

KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Kenton County Government Center
Second Floor Chambers
1840 Simon Kenton Way
Covington, KY 41011

Meeting Minutes
September 26 , 2023
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann called to order the September 26, 2023, 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
Commissioner Jon Draud, District 2
Commissioner Joe Nienaber, District 3
County Attorney, Stacy Tapke

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

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of September 12 , 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.

Citizens Address

No citizens came before the Fiscal Court at this time.

General Business

A. Approval to request a memorial sign from the State for Michael "Bubba" Wilson.

Judge Knochelmann stated that this is for the bridge overtop of the railroad tracks on Buttermilk Pike. This is a gentleman that was part of the ownership family of Crescent Springs Hardware for probably 75 years. He passed away this past year. His brother, mother and sister still run the store. The State has asked that if they are going to name this bridge after him, that the city and county both support it.

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. Claims List - Dated September 22, 2023

There were no questions on the Claims List.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 23-01R (Action Requested)
A Resolution for the Kenton County Fiscal Court concerning Fiscal Year Budget Adjustments.**

Treasurer Roy Cox stated that the budget adjustments are for the following: \$12,500 for reimbursement to the Covington Police Department for the 2022 JAG Grant (fully funded by the DOJ), \$10,000 for a pass thru payment to responding agencies for a HazMat response and \$30,000 for the camera project and kitchen mixer at the Detention Center.

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 226.16 - First Reading
An Ordinance of the Kenton County Fiscal Court, Kentucky, providing for a credit of its Occupational License Fee for new employees as part of an economic development project by Diversey, Inc. under the Kentucky Business Investment Program (KRS 154.32-010 -KRS 154.32-100).**

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that they had already approved this in November of last year, but because of the rate change this is now up for review by the State. The Ordinance has to be updated to reflect the change. Going forward, instead of putting the rate in the Ordinance we will just put the percentage of the incentive.

Consent Agenda

- A. Exhibit No. 23-170
Request approval to ratify the Fiscal Court Schedule Bond.**
- B. Exhibit No. 23-171
Request approval to award the KCDC Recreation Yard Improvements bid to Maxwell Construction for the Kenton County Detention Center.**
- C. Exhibit No. 23-172
Request approval of the agreement for correctional facility healthcare services between the West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare, LLC, d/b/a Comprehensive Correctional Care (3C) and the Kenton County Detention Center.**
- D. Exhibit No. 23-173
Request approval to award the cleaning services bid to SaniClean, LLC. for the Historic Kenton County Courthouse, Kenton County Police Department and the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center.**
- E. Exhibit No. 23-174
Request approval of an agreement with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions for a Predictive Survey and Design for Wireless Access Points for the Kenton County Detention Center.**

- F. Exhibit No. 23-175**
Request approval to surplus four (4) Fleet Vehicles from the Public Works Department, one (1) Fleet Vehicle from the Parks Department, five (5) Fleet Vehicles from the Kenton County Jail, three (3) Fleet Vehicle from Police Department, and one (1) Golf Cart from the Parks Department.
- G. Exhibit No. 23-176**
Request approval to surplus two (2) Fleet Vehicles from the Police Department to the Kenton County School Board.

All items on the Consent Agenda were voted on together.

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.

Executive Orders

- A. Executive Order 23-117**
Request approval of the appointment of Sydney Ginley as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Kenton County Animal Services Department.

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.

- B. Executive Order 23-118**
Request approval of the reorganization of the Kenton County Technology Services 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

Emergency Communications

Ashley Hawks stated that for the third year in a row, the staff has been unable to attend any leadership or supervisory training from the Department of Criminal Justice as required by law by the State of Kentucky. However, Metrosafe, the Dispatch Center in Louisville has their own academy has developed and gotten approved two different classes that they have opened up to all of the Communications Centers across the State. They have been able to get their staff into both these leadership classes this year. They will benefit from the training, and get credit for their yearly training.

Police Department

Chief Jones stated that they are interviewing some outstanding candidates for police positions. Also, the installation of the Axon Fleet 3 in car camera systems were installed on Fleet vehicles. They are linked to bodycam systems, and the officers are mic'ed up. It allows it to be downloaded as well. He thanked Fleet Management for making this happen, as well as the Technology Services Department.

Detention Center

Jailer Marc Fields thanked the Fiscal Court for approving their medical contract. The company is from Kentucky, and they are only doing business in Kentucky. They are in conversations now with the Federal Government to house Federal inmates since they have controlled their population and have some space. The good thing about Federal inmates is that they pay about triple per diem than the State. They also pay for all of the medical expenses. The contract should be in place by next month. On the hiring side, they hit 87 and haven't had that many employees since November of 2020.

Emergency Management

Steve Hensley stated that several of them attended the KY Emergency Response Conference for training, and at their banquet, NKY was recognized for their efforts in the INCIDENT Management team. It has been a busy few weeks of responses with several missing persons, in addition to the responses to the Suspension Bridge. Those responses involved the Kenton County Police Department's Drone team, Kenton County Emergency Communications team, our New Digital Communications Manager, and KYTC, all of which did outstanding work. They also conducted training for PDS during their recent staff meeting, introducing them to the Administration buildings emergency plan.

Mr. Hensley then stated that they are working on an audio-visual enhancement in the EOC, and will be adding a video wall similar to the one in the Fiscal Court Chambers. He gave special thanks to Duke Energy for their generous donation to support this project. Lastly, COVID Boosters are now available and he highly recommended getting one. He received it earlier this week without any side effects.

County Attorney 's Report

County Attorney Stacy Tapke had nothing to report.

Commissioners ' Reports

Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Sewell asked if there will be an opportunity for the Fiscal Court to get a synopsis of the housing study?

Judge Knochelmann answered that he doesn't know what the next steps will be, but there is a lot to take in.

Commissioner Jon Draud

Commissioner Draud spoke about a letter that he had written.

Commissioner Joe Nienaber

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he supports Jon's as a Kenton County Commissioner, and the decisions he makes for the Fiscal Court. He is not referring to the letter that was written.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he is very happy with the progress that the Site Readiness Group is making, and it is looking good as far as economic development for the region.

Judge/Executive Knochelmann

Judge Knochelmann stated that there is a Mental Health Summit on Friday. Also, the remodel work is being done at the Clerk's Office in the Administration Building to make the space safer and better technologically. Lastly, at the next meeting they will be going over some of the tax numbers.

As they said from day one, they are going to evaluate the tax collections with the rate and the cap and re-adjust.

Judge Knochelmann then asked for approval of Executive Order 23-119. The Chief of Police position is vacant, and we are recommending Chief Brian Zurborg from Edgewood to serve.

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.

Judge Knochelmann asked for approval to cancel the November 28, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting.

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.

Treasurer Roy Cox asked for approval to issue a Claims List on November 27, 2023, and print checks on November 29, 2023.

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.

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 26, 2023.



Sue J. Kaiser
Fiscal Court Clerk