

**KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES**  
**Independence Courthouse**  
**5272 Madison Pike**  
**Independence, KY 41051**

**July 16, 2019**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Judge/Executive Knochelmann called to order the July 16, 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 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  
                              Kurt Greivenkamp, Assistant County Treasurer

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of June 25, 2019.**

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0

**Citizens Address**

No citizens came before the court.

**General Business**

**A. Claims Lists-Dated July 12, 2019.**

There were no questions on the Claims List.

**B. Presentation of the 2019 Pioneer Award to John Salyers.**

Judge Knochelmann presented the Pioneer Award to Mr. Salyers.

Debbie McKinney, the person who nominated Mr. Salyers for the Pioneer Award spoke about her career with him. She praised him for all of his dedication and hard work for the people.

Mr. Salyers thanked the Fiscal Court for the honor.

**C. Presentation/Testimony on the Kenton County Public Health Taxing District's tax rate.**

Dr. Lynne Saddler, the District Director of the Health District stated that she is at the meeting tonight to meet requirements of the state law. The tax rate that the Kenton County Local Board of Health approved is 2.53 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This is an increase of .23 cents. This was approved to help address the pension crisis that is affecting the Health Department. The increase to the employer contribution rate has created a \$2.3 million increase in the budget. They have reduced their workforce by 8%, increased the local environmental health fees and obtained a number of grants to help fund a number of programs and services. They are also drawing down reserves, and the local Boards of Health are increasing their allocation to the district.

Commissioner Draud asked what her feelings are on the current bill that is going to be considered in Frankfort?

Dr. Saddler answered that if it is the bill that she saw, she has some concerns about a number of aspects.

**D. Discussion regarding the new Administration Building.**

**1. Request approval to ratify the Contractor's Application for Payment #22.**

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that the pay app has been reviewed by the County Engineer and the owner's rep. They find it to be appropriate expenditures pursuant to the contract.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that Item M from the consent agenda was late, due to schedules. This is an option to purchase, as well as a Right of First Refusal. Construction went past the construction easement date, and there is a clause that shows an owed payment to the owner of the property on 12<sup>th</sup> St. In talking to him about the payment, he agreed to give us the Right of First Refusal/Option to Purchase for 20 years. The total for both of them is \$8,100.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Lastly, Mr. Shriver asked that the court vote to add the above to the Claim's List.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Commissioner Draud asked when the building is being inspected?

Judge Knochelmann answer that it will be at the end of August.

Mr. Shriver stated that Turner is opening the building up to the FFE people on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Resolutions

### **A. Resolution No. 19-01J**

**A Resolution for the Kenton County Fiscal Court concerning Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments.**

Judge Knochelmann stated that the largest item is for radios.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

### **B. Resolution No. 19-15**

**A Resolution for the Kenton County Fiscal Court acknowledging and concurring in the setting/maintaining of the tax rates of the Kenton County Board of Health for 2019 at 2.53 cents per \$100 valuation.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

### **C. Resolution No. 19-16**

**A Resolution authorizing an application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for reimbursement of expenditures for the transportation of non-public school students.**

Judge Knochelmann stated that this is the annual reimbursement.

Commissioner Draud asked how much this is?

Assistant Treasurer Kurt Greivenkamp answered that it is \$900,000, and we get most of that money back.

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

## Ordinances

### **A. Ordinance 121.41 - First Reading**

**An Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances of the county of Kenton, Kentucky.**

## Consent Agenda

### **A. Exhibit No. 19-83**

**Request approval allocate additional funding for the Richardson Road Park Parking Lot for the Kenton County Parks Department.**

### **B. Exhibit No. 19-84**

**Request approval to extend the contract for Rotary Drilling to Hennecke Drilling, LLC for the Kenton County Public Works Department.**

- C. **Exhibit No. 19-85**  
Request approval to extend the contract for Railroad Rails with Progress Rail Services Corporation for the Kenton County Public Works Department.
- D. **Exhibit No. 19-86**  
Request approval to reject all bids from the KACO Salt Reverse Auction bid, and continue the current contract with Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the Kenton County Public Works Department.
- E. **Exhibit No. 19-87**  
Request approval of the funding contract between the Kenton County Fiscal Court and Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI).
- F. **Exhibit No. 19-88**  
Request approval to authorize an agreement between the Kenton County Fiscal Court and the Northern Kentucky Regional Hazmat/WMD Unit to provide services related to hazardous materials containment and control.
- G. **Exhibit No. 19-89**  
Request approval for the Motorola Change Order for site work.
- H. **Exhibit No. 19-90**  
Request approval to surplus various items for the Kenton County Clerk's Office.
- I. **Exhibit No. 19-91**  
Request approval of a contract addendum between C-Forward and the Kenton County Information Technology Department.
- J. **Exhibit No. 19-92**  
Request approval to extend the Pavement Striping contract with Oglesby Construction, Inc. for the Kenton County Public Works Department.
- K. **Exhibit No. 19-93**  
Request approval to extend the contract for concrete with Ernst Concrete for the Kenton County Public Works Department.
- L. **Exhibit No. 19-94**  
Request approval to award the uniforms/body armor bid to Galls, LLC for the Kenton County Police Department and the Kenton County Detention Center.
- M. **Exhibit No. 19-95**  
Request approval of an Easement and Right of First Refusal between the Kenton County Fiscal Court and Robert Kues.

Commissioner Draud asked when the Motorola job will be finalized?

Mr. Shriver answered that the item is a no cost change order. Due to site work, they asked for us to change the payment schedule. We aren't paying any more, they just extended the work schedule.

All items on the Consent Agenda were voted on together, except Item 7M which was voted on earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

### Executive Orders

**A. Executive Order 19-76 (Action Requested)**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Susan Kinsella to the Library Board of Trustees, with the term expiring on September 15, 2023.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**B. Executive Order 19-77 (Action Requested)**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the re-appointment of Paul Verst to the Airport Board on recommendation from the Campbell County Fiscal Court, with the term expiring June 30, 2023.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**C. Executive Order 19-78 (Action Requested)**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the Order of Affiliation for the Kenton County Government and the Kentucky Search Dog Association.**

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**D. Executive Order 19-79 (Action Requested)**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving an Order of Affiliation between the Kenton County Fiscal Court and the Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**E. Executive Order 19-80 (Action Requested)**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the retirement of Willard Sims as a Mechanic for the Kenton County Public Works Department, with the effective date of July 31, 2019.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**F. Executive Order 19-81 (Action Requested)**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Pat Dressman to the NKADD Board of Directors, with the term expiring on September 25, 2022.**

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**G. Executive Order 19-82**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Zachary Koch as an Animal Control Officer for the Kenton County Animal Shelter, with the effective date of July 19, 2019.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**H. Executive Order 19-83**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Ryan Roessler as a Police Officer for the Kenton County Police Department, with the effective date of August 4, 2019.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**I. Executive Order 19-84 (Action Requested)**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Chad Irwin as a School Resource Officer for the Kenton County Police Department, with the effective date of August 14, 2019.**

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**J. Executive Order 19-85**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Meredith Sanders as a Part-Time Tax Clerk for the Kenton County Treasury Department, with the effective date of July 10, 2019.**

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochelmann called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**Administrative Reporting**

**Emergency Communications**

Dan Mathew stated that he has submitted the June monthly statements to everyone, and there were no questions. He then expressed his sympathy for the passing of Jenny Douglas, who was a former Kenton County Dispatcher.

**Police Department**

Chief Jones thanked the Fiscal Court for the support in allowing his department to obtain two new officers. This hiring will bring the department to full staff. All of the officers are in compliance with the CFR continuing education program requirements.

Chief Jones then stated that in the first half of the year, the officers responded to 888 medical calls for service. That represents 14.75% of calls to service for the officers for that period. That is an increase of 4% over the 2018 numbers for this period.

Chief Jones then stated that they are collaborating with the Kentucky Highway Safety in the form of a grant to address traffic on I-75 from I-275 North to the river. They are working with the agencies in that area to provide coverage for an ongoing traffic safety initiative. This will all be funded through a grant opportunity, and will not come from the county's budget. As this develops, he will update the court.

Commissioner Draud asked how many officers the department has now?

Chief Jones answered that there are 33 sworn officers, and four School Resource Officers.

### External Affairs

John Stanton thanked the Fiscal Court for honoring John Salyers. The BUILD grant was filed last Friday, and he thanked Bob Yeager and the state for going to extreme efforts to support us. We are hoping that it will face Phase One review in October, and we hope to hear something by the end of the year. The special session starts Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and most of the critical votes are expected to happen on Monday.

Mr. Stanton then stated that Tri-Ed is moving forward, and they have now formed Location Enhancement instead of Site Readiness. There will be reports on that soon. Also, the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs wrapped up at NKU, and there were 72 students from across Kentucky.

### Parks/Buildings and Grounds/Golf Course

Scott Gunning stated that all the bunkers that were scheduled to be replaced have been redesigned and reshaped with the drainage complete. This week the plan is for Davey to continue laying the sod, and hopefully they will be ready to start installing the sand next week.

The weather has been a challenge with this project with all the rain we had in June and now dealing with the high temperatures as the sod is being put down and trying to keep it alive. However, they're making progress and we are looking at a completion date in the first part of August. From the golfer's stand point, we are hearing a lot of positive comments and a lot of excitement with the improvements.

Mr. Gunning then stated that unfortunately we have been dealing with significant vandalism at Richardson Road Park this year. Currently, the restrooms at the park are closed due to all the toilets and sinks being destroyed in both the men and women's bathrooms. It's an extensive repair, as all the fixtures have to be replaced along with some drywall work. We are hopeful to have them back open soon, and are working on different options to deter the behavior. On a positive note though, we did receive notice that we have been awarded a grant from Children's Hospital to cover healthy lunches for our Thursday Science program at Pioneer Park next year. Lastly, Mr. Gunning stated that the Facility Management Bid for the new building closed last Friday. Four companies submitted bids, and we are currently in the process of reviewing them. He is hoping to have a recommendation on how to proceed by the next meeting.

Commissioner Draud asked if the revenue at the golf course is up or down?

Mr. Gunning answered that they had a rainy month of June. When we had the course in 2016, we were about \$312,000. Unfortunately, they were down about \$100,000 compared to 2016.

### County Attorney's Report

County Attorney Stacy Tapke had nothing to report.

### Commissioners' Reports

#### Commissioner Jon Draud

Commissioner Draud commended Joe Shriver for getting on top of the water main break that happened over the weekend.

#### Commissioner Joe Nienaber

Commissioner Nienaber had nothing to report.

### Judge/Executive's Report

Judge Knochermann stated that Judge Middleton will be truly missed, as he was a great person and public servant. Also, Shelly Landers Clarke's mother passed away and Ms. Landers always had a great attitude and she set the standard to raise a family.

Judge Knochermann then stated that on August 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing on the Piner and Kenton Fire Districts. Both boards did approve the merger, and that process is moving forward. He thanked both boards for their great work and attitudes.


### Adjournment

Having completed all business before the Court, Commissioner Draud offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Judge Knochermann requested a voice vote whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative with a 3-0 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 July 16, 2019.

  
Sue J. Kaiser  
Fiscal Court Clerk