

KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT VIRTUAL MEETING

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MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2021

5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Judge/Executive Knochelmann called to order the February 9, 2021, virtual meeting of the Kenton County Fiscal Court. Treasurer Roy Cox led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of January 26, 2021.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Citizens Address

No citizens sent any questions to the Fiscal Court.

General Business

A. Claims List dated January 22, 2021.

There were no questions on the Claims List.

Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 21-01 C 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: \$12,000 for storm water fees, \$1000 for buildings and grounds and parks and recreations, \$9,000 to add heat and air conditioning in transport units for the animal shelter, \$500 for maintenance to vehicles and then \$6,000 for advertising for employment positions out at the jail.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. **Exhibit No. 21-16**
Request approval to surplus various items for the Kenton County Public Works Department.
- B. **Exhibit No. 21-17**
Request approval to extend the contract with ABM Parking Services for the Management and Operations of the Kenton County Parking Garage.
- C. **Exhibit No. 21-18**
Request approval to extend the gasoline and diesel bid for the Kenton County Fleet Department.
- D. **Exhibit No. 21-19**
Request approval to of the amended contractual agreement between the Kenton County Communications Department and Indigital for the provision of "Texty", text- to-911 product.
- E. **Exhibit No. 21-20**
Request approval for an RFQ for real estate and realtor services to sell Kenton County property.
- F. **Exhibit No. 21-21**
Request approval of a contract with Human Nature for the comprehensive master plan for recreation services at the former Fox Run golf course property.
- G. **Exhibit No. 21-22**
Request approval to surplus a 2008 Dodge Charger for the Kenton County Sheriff's Department.
- H. **Exhibit No. 21-23**
Request approval of the Support Agreement between Kenton County and Tyler Technologies for the provision of annual maintenance to the Tyler New World software(s) (CAD) at the Emergency Communications Center.
- I. **Exhibit No. 21-24**
Request approval of a proposal from Brandstetter-Carroll, Inc. for professional services at the Kenton County Detention Center.
- J. **Exhibit No. 21-25**
Request approval of the Change Order for the Kenton County Administration Community Space Fit-Up.
- K. **Exhibit No. 21-26**
Request approval of the change order (#03) with Midstate Contractors for the renovation of the Fiscal Court chambers at the Kenton County Historic Courthouse.

All items on the Consent Agenda were voted on together.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Executive Orders

A. Executive Order 21-09

An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the step increases for various employees in the Kenton County Police Department, Parks and Recreation and Public Works.

Commissioner Draud asked how many people this includes?

County Administrator Joe Shriver answered that it is five.

Commissioner Draud asked if these are done based on supervisor's recommendations?

Mr. Shriver answered that yes, there is a structure that includes goals and tiers that they have to accomplish. When they move up to that next level, the supervisors verify that, and they receive their increase.

Judge Knochelmann stated that he was with some of the Public Works employees last night, and they had made a comment that they really appreciated the new structure that Nick Hendrix and Rick Buster put together. It includes step increase opportunities, and they wanted to thank the Fiscal Court. They appreciate having some goals, and an opportunity to advance their career, so it was kind of a nice compliment to everybody.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

B. Executive Order 21-10

An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Krystal Daugherty as a Part-Time Tax Clerk for the Kenton County Treasury Department.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

C. Executive Order 21-11

An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Dan Mathew as the Director for the Emergency Communications Department.

Commissioner Sewell thanked Mr. Mathew for all he did for the County.
Commissioner Draud stated that Mr. Mathew did a good job.

Dan Mathew stated that t's a bit it's a bittersweet moment as he loved working for the County, and as he always tells his employees, the only thing you can control is how you respond to

opportunities and situations. An opportunity arose, and unfortunately he has to cut his tenure here short.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

D. Executive Order 21-12
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Ashley Hawks as the Interim Director of the Emergency Communications Center.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

E. Executive Order 21-13
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the promotion of Ian Byrne from a Dispatcher 2 to Dispatch Supervisor.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

F. Executive Order 21-15
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Damon Allen to the Police Merit 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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Administrative Reporting

Emergency Management

Steve Hensley stated that he would like to start off with some fairly good news on the COVID numbers. They continue to decline in a pretty steady pace. Only 2,339 new cases were reported across the Commonwealth today, and that brings our positivity rate back down to 7.78%. It was up in the 12% range previously. The new cases in the Northern Kentucky area are only 222, which is also a significant decline. The COVID testing at both Atlantic and at the IRS site continue to go well. The Atlantic site is still testing over 400 people a day, so the interest from the Community is still pretty great. In addition to that, the vaccine roll out continues to go well at the Lakeside Christian Church and the other locations. The Governor has announced a plan to roll out a mass vaccine clinic at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center that was scheduled to go live on Thursday. However, as result of the forecasted weather, that's been pushed back more than likely to Friday providing that the weather doesn't have a significant impact on us. So, there'll be more to come on that. Again, on the COVID front a lot positive things are going on. Everyone needs to remember to continue to social distance and wear masks.

Mr. Hensley then congratulated Dan Mathew and Ashley Hawks on their new positions. He also thanked the Public Works crew for the great job they did during the recent snowfall that was predicted to be four inches and ended up being almost a foot.

Commissioner Draud had some questions of Steve Hensley on vaccinations.

Mr. Hensley stated that he would research the topic, and get back to him on it.

Police Department

Chief Jones stated that during January they conducted nine interviews for new hires. They are filling 3 positions, and currently have identified three individuals that they have sent to the back ground phase of the process. Also, they took delivery of their ATS-5 Traffic Radar/ Speed Trailer a couple of weeks ago. They will be deploying this "Traffic Calming" tool on some of the more heavily traveled roads and in neighborhoods where speed is a concern. This device was funded through the 2020 JAG grant and they are excited to have it.

Chief Jones then stated that they have started their second round of COVID vaccines for their first responders, and they are optimistic that this shot will keep our officers healthy and allow them to work safely during the pandemic. He wanted to recognize our own Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for his personal dedication and logistical mastery at the vaccination sites. It should be noted that as we begin to turn the corner from pandemic to normalcy, we will all owe Director Hensley a big thank you. He then thanked Dan Mathew for his service to Kenton County.

Commissioner Draud asked what year we approved having the body cameras for the Police?

Chief Jones answered that they got them partially through a benefactor, and they were purchased five years ago.

Commissioner Draud stated that he read recently that Governor DeWine was proposing that the cameras be a requirement for State Troopers.

Chief Jones stated that he believes that is correct. There are a lot of agencies that are now seeing the benefit, and 99.9% of the time the cameras catch them doing something right.

Commissioner Draud asked why it is so slow to catch on?

Chief Jones answered that they are somewhat expensive to start up, with the back end software to store all of the information. Kenton County had a benefactor that paid 50% of the cost of the cameras, and we paid the balance out of asset forfeitures.

Emergency Communications

Dan Mathew apologized for not having graphs and charts, as the software was not operational. communication Center continues after 911 calls and people continue to show up to work that I routinely report to you and we will continue to do so lots of positive change going on promotion of Ian Thank you very much for doing that. There has been a vacancy in the supervisor's position for a while, and Ian Byrne stepped up and applied for that position. He was by far a great selection for that position. As far as Ashley's promotion to Interim Director, he can assure everyone that they will not be disappointed. The Communications Center will continue its progressive approach to emergency communications. Ashley will carry that ball well into the future, and do it well.

Mr. Mathew then stated that as far as his departure, it is definitely a bittersweet moment. He thanked everybody in the County for all of the opportunities he has been given. He has said it before, and he will say it again that the team and Kenton County is second to none. We don't operate in a vacuum, it takes everybody in the County to make the Communication Center successful. He thanked all of the department heads, the Commissioners, the Judge and Joe Shriver for the opportunity and all of the continued support.

Judge Knochelmann thanked Mr. Mathew for all that he has done. He would have loved to have seen him be around another ten years or so, but he understands the opportunity for his family. Mr. Mathew really stepped up at the right time, and he has a great team. He has always had, a very good balance between the mindset of the public, the Fiscal Court and the employees. He appreciates the support Mr. Mathew has given Ashley Hawks as Interim Director.

Ashley Hawks thanked the Fiscal Court for giving her this opportunity. She has been with Kenton County for 19 years, and looks forward to serving the citizens and the Court in a different way moving forward. She also wanted to echo everything you've heard about Dan Mathew. He has been one of the best mentors that she has had the experience of working with, and he will be missed. The goal in the interim is to pick up the ball and keep moving forward in the way that has been very progressive and very good for the Center. She believes they can make it as seamless as possible.

Commissioner Sewell thanked Mr. Mathew for all that he has done. He made it look easy. It has to be one of the toughest positions, and we have seen it when it fell apart across the river. It makes us appreciate good leadership.

External Affairs

John Stanton stated that on the theme of Dan Matthew, he wanted to thank him and his wife Renee for sharing their COVID story with us. Sara Sgantas ran the metrics on it, and the two videos that were shared with the Community about their journey with COVID was by far one of the most watched videos for us in 2020. Their willingness to share made a huge impact on folks, not just in Kenton County but in the region. So, much thanks to Dan and Renee for that.

Mr. Stanton then stated that on the Licking River project, the 15 members of the project advisory team have reviewed the 10 RFPs, and have narrowed it down to a subgroup. They will be virtually interviewed through Zoom and will be notified tomorrow as to which ones have been invited to participate in the virtual interviews with Zoom. Also, on the broadband front, he wants to thank Trisha Brush and the folks at Planning and Development Services and GIS. PDS has also been an exceptional help in having surveying and other tools available to us. We continue that journey for figuring out how to expand broadband, and continue to have partners, step up who have provided some exceptional services to us.

John Stanton then stated that they had the first meeting with the Bourbon Line (B Line) advisory group since Julie Kirkpatrick took over as the head of MeetNKY. It was basically everything he could have expected. He believes that Julie is going to be a great leader at MeetNKY. He believes that an exceptional team will be formed, and it'll be fun to see the direction of that group. Going forward on the vaccine front, the uptick of inquiries that have been received since vaccination has become a reality has been much greater than even during the period when we were just dealing with testing. He thanked the Health Department for the quality of information they've been putting out on a weekly basis on the vaccination. They have also been tremendously responsible about helping us address individual constituents on a one on one basis regarding individual concerns they have or questions they might have. He is sure there's much more of that to come.

Commissioner Draud stated that the Churchill bill out of the Senate passed a little while ago. We have been talking about this for a while. He doesn't know if it will make it in the House or not, but it is an important bill for our State.

Treasury

Treasurer Roy Cox asked that the records reflect that the January 2021, Financial Reports have been submitted.

County Attorney 's Report

County Attorney Stacy Tapke had nothing to report.

Commissioners ' Reports

Commissioner Jon Draud

Commissioner Draud had nothing to report.

Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Sewell had nothing to report.

Judge/Executive 's Report

Judge Knochelmann stated that he would like to make sure to cross the t's and dot the i's, so he is asking for permission to sign an agreement with the Convention Center, and get the State to pay for the vaccinations, etc. There won't be any dollars or liability for us, but Gretchen Landrum who runs the Convention Center has graciously offered the space. It would be used and then essentially we pay for their utilities and other bills, and we would just pass those through the state. She's just looking for a document that allows them to do it. It just speeds up the use of it, and he would sign on behalf of the State or really the County, but of course the State would take care of any cost.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Judge Knochelmann then stated that it was really nice talking to a couple of the guys last evening. They were talking about the fact that they appreciated the Fiscal Court being very supportive of their pay structure. They appreciate the step increases, and just like having the assets to take care of the customer or residents. This includes the dump trucks, working gas pumps and buildings that they can actually have heated while they're getting things fixed. They wanted to send the message that they appreciate that support. The culture is good, and it is great that when different groups get together they actually intertwine, intermingle and help each other out.

Executive Session

A. Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (C) proposed or pending litigation regarding Motorola.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval of Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results

being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval to return from the Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Sewell. Judge Executive Knochelmann called for a roll call vote with the results being Commissioner Draud, yes, Commissioner Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

County Administrator Joe Shriver asked the Fiscal Court to authorize him to negotiate a proposal of representation for Kenton County with DBL Law regarding mediation with Motorola.

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 Sewell, yes and Judge Knochelmann, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

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 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 February 9, 2021.



Sue J. Kaiser
Fiscal Court Clerk