and he is also proud that they can provide treatment on demand. This Fiscal Court allowed them to provide this treatment on demand, by providing them a building that accommodates this. He appreciates all that the Fiscal Court has done. It has raised morale, and eliminated a wait list. One of the biggest barriers to drug and alcohol addicted people is whether they can be admitted immediately. In 2018, these numbers were about 1/3 of what we have now. Over 162,000 services were provided, and Healthpoint joined them to add a health clinic. The residents are able to take care of primary health problems right there at the building. The calls to 911 have significantly decreased, and he doesn't remember the last time they have had to call 911. There is almost a tripling of services and the number of people that they are able to see in 2019.

Mr. Beiting then stated that they provide a urine drug screen on everyone that comes into treatment. Heroin is pretty much gone, and Fentanyl has pretty much taken its place. They are seeing a lot of Methamphetamines as well. He looked at all of February of this year, and there were 96 people that came in for treatment of which 70 were men and 26 were women with the average age of 36 years old. Almost 70% of the drug screens had more than two or three different drugs in their system. He broke down what the substances were, and 21% were Methamphetamines, 19% was marijuana and then almost 17% was Fentanyl. He took a look at the last 15 days, and they have seen 55 people of which 43 of those people tested positive for multiple drugs. Fentanyl has dropped a little bit. Also, that he would like to see the number of pregnant women that they serve increase. They don't treat nearly as many pregnant women that he knows are out there with addiction.

Judge Knochelmann stated that there is a lot of good news, but the numbers aren't dropping. He thanked Mr. Beiting for all of his efforts.

Commissioner Draud asked what the largest occupancy rate has been in the building?

Mr. Beiting answered that 24 of the beds are for managed detox. So, they have about 80 to 90% occupancy in detox. If you take out those 24 beds, they have about 156 residential beds split up between men and women. At the highest point, he believes they had about 112 beds being used.

Commissioner Draud stated that having beds available to everyone is a significant accomplishment. It makes us proud that we can say that Northern Kentucky doesn't have to turn people away.

Commissioner Sewell shares Commissioner Draud's sentiments. She was looking over the budget for this year, and she noticed that Transitions didn't need as much money. She has been hearing that they are seeing as many if not more people than usual, so she wants to know how that affects the budget and wants him to share what the budget looks like in the future. Also, how has being able to take Medic-Care and Medic-Aid has affected the budget?

Mr. Beiting stated that COVID19 has slowed the admissions down a bit, as people put off coming into treatment. He believes there will be more demand for treatment once things reopen a bit. They have been steadfast in talking with the Health Department and following CDC guidelines, and they haven't had any positive tests for COVID19 for any staff or clients. They have been fortunate that Medic-Aid expansion has covered a lot, as 85% of their billing is to Medic-Aid. They have tried very hard to diversify that, and reach out to the for-profit or commercial insurance folks, as well as some funding that they get on a state level. They are on a calendar year budget, so their 2020 budget is right at \$13 million. Their budget in 2019, when they opened the building was \$9 million, and the budget for 2018 was at \$6 million. They have had some headaches in growing, but they have almost doubled their budget in two years. That

is in part because they are serving more people, and billing more to Medic-Aid. They have been able to put away a big chunk of money to their reserve account. They are feeling very solid financially.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that when talking about drug treatment, he is not sure what success looks like. Heroin was the drug of choice for years, and it feels like we have been fairly successful in reducing those numbers. Does success mean you convert a heroin user to a methamphetamine user? It seemed that the death rate of people on heroin was extraordinary, and he felt that the collateral damage of people on heroin was larger too. Are there different risks to the community with methamphetamines?

Mr. Beiting answered that with the heroin that came in, people weren't quite used to it and it hit the system hard. The opiates have a way of depressing the central nervous system, and it is very dangerous. Especially if you are buying it off the streets, and don't know what is mixed in with it. They haven't seen the amount of overdoses lately, and Narcan is the reversal drug. He can't remember the last time they have had to use Narcan. The methamphetamine presents itself differently, as it is a stimulant. They are definitely not seeing the mortality rates that they were seeing in the past.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that it is all horrible, but at least we aren't seeing the deaths like we were.

Mr. Beiting stated that they definitely aren't seeing the overdoses like before, and he believes they have come a long way in how they are treating the opiate and other drug addictions. They have medical professionals onsite that can prescribe medication. It has helped that they always have beds available immediately.

Judge Knochelmann thanked Mr. Beiting for all of the work, and the partnership.

Terry Carl stated that they developed a great partnership with Transitions, and they can hand off inmates to them to help.

Jason Merrick stated that they have been meeting with Prosecutors, defenders, Judges and providers to work on getting inmates out to treatment at Transitions, Life Learning Center, Ten-Ten, North Key or one of the other providers in the area. There were a lot of reasons we couldn't do it before COVID19. It is now trial by fire, and we implemented the plan that we have been working on for some time. With the help of all the offices, the Jail population has been reduced by around 350 to 400 inmates. At least 100 of those inmates went to Transitions, which means that people are coming into custody with low level drug charges and offenses would be best suited in a lower level drug treatment program. Some of the people aren't quite ready, so they start them in the Jail Substance Abuse Program, and once they are ready they can be transitioned to a residential treatment program or an outpatient program. It is amazing how this system has materialized from this crisis. He believes there is no going back at this point. They will be able to document this well, and with the data that is collected they will be able to show the success and keep on doing things this way. They are not only implementing programs for drug addiction assistance, but they are helping those that are in need of job skills. All of Commonwealth's Attorney Rob Sanders recommendations for release came with an element of re-entry planning. He would get a list of people every morning from his office, and he would go and talk to these people to find out what they need to succeed out of jail. Do they have a ride, or somewhere to live? If they didn't, we would take them to Transitions or Life Learning Center to get the support that they need.

Judge Knochelmann thanked Jason Merrick, Terry Carl and all the people that he spoke about. He has never seen Northern Kentucky and Kenton County more in alignment. He likes the communication with the Judges, and he hopes the population doesn't jump back up.

B. Presentation on the adjustment by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding Rural Secondary Roads.

County Engineer Nick Hendrix stated that we just made this presentation in March. No surprise that the Transportation Cabinet has predicted a fall in fuel receipts this fall, so they have requested that all counties have this presentation again. We are looking at a reduction of a \$66,000 in the total Rural Secondary Program. In reality, there is not a big change to the projects that they proposed. They had proposed to resurface Visalia Rd. and Moffitt Rd., but what this does hits the operations budget which is part of our agreement that we use with the Transportation Cabinet. It also hits our Flex Fund budget, which we use to offset our County resurfacing expenses. There is a reduction in the Flex Funds line of about \$13,000. The Fiscal Court doesn't need to take any action.

Judge Knochelmann stated that there is probably more bad news coming from Frankfort regarding the gas tax.

C. Authorize Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann to execute any documents necessary to clean up the title for the 303 Court Street, Covington, KY property .

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that as we prepare to transfer the 303 Court St. property to Al Neyer Development, the title search found an old lease from 1985 when they did jail renovations. Those leases and bonds have since been paid a long time ago, but we are still trying to get a hold of the state because a board that used to oversee this. They were referenced in the title, and they no longer exist. Stacy Tapke is working diligently to get that cleaned up so we can have a transfer. In case we are in between meetings, we would like to get the permission for the Judge to execute any documents necessary, i.e. a quit claim deed.

Commissioner Draud asked that when Turner got the bid, was the title in their name or was it always in the Fiscal Court's name?

Judge Knochelmann answered that the title has always been in our name.

Commissioner Draud asked what the estimate is for the amount of money that we got out of that building?

Mr. Shriver answered that we constructed one building, but are going to have two newly constructed buildings with the contract with Turner. When we first started, we had Corporex and others take a look at 303, and it was going to cost more to demo 303 Court St. Nobody wanted to touch it, as it doesn't have parking or amenities. Joining the two properties, we are getting two new buildings in downtown Covington, and he doesn't think that would have happened if we hadn't funded things the way we did.

Commissioner Draud asked if there was any way to calculate the total amount of money involved in that total bid?

Judge Knochelmann answered that essentially, without an appraisal being done, the valuation was almost zero based upon the market. Ultimately, it was not worth much because of the need to demo it, and just to get the old jail out of it was estimated at over one million dollars. The intent was to package it together, otherwise we would be sitting with a vacant building for a long time. This is why we have to get the title cleaned up. We need Neyer to get started on the project to get it back to making money for the community.

Commissioner Draud stated that he always tells people that it was the smartest thing we did, and he remembers Corporex doing the survey. They had said it was going to be very expensive to do anything with the building.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that it is interesting that tearing the building down would be cheaper than taking the old jail out. The value is in the tax rolls over the next few years.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 20-011 A Resolution for the Kenton County Fiscal Court concerning Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments.

Treasurer Roy Cox stated that there are two adjustments, and they are as follows: \$2,000 from senior home care are up to emergency assistance for seniors in the COLT fund and \$75,000 out of Dispatcher wages into Dispatcher overtime.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

A. Resolution No. 20-11 (Action Requested) A Resolution authorizing an application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for matching Federal Build Grant Funds for the widening and realignment of KY 536 from US 25 to KY 1303.

Judge Knochelmann stated that this giving permission to go out for the BUILD grant again for 536. Essentially this is our third try for this grant. This allows for a submission up to \$25,000,000, but none of the grants have been that high. They have always been in the \$10-20 million range. This calls to do a section of the road that falls into that category of the budget. This has been evolving over the past year. We applied for this grant in the past, and committed up to one million dollars. What he is asking for today is to commit to up to \$200,000. The City of Independence is going to contribute up to 25% of that. This will be applied for within the next week. We hope to get those dollars back to the State of Kentucky. There has been talk about what the State will commit, and the reality is that the State has put a hold on putting things out to bid. We are hoping to get positive word back by December, and then we can have guaranteed dollars to invest in this project.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Consent Agenda

A. Exhibit No. 20-61 Request approval of the agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for the general engineering services for the Maher Rd. Drainage Improvement Design Project

for

the Kenton County Public Works Department.

- B. Exhibit No. 20-62**
Request approval to pursue and install proposed crosswalk improvements for Simon Kenton Way.
- C. Exhibit No. 20-63**
Request approval of the bond renewal for Roy Cox, Kenton County Treasurer.
- D. Exhibit No. 20-64**
Request to go out to bid for the second phase of renovations at the Independence Courthouse consisting of moisture and water mitigation.
- E. Exhibit No. 20-65**
Request approval to accept the \$58,008 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, which will be used to purchase nine electrostatic disinfectant machines to be shared amongst the Kenton County Police Department, Kenton County Detention Center and the Kenton County Sheriff 's Office to help prevent the contamination and spread of COVID-19.

Commissioner Draud asked if the safety movement outside the new building was discussed with a committee to get input?

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that they used engineers. There was plenty of input from employees, but Turner and Brandstetter/Carroll who helped design the building and lot, Nick Hendrix and the State gave us guidance. We have to run a lot of what we do out there by the State. Since that is a part of the State's ramp system coming off and on I75, we had had to get it approved by them. We have been talking about this since the day we moved into the building.

Commissioner Draud asked if they tried to get the City of Covington or the State to pay for this?

Mr. Shriver said that this is the State's ramp system, and they don't care where our building is located. So, we were asking permission to do this work and had to get their blessing before we could do anything.

Commissioner Draud stated that he would think that the City of Covington would have like to have participated, as we have done a lot for them. It is making it a safer city.

Judge Knochelmann stated that the State told us that we should tell everyone to walk up to the corner crosswalk, and cross at the stop sign. The reality is that no one wants to do that, and we are making the investment to make sure that employees are safe. It also improves the value of the property. It was actually a bigger project, and Nick Hendrix did a good job on reworking and redesigning the plans. We were almost at twice the amount at one point.

All items on the Consent Agenda were voted on together.

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Executive Orders

- A. Executive Order 20-25**

An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the re-appointment of James Dressman to the Tri-Ed Board.

Commissioner Sewell made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

B. Executive Order 20-26
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the re-appointment of Matt Mattone, and the appointment of Rhonda Ritzi to the Kenton Conservancy Board.

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

C. Executive Order 20-27
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the re-appointment of Dr. Shelly Voet to the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District Board.

Commissioner Sewell made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

D. Executive Order 20-28
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the re-appointment of Jillene Trame to the Aviation Noise Abatement Committee.

Commissioner Sewell made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

E. Executive Order 20-29
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of John Hooper as a Part-Time Dispatcher II for the Kenton County Emergency Communications Department.

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

F. Executive Order 20-30
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Darrell Caldwell as a Police Officer for the Kenton County Police Department.

Commissioner Sewell made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Administrative Reporting

Animal Services

Beckey Reiter thanked the Fiscal Court for allowing her to join the meeting today. The Animal Shelter, just like everyone was facing challenges in the beginning of the pandemic to maintain essential services while keeping everyone safe. Early on, they concentrated on responding to emergency calls, animal care and transitioning as many services as they could to online. They found that it was very successful, and has helped them move in the general direction that they may not have done under other circumstances. This includes online lost and found report, accepting applications and doing some screening over the phone. She thanked the community for their understanding and willingness to work with them. There were a number of individuals that found lost pets, and were willing to hang onto them and assisted by using social media and resources to reunite the pets with their families.

Ms. Reiter then thanked the stray animal adoption program called STAF, as they came and pulled animals from our shelter to help keep our shelter's population at a manageable level. The current population at the shelter is 19, which is a very manageable level. There are a number of animals in foster care, and she thanked those foster families. Reengaging in the medical program was one of the challenges. They have gotten the okay to start this back up. They will begin to take in strays again at the beginning of next week, while taking all the necessary precautions. She thanked the Fiscal Court for approving all the new IT equipment and online tools, as she doesn't think that they would have been as successful without it.

Judge Knochelmann thanked Ms. Reiter for her great leadership.

Emergency Management

Steve Hensley stated that they are working through the PPE requests that they continue to receive. They continue to request the PPE, and try to push it out to all of the cities. There is a bit of a misconception that we can provide businesses with PPE, but the PPE that we have in inventory is to be used for emergency response agencies. One of the best ways for businesses to get PPE is to go to the Northern Kentucky Chamber's website, and there is a link for vendors that they have vetted and verified. We are federally restricted as to how we can allocate our PPE. The county made a purchase of some PPE knowing that we will need it when the offices in the county reopening.

Mr. Hensley then stated that we continue to serve the community with drive-thru testing. We have a location located right on the Boone County and Erlanger line. We are working in partnership with Boone County. He thanked Chief Jones and his crew, the Sheriff and the Erlanger Police Department. They have been assisting with the traffic flow and such. They started off with the intent to test 200 people a day with a drive thru environment in partnership with St. Elizabeth. This is slightly different than the event we did with Kroger. This is St. Elizabeth staff, which is totally handling everything. The last testing process had Kroger using nurse practitioners to oversee the test, however the people that were driving through were testing themselves. We think that may have led to the low percentage of positive rates. St. Elizabeth has their medical practitioners conducting the test. We don't have any of the results back, but we anticipate that there will be results coming in possibly tomorrow. The first week of testing filled up within hours of opening, so St. Elizabeth has agreed to support a second week of testing. The goal was 200 tests a day, but they have increased that to between 250 and 300 tests per day. The schedule for the second week is full, with the exception of a few availabilities later in the week.

Mr. Hensley then stated that they continue with the daily calls with the Health Department, weekly calls with all the Mayors and Administrators in the County and continue to get daily numbers from the Health Department. As of yesterday across the Commonwealth, there have been 104,001 people tested, and of those there have been 6, 677 cases, 311 COVID related deaths and 47 of those have been in the Northern Kentucky Region. As of today, there are 386 positive cases in Kenton County, with 30 deaths. In neighboring counties, Boone County's numbers are starting to increase, and in Hispanic populations as well. Some of that is related to industry that has a large population of employees working together, and some of the long term care facilities are driving the numbers as well. Boone County has 223 cases, Campbell County has 113 and Grant County has 29 confirmed cases. A large portion of our cases have been attributed to our long term care facilities. One in particular has over 85 positive cases of resident and staff, so we continue to work with them. The State has set up some medical resources to assist them.

Lastly, Mr. Hensley stated that he is working with Judge, Joe Shriver and some Department Heads about bringing people back to work in the office, and re-opening offices to do work from the office. We haven't closed down the county, we have just been providing services in a different way. We will continue to work with all of the departments to get PPE and the best practice guidance to reopen.

Commissioner Draud asked if Mr. Hensley could explain why the bars are opening on May 15th in Ohio, and in Kentucky they can't open until July 1st?

Mr. Hensley answered that he hasn't spoken with Governor, but it seems that the guidance is frequently changing. He asked that everyone watch the updates. There are a lot of dates attached to the phases of reopening, but continue to monitor that.

Commissioner Draud asked if the drive-thru testing is being provided by St. Elizabeth, or are individual paying for it?

Mr. Hensley answered that it is free to anyone. They have to call the number that St. Elizabeth provides. They then register and drive-thru to be tested. This is in partnership with the State and Gravity Diagnostics. The State is paying for the lab analysis.

Police Department

Chief Spike Jones stated that at the last Fiscal Court meeting he noted that Commissioner Sewell had asked about crime statistics, and how they have been affected by COVID19. They compared a six month sample from one year ago, and compared it to the same period this year. They started with November of 2018, and ended with April of 2019. Most notably, arrests are down and traffic stops are down. They have seen an increase in emotional crisis responses by the Police Department. Also, a slight increase has been seen in disputes and domestic trouble. This is a trend that we will probably see nationally, and he encourages people to not get wrapped up in the news that they hear from across the river. In Cincinnati, they have considerably different situations then we have. However, we are keenly aware that things have changed.

Chief Jones then stated that he sent the Fiscal Court a copy of the 2019 Annual Report. He commended all of the officers for their excellent work. They are at 100% staffing, and don't have anyone on quarantine. They are being very cautious, and are checking temperatures when they arrive at work and taking all the safety precautions. They appreciate all the PPE assistance that they have receive, and he thanked Steve Hensley and his team for that. In the Annual Report, they have noted an increase in traffic accidents. Also, they noticed an increase in total calls for service, and a slight increase in overall arrests. There are crime stats, awards, hiring data and more in the report.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he appreciates all the information in the report. When we hear of people resigning and leaving, it is nice to see why they resigned or retired.

Treasurer

Treasurer Roy Cox asked that the records reflect that the March and April, 2020, Financial Reports have been submitted.

County Attorney 's Report

County Attorney Stacy Tapke stated that the Justice Center will start to reopen on June 1st. However, she anticipates some announcements as to what that will look like. They are working on changing how they will do business there, and how they will do their dockets going forward. People have been asking her about when the driver's license office will open, and she doesn't know. The extension is still in place for expired licenses and tags.

Commissioners ' Reports

Commissioner Jon Draud

Commissioner Draud had nothing to report.

Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Sewell stated that she was remiss in not saying it when Terry Carl and Jason Merrick were reporting, but she wants to praise them during this pandemic. They have kept everyone at the Detention Center safe. There have been stories on the news that things aren't going so well in other communities, so she just wanted to praise our team for keeping the numbers low and taking care of everyone.

Commissioner Joe Nienaber

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he wanted to give Nick Hendrix kudos. On February 18th a good friend of his reached out to him about a situation on Buttermilk and Anderson. There was a dangerous situation at that intersection, and he let Nick Hendrix know about it. Nick got with the Highway Department, and by April there was a new stoplight. It has eradicated the situation, and he appreciates Nick's work on this.

Commissioner Draud stated that Nick responded to a citizen's problem that he sent to him, and he likes Nick because he responds and takes care of things quickly.

Commissioner Nienaber then stated that the PDS Board has hired a new Executive Director. Sharmili Reddy who works at Ft. Mitchell, and formerly worked at PDS will be the new Director. This Friday will be her last day at Ft. Mitchell, and he thanked her for the wonderful job she did for the city. She will begin at PDS on Monday in a transitional role, and will take over as Director on July 1st. While we had a lot of great candidates, she will be exceptional. There is a lot going on with PDS, and he thinks she will do an excellent job.

Judge/Executive 's Report

- A. Request approval to amend the Kenton County Fiscal Court meeting schedule, canceling the June 9, 2020 Fiscal Court meeting**

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Nienaber, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Judge Knochelmann thanked all the department heads for all of their hard work. We are continuing to work on the budget. The economic development of the county has gone through unprecedented changes, and they are adapting well. Their revenues are dropping, but they are adapting. Lastly, people in the administration building have been great. Gabe Summe, Darlene Plummer and the Sheriff's team have been phenomenal. They have been so flexible with the community. They don't just say no, they come up with alternative ideas. We have been talking with the users of the building to talk about how to reopen. We don't have anything set yet, but we are trying to keep up the communication.

Adjournment

Having completed all business before the Court, Commissioner Nienaber offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Draud. 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 May 12, 2020.



Sue J. Kaiser
Fiscal Court Clerk