

**KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**Kenton Chambers**  
**1840 Simon Kenton Way**  
**Covington**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 25, 2021**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Sewell called to order the May 25, 2021, meeting of the Kenton County Fiscal Court. Treasurer Roy Cox led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: 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  
Roy Cox, County Treasurer  
Sue Kaiser, Fiscal Court Clerk

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Approval of the Minutes from the Public Hearing for LGEA/Road Aid Funds on May 11, 2021**

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

**B. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of May 11, 2021.**

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

**Citizens Address**

No citizens sent any questions to the Fiscal Court.

**General Business**

**A. Presentation of the 2020 Pioneer Award to William Funke.**

Commissioner Sewell read the Proclamation for Mr. Funke, and thanked him for his dedication.

Shelley Funke-Frommeyer spoke about the wonderful upbringing by her mother and father of 12 children. Her father was always very hardworking and fair.

Mr. Funke spoke about how he couldn't have done it all without his wife. He believes in hard work, and giving everything that you have to make it work.

**B. Request approval to cancel the June 22 , 2021, Kenton County Fiscal Court Meeting**

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

Treasurer Roy Cox asked for permission to issue a Claims List on June 25, 2021, and send out the checks on June 28, 2021.

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

**C. Request approval to authorize an RFP for broadband in Kenton County.**

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

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that this is just a continuation of our process for broadband.

Commissioner Draud stated that he feels that this is another significant achievement by the Fiscal Court. He asked Joe Shriver to make a list of all of the significant achievements of this Fiscal Court.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he agrees with Commissioner Draud. This is a big thing. Broadband is important to all of our citizens.

Commissioner Sewell stated that a special thank you needs to be given to the citizens of South Kenton County. They brought this issue to our attention, and COVID really brought it to the forefront.

**D. Claims List dated May 21, 2021.**

There were no questions on the Claims List.

**Resolutions**

**A. Resolution No. 21-011**

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

Treasurer Roy Cox explained that the budget adjustments are for the following: \$38,720 for the Police Department to cover the expenses until the end of the year, \$700 to cover voting machine maintenance, \$1,000 to cover building and grounds expenses for the Police Department, \$30,000 to cover buildings and grounds expenses for the Administration Building, \$10,000 for bank charges, \$135,000 to cover the purchase of 19 Klette St., \$70,000 to cover various TIF payments, \$13,600 to cover expenses at Public Works, \$200 to cover expenses at the Fleet Department, \$9,400 for a grant at the Detention Center and \$60,000 for overtime at Dispatch.

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

**B. Resolution No. 21-13**

**A Resolution of the County of Kenton, Kentucky authorizing the Kenton County Judge/Executive to enter into a contract to purchase the property located at 19 Klette Street, Independence, pursuant to KRS 67.080(1)(b)(1).**

Commissioner Draud asked if we own all of the property on Klette.

Mr. Shriver answered that we own a couple of the houses. This house will help with the drainage situation.

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

**C. Resolution No. 21-14**

**A Resolution authorizing a partnership with the City of Park Hills to pursue matching Federal SNK Funds from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments for the Amsterdam Road reconstruction project.**

Nick Hendrix stated that this is an in-kind partnership with the City of Park Hills.

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

**Ordinances**

**A. Ordinance 225.95 - Second 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 Atlas Air, Inc. under the Kentucky Business Investment Program (KRS 154.32-010 - KRS 154.32-100).**

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

**B. Ordinance 225.97 - First Reading**

**An Ordinance (225.97) of the Kenton County Fiscal Court relating to the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget and amendment thereof.**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Exhibit No. 21-70**

**Request approval of the County Clerk's claim for calculation of Motor Vehicle and Boat bills for 2021.**

**B. Exhibit No. 21-71**

**Request approval of the County Clerk's claim for preparing tax bills.**

**C. Exhibit No. 21-72**

**Request approval to accept the CDBG Grant for Transitions.**

**D. Exhibit No. 21-73**

**Request approval to award the portable restroom rentals and services bid to Rumpke for the Kenton County Parks & Recreation Department.**

**E. Exhibit No. 21-74**

**Request approval to award the Independence Courthouse Cleaning Services bid to Corvus Janitorial for the Historic Kenton County Independence Courthouse.**

**F. Exhibit No. 21-75**

**Request approval to renew the annual contract with C-Forward for the Kenton County Technology Services Department.**

**G. Exhibit No. 21-76**

**Request approval of the rental agreement for 3920 Richardson Rd. between Gregory and Charlene Combs and the Kenton County Fiscal Court.**

All items on the Consent Agenda were voted on together.

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

**Executive Orders**

**A. Executive Order 21-42**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Scott Hardcorn as the Assistant Police Chief for the Kenton County Police Department.**

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

**B. Executive Order 21-43**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Michelle Clark as a Part-Time Receptionist for the Kenton County Administration Department.**

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

**C. Executive Order 21-44**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Maxwell Wahoff as a Seasonal Laborer for the Parks Department.**

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

**D. Executive Order 21-45**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Jeffrey Hunter as a Seasonal Laborer for the Parks Department.**

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

**E. Executive Order 21-46**

**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Bridgette Clary as a Tax Compliance Officer for the Kenton County Business Services Department.**

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

**F. Executive Order 21-47**  
**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Scott Hardcorn as the Executive Director of the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force.**

Commissioner Draud asked what happened with the other Director.

Mr. Shriver answered that Chris Connors retired.  
Commissioner Nienaber made the motion for approval; seconded by Commissioner Draud.  
Commissioner Sewell called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**G. Executive Order 21-48**  
**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the promotion of Chris Haddle to Assistant Police Chief for the Kenton County Police Department.**

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

**H. Executive Order 21-49**  
**An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the appointment of Samuel Williams as a Seasonal Laborer for the Kenton County Parks Department.**

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

**Administrative Reporting**

**Emergency Management**

Steve Hensley stated that there are 263 new cases of COVID statewide today, and 30 of those were in Northern KY. Kenton County, as of yesterday, has 121 current active cases. The State positivity rate is 2.6%. In addition to setting the June 11th date for lifting all capacity **restrictions, the Governor said Thursday the Commonwealth would immediately be following the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation that fully vaccinated Kentuckians no longer need to wear a mask in most places. The Governor announced that on June 11, the mask mandate will be eliminated for all Kentuckians, with the exception of places where people are the most vulnerable. Testing on Atlantic will continue through June, and the numbers are extremely low.** Al

Mr. Hensley then stated that all EHS site visits have been completed, and the reports have been submitted to the Kentucky Emergency Response Commission for approval. His department has initiated their safety training within the County Administration Building. They initiated this training for the fifth floor, and trained approximately 20 employees. The plan is to conduct this training on a floor by floor basis, so everyone within the building will be afforded the opportunity to attend the training.

Lastly, Mr. Hensley stated that as he discussed during a meeting prior to COVID, they are once again working to update the cost recovery portion of their hazardous materials Ordinance. There will be more to follow at an upcoming meeting.

**Police Department**

Chief Jones wanted to express his best wishes to Scott Hardcorn as he transitions from our Assistant Chief to the Director of the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force. Scott truly set the bar high for the next Assistant Chief, and he is grateful for all of his hard work and dedication over the

past six years. He appreciates Scott not only as a coworker, but as someone he considers a very good friend. He will miss working with Scott every day, but he's not going too far so he knows how to find him if he needs him.

Chief Jones then stated that Chris Haddle started with the Kenton County Police Department in January of 1996. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Thomas Moore University, as well as an Associate's Degree in Accounting. He is a graduate of the 225<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy. Chris has served as a patrol officer, detective, an accident re-constructionist and supervisor for the Police Department. He is excited about Chris coming to the administrative side of the house, and he greatly appreciates the Fiscal Court's support of his promotion.

Mr. Jones then stated that today starts the Click it or Ticket nationwide enforcement campaign, which runs through June 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot of data showing enforcement saves lives by **improving seat belt usage and creating safer driving**. Also, the 1-75 Blitz future dates are as follows: June 9<sup>th</sup> 0800-2000, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 0800-2000, August 9<sup>th</sup> 0800-2000, and September 2<sup>nd</sup> 0800-2000.

### **Emergency Communications**

Ashley Hawks stated that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and the Dispatch Center is launching a wellness initiative. This will be an ongoing program that will better assist the employees in maintaining a higher level of health and wellness. The first thing that they are tackling is secondary trauma, which is something that all of the Dispatchers experience. The training will be conducted by St. Elizabeth, and this will help them develop coping mechanisms for these type of instances. There will be recurring training.

Commissioner Draud asked if this was Ms. Hawks's idea?

Mr. Shriver stated that it was Ms. Hawk's idea.

### **Parks/Buildings and Grounds/Golf Course**

Scott Gunning thanked the Fiscal Court for approving the purchase of 19 Klette St. tonight. That property will give us additional drainage opportunities, and will allow for future expansion if needed. In regards to the Courthouse, the work is continuing in the Fiscal Court chambers, as the contractors are back on site this week and working on the change order that was approved at the last meeting. The hope is that the project will be complete by the end June, allowing the Fiscal Court to meet back out there in July.

Mr. Gunning then stated that the following are the upcoming events at the Park: Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> is the Fishing Derby in partnership with NKY Fly Fishers at Mills Park from 9AM until 12PM. The event is free and fishing licenses are not required since its Fish Free in Kentucky weekend. June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Wild Wednesdays start back up at Mills Park from 9:30 - 11:30AM. The program runs every Wednesday throughout the summer. The Thursday Science program starts back up on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Park from 9:30 - 11:30AM.

Lastly, course conditions at the Golf Course continue to look good, and from talking to David Peru, they are seeing an increase in booked outings. They've picked up some larger outings this year, with one being the Chamber's event and another one being the Covington Catholic Alumni outing. In the next couple of weeks we will have to make some minor roof repairs on the skylights at the clubhouse, but overall everything is trending in the right direction.

Commissioner Draud asked if there is a fiscal report on the profit at the Golf Course?

Mr. Gunning answered that he gets a monthly report that he can send to Dr. Draud. They made some money last year, and this year is the first year we will have profit sharing. The lease runs from January to December, so it will be based on the calendar year.

Commissioner Nienaber asked if the profit is based on revenue?

Mr. Gunning answered that this is correct.

Commissioner Draud asked how long we have a contract with them?

Mr. Gunning answered that he believes it is three years, with an option to renew for another three years. He will check, and get back with him.

Commissioner Draud stated that he has heard nothing but great things about this management group.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that he has heard a lot of compliments about Fox Run's current state as an active park.

### **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.

#### **Commissioner Joe Nienaber**

Commissioner Nienaber complimented Commissioner Sewell on running a great meeting.

### **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 Nienaber. Commissioner Sewell called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Commissioner Draud made the motion for approval of Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Commissioner Sewell called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Joe Shriver asked for a motion to approve Change Order #23 for the Radio Project, and to authorize execution of final acceptance of said project.

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

### **Adjournment**

Having completed all business before the Court, Commissioner Draud offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Nienaber. Commissioner Sewell 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 May 25, 2021.



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Sue J. Kaiser  
Fiscal Court Clerk