

# KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES

Kenton Room  
1840 Simon Kenton Way  
Covington, KY 41011

September 24, 2019  
5:30 P.M.

## Call to Order

Judge/Executive Knochelmann called to order the September 24, 2019, meeting of the Kenton County Fiscal Court. Commissioner Beth Sewell 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 September 10, 2019.**

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

## Citizens Address

No citizens came before the court at this time.

## General Business

### **A. Claims Lists-Dated September 20, 2019.**

There were no questions on the Claims List.

### **B. Presentation from Pat Davis Design Group on the Kenton County Branding Project.**

Sara Sgantas stated that this week Pat Davis Design is in town meeting with all the departments about the branding process.

George and Ron from Pat Davis Design thanked Judge Knochelmann, the Commissioners and the County staff for all of their hard work on this project. They have been working on taking feedback and putting it into the concept. They are talking to all the departments, and helping them decide on their adaption of the design.

Judge Knochelmann stated that the branding isn't final, and it will go on for another six months or so to fit into department's budgets. He thanked Sara Sgantas for all of her hard work on this project.

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

**1. Request approval to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment #24.**

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that this is interesting, because it is a deduction. 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 asked how much money is being held back until the process is finished?

Mr. Shriver answered that there is still \$9 million left to be paid, and \$1.5 million is retention.

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.

**Resolutions**

**A. Resolution No. 19-01L**

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

Treasurer Roy Cox stated that this budget adjustment is for four water heaters, of which two went out at the jail. It was recommended to replace all four water heaters to avoid this problem again.

Commissioner Sewell asked if it is cheaper to do all four at one time.

Mr. Cox answered that it is better.

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.

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Exhibit No. 19-125**

**Request approval to surplus chairs and a conference table for the Kenton County Public Works Department.**

**B. Exhibit No. 19-126**

**Request approval to surplus a truck bed for the Kenton County Public Works 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 19-106

An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Daniel Oglesbee as an Equipment Operator for the Public Works Department, with the effective date of September 20, 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.

## Administrative Reporting

### Public Works

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that he is reporting for Nick Hendrix tonight. In 2016 we were approached by the City of Crescent Springs to pursue a project in a three way with Villa Hills and Kenton County for short Amsterdam Rd. We went after TAP Grants, which are through the state. We did not get the grant in 2016, but we were successful in 2017 to get the TAP Grant in the amount of \$850,000. This was based upon the City of Crescent Springs estimates at the time. The award was given in May of 2018, and at that time Palmer was engaged. They realized that there were some issues. More fortification and stream water impact studies needed to happen. Those were the two big drivers that took the project from \$850,000 to \$2.4 million for that project. They have approached the cities, and told them that the grant doesn't cover this amount. The outlay is about \$165,000 a piece now. The Resolution is asking that we pursue the project for the \$160,000 so that we can get the money from the state. The cities requested that they pay us over the course of four years for their shares. We have already budgeted for the entire amount of the project. We probably won't break ground for almost two years.

Commissioner Draud asked if this is a county road?

Mr. Shriver answered that part of it is. This project should help with the slips on the road.

Commissioner Nienaber asked if there is stream impact on this? It is showing as 30% of this project.

Mr. Shriver answered that there is stream impact.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he would be interested to see why these fees are so high.

Mr. Shriver stated that there are fees, but we are going to pursue a partnership with SD1 about those fees. The creek is creeping towards the road, and if we don't do something there will be a slip.

Commissioner Sewell asked if it is possible to go back and get more TAP money?

Mr. Shriver answered that we can only get up to 80%.

Commissioner Sewell asked if we are on a tight time frame, as she doesn't like to make such a quick decision?

Mr. Shriver stated that this was discussed during the budget process, and we did put the money aside. He asked for a vote to go forward with the work, and allow the cities to pay their portion of the work not to exceed four years.

Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Commissioner Draud, yes; Commissioner Sewell, yes; Commissioner Nienaber, yes and Judge Knochelmann present not voting. The Resolution passed 3-0.

### **Emergency Management**

Steve Hensley stated that Riverfest at the 303 Court St. building was a success. They opened up the Emergency Operations Center with the assistance of the Police Chief's drone team. They had live video feed of the crowd from the drone. This was a great addition to the operation. Also, they continue their school safety initiative and have met with the Bishop and his staff.

Mr. Hensley then stated that they are working with the City of Covington on the BLINK festivities that are coming up, and they anticipate over 500,000 visitors over a three to four day period. The emergency planning process is beginning for that event. As they continue to look at the south end of the county, he had a meeting with the representatives from the Piner Fire Department and talked about how things are going with the merger. They were very complimentary of Stacy Tapke and Drew Harris for all of their assistance.

Mr. Hensley then thanked Lisa Desmarais and her department for all of their hard work.

### **Animal Services**

Beckey Reiter thanked Sarah Hightchew for covering the reporting for her while she was out. The animal housing project is moving forward, and there should be final renderings by tomorrow and installation is scheduled for mid-November. They hope to have an open house in December. Also, they are getting their first NKU extern. She will be coming in under her environmental protection degree. They will be teaching her some disease control and environmental issues. Friday, they received notification that they were approved for a grant to cover the in house spay and neuter program. They will be reimbursed up to \$600 per month.

### **Technology Services**

Lisa Desmarais stated that the consultants are onsite this week to assist with roll out of the branding with the departments. Also, the Kenton County Technology Services has been in coordination with PDS Information Technology, Commonwealth Office of Technology, Kentucky Prosecutors Information Technology and Systems Support Associates - County Attorney IT, and assisted by C-Forward Technologies to pack, unpack, and install 243 PCs over two weekends with less than 5 issues reported. This gives a 97.9% uptime on day one of operations. There were 1,342 data cables wired into seven unique data networks. There were only five issues with wiring for an accuracy of 99.62%

Ms. Desmarais then thanked the following Technology Services team members who worked together to make this all happen: Sara Sgantas, Joe Pflum, Dustin Brown, Darrin Gilvin, Jessica Ramsey, Jennifer Wesselman and Sevie Alvarez.

### County Attorney's Report

County Attorney Stacy Tapke thanked Lisa Desmarais and her team for a job well done.

### Commissioners' Reports

#### Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Sewell stated that she is proud of everyone who worked so hard on the new building.

#### Commissioner Jon Draud

Commissioner Draud stated that he is very impressed with the final result of the building. He wasn't in favor of the original management concept, but he thinks they did a great job. He appreciates all the cooperation from everyone involved, and he is proud to have had a small part in this whole process.

#### Commissioner Joe Nienaber

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he is very proud of how everything has turned out with the new building. We provided a very nice building that is not over the top.

### Judge/Executive's Report

Judge Knochelmann stated that the official grand opening for the building will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. There is still some work to be done in the building, but all of the occupants have been so cooperative. He then stated that Joe Shriver and Nick Hendrix have been stellar through the whole building process.

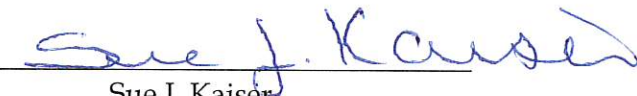
### Adjournment

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 September 24, 2019.

  
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Sue J. Kaiser  
Fiscal Court Clerk