

KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES
Kenton Chambers
1840 Simon Kenton Way
Covington, KY 41011

October 22, 2019
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Judge/Executive Knochelmann called to order the October 22, 2019, meeting of the Kenton County Fiscal Court. Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Judge/Executive, Kris Knochelmann
 Commissioner Beth Sewell, District 1
 Commissioner Joe Nienaber, District 3
 County Attorney Stacy Tapke

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

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of October 8, 2019.

Commissioner Sewell 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

Tom Krpata stated that tonight seems to be a very appropriate night for him to talk to the court, because there is going to be an announcement later that will come into what he is speaking about. This has to do with the gold course. He has lived in Edgewood since 1988, he is an avid golfer and is an employee at the golf course. He is quite encouraged about what appears to be a switch in management companies at the golf course, in that we are going to get a true national company that is very experienced in running golf course. He is also encouraged in that he understands the Fiscal Court has hired a company by the name of CBRE to do an overall evaluation of the properties of the golf course. After after looking at their website, which seems to be just a commercial and residential real estate company, he finds himself a little hesitant and afraid of what might happen.

Mr. Krpata then stated that for many years we have heard a lot about the golf course. There have been rumors on and off for years about selling portions or all of the golf course. He thinks that would be a very bad mistake. 600-700 acres of green space in our county is just phenomenal, and he noticed that just a couple of meetings ago there was an agreement to save 65 acres of green space called Brushy Fork. To him, he can't see getting rid of the golf space. There is a deterioration of people playing golf, but rather than seeing us not use our asset, he would like to see it used as a golf destination. He would like to see people drawn to it, not only from the county, but the entire area. He believes that we can look at some of the true success stories in golf around our counties in Northern Kentucky and the areas.

Mr. Krpata then stated that just as World of Golf has a par three golf course, we could create a par 3 golf course on that, and include what is called "Foot Golf". The trainers and pros have

been talking about upgrading the driving range and practice facilities for years. This could be accomplished. A miniature golf course, and a redesign of whatever holes are left could take place. This will be an investment, but he believes it is an investment that would make our county proud. We have seen places like Steven's Golf Academy, which was the old golf ranch, create a good driving range where they do a lot of teaching and have a lot of updated technical portions. When the National Golf Foundation study was done in 2015 for Kenton County, it was also done for Boone County. He is taken aback as a resident of Kenton County that Boone County would charge forward and put the money that they did into upgrading their golf course and clubhouse and we have let our flounder. He thinks that the entire 600-700 acres could be redesigned, and the properties updated. He believes that the driving range being updated, a par 3 golf course, redesign on the golf course, as well as something that would encompass one or two reception halls that could bring an income year round. This could be like World of Golf where they have an indoor driving range, they have simulators and this brings in money for the winter.

Lastly, Mr. Krpata stated that we have talked about attracting young people and women, and as an employee he has been very encouraged to see the amount of women playing out there in the last couple of years. He would like to suggest that his ideas be a part of the CBRE study. He feels that a development of houses to that area would be detrimental. The roads couldn't handle it, and it would put a strain on the police and fire. The Banklick Watershed would be a challenge as well. The golf course absorbs some of the water, and helps keep that from flooding. He thinks with a fresh start with the new management company, they would be very encouraged to help with this situation.

General Business

A. Claims Lists -Dated October 18 , 2019.

There were no questions on the Claims List.

B. Request approval to accept Billy Casper Golf 's bid for the management/lease of the Kenton County Golf Courses, and to allow the Judge/Executive to negotiate the terms of the contract.

Nick Bednar of Billy Casper Golf thanked the Fiscal Court for allowing them to be a part of the Kenton County Golf Course. They have had a presence in the tri-state for 15 years, and currently manage the six City of Cincinnati Golf Courses. He believes that Kenton County has a gem in the golf community.

Judge Knochelmann stated that this will be asking permission to negotiate a contract with Billy Casper. This would take effect on January 1st, and this will be a great partnership. He wanted to publicly say how much he appreciates all of the work that Davey has done for the golf course. He asked Mr. Bednar to touch on the Billy Casper Team.

Mr. Bednar stated that the company is based in Northern Virginia, and he is based out of Columbus, Ohio. Currently, they have 150 golf courses nationwide, and the vast majority are municipal courses. His role would be to build the team, and typically they retain most of the staff. There will be a General Manager and Superintendent in place to lead the operation. They have to enhance the product first, and provide the best customer service.

Commissioner Sewell stated that they paint a very measured and strategic approach. She asked of any golf course that they have that is not going well, what are the challenges and what are they doing to fix them?

Mr. Bednar stated that it goes back to having the best product in terms of turf conditions. In public golf, it is the best greens, the best fairways, the best tees and the rough needs to be manageable. The golf course should be fun to play, and not overly difficult. Number one is

product, and they feel that they are going to set up the golf courses in Kenton County in order to improve the product from where it is now. Secondly, if they had the product in line and things still weren't working, it is either a bad location or there isn't the right leadership in place to inspire the staff and the customers.

Commissioner Nienaber stated that a lot of expectations were met by Davey. He likes the bones of a deal here that are a little bit more defined here.

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

Judge Knochelmann then asked for a motion to give Davey a letter of intent not to renew their contract.

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

C. Discussion regarding the new Administration Building.

County Administrator Joe Shriver stated that each day we see less workers in the building, and the systems are all getting worked out.

Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 19-25 (Action Requested) A Resolution of the Kenton County Fiscal Court establishing the Kenton County Complete Count Committee.

John Stanton stated that the Census Bureau has solicited our assistance to help with the 2020 Census. There are already two Complete Count Committees established in Kenton County. The City of Covington and the City of Erlanger have established these committees. This is a template model, and it is the same one that was passed by the Campbell County Fiscal Court. The intent is to work mostly in unincorporated Kenton County to assist with encouraging Census participation.

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

Consent Agenda

- A. Exhibit No. 19-132
Request approval to surplus three vehicles and two cabinets for the Kenton County Sheriff's Office.**
- B. Exhibit No. 19-133
Request approval to accept the bid from Corvus Janitorial Services for cleaning services for the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center and the Kenton County Police Department.**
- C. Exhibit No. 19-134
Request approval of GRW to complete the architectural, engineering and construction administration services for the second phase of renovations at the Independence Courthouse.**
- D. Exhibit No. 19-135**

Request approval to extend the landscaping/lawn services with Merkle Lawn Care Company , Inc. for the Kenton County Parks Department.

- E. Exhibit No. 19-136
Request approval to award the paper products/cleaning and janitorial supplies bid to HP Products Corporation for various departments of Kenton County.**
- F. Exhibit No. 19-137
Request approval to surplus two Lion S-D2 PBT, TruSpeed S laser and three 5.11 Flashlights for the Kenton County Police Department.**

All items on the Consent Agenda were voted on together, including four retirement weapons for the Police Department that were surplus.

Commissioner Sewell 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 19-114 (No Action Needed)
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court rescinding the Burn Ban from September 30, 2019.**

No action was needed on this item.

- B. Executive Order 19-115 (Action Requested)
An Executive Order relating to the Fiscal Court approving the resignation of Patrick White as a Seasonal Laborer for the Kenton County Parks Department.**

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

Administrative Reporting

Public Works

Nick Hendrix stated that they budgeted this spring for a new front door for their Administration building in Independence. The quotes that they are getting from contractors came in over the budget, but within their contingency. Also, he apologized for missing the last meeting, but Joe Shriver did a great job giving the update on the Amsterdam Sidewalk Project. He appreciates the court's support, and he believes that it is a good project.

Mr. Hendrix then stated that there was a ton of praise given for the building, and everyone who has been involved is very deserving of the compliments. He thanked Roy and his group for all of their hard work. Holly Hill has handled all of the tax exempt purchasing, and she helped set up \$4.5 million worth of tax exempt purchasing. She did all of this while keeping up with the rest of her job. He then thanked Kurt Greivenkamp, who showed up for every pay app meeting. Finally, he thanked the Fiscal Court for giving him the opportunity to be a part of the project.

Judge Knochelmann stated that if we didn't have Joe Shriver and Nick Hendrix, we wouldn't have had a project at all.

Emergency Management

Steve Hensley stated that there was a meeting regarding the Ludlow/Bromley Yacht Club incident, and the meeting was in our training room. Everyone was impressed with the building.

The event was very complicated, and the legal team here was wonderful. Chris Nordloh and the County Attorney's office were so helpful.

Mr. Hensley then stated that their hazmat responses on the I-75 corridor have been reduced a bit by the I-75 enforcement effort, thanks to Chief Jones and all the other departments that have been working on that. The state is very aware of the problem. His department also has the siren contractor in town to do the preventative maintenance on the 36 storm warning sirens. One of the sirens was struck by a vehicle, and this will be an insurance claim.

Commissioner Sewell thanked Mr. Hensley and his department for all of his work with the BLINK event.

Jude Knochelmann said that District 6 is planning to work with Frankfort on the I-75 issue. They are planning to rough up the pavement, and it will be done in the next couple of months. The bids to repair the walls came in very high, and they can't do it this way. They are looking at options to get temporary barrier walls. We probably need to have more police presence on the highway to slow the traffic down.

Animal Services

Becky Reiter stated that the installation date for the cages will be in December. They are looking at efficiencies for moving animals through the facility. As far as animal control calls, they are nearing the 4,000 call mark for the first three quarters of the year. Last year there were 3,500 for the whole year. The number of intake on animals has increased by about 140 animals over the same time period as last year. They were looking at the flow of visitors through the adoption facility. There have been over 10,000 visitors through the shelter on the adoption side. They hope to revise how they are tracking that though.

Judge Knochelmann asked if there is an explanation as to why there is an increase on Animal Control calls?

Ms. Reiter answered that part of it is availability. There is also a natural up and down trend over time.

Technology Services

Lisa Desmarais stated that we are continuing to settle into the new location and are working on several initiatives that include: wrapping up door access control, video security and duress systems implementation, verifying notification messaging to Dispatch for emergency reporting systems, rolling out new Conference Room Scheduling Software and Hardware - Robin Scheduling, coordinating additional moves of personnel and technologies for the Home Incarceration Program group and the Circuit Clerk's Drivers' License group and working punch lists with Turner Construction, Denier Cabling, and the FF&E project team

Ms. Desmarais then stated that we purchased and received 80 laptops for the rollout of the Covington Police cars. They also upgraded/replaced/decommissioned 35 Servers that were running old operating systems, and will no longer be supported as of 1/1/2020. The scheduled completion is January of 2020. Also, they are working with County Clerk's software vendor, BIS, to plan deployment of the Clerk's Records Management system. They have completed programming, testing, and implementation of the annual tax billing for the county.

Lastly, Ms. Desmarais demonstrated the new computer system in the Kenton Chambers.

County Attorney's Report

County Attorney Stacy Tapke had nothing to report.

Commissioners ' Reports

Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Sewell had nothing to report.

Commissioner Joe Nienaber

Commissioner Nienaber had nothing to report.

Judge/Executive 's Report

Judge Knochelmann stated that he is working closely with the City of Covington and the Emergency Shelter on the homeless situation. He is also working with District 6, and they are trying to come up with a solution for the issues on I-75.

Judge Knochelmann then stated that pursuant to the agreement that we executed in April of 2017, he is asking for the following actions:

1. Request to execute quit claim deed for the PDS property, located on Royal Dr. in Ft. Mitchell, KY.
2. Request to add to the Claims List funds to pay off approximately \$1.3 million in bonds associated with the PDS property, located on Royal Dr. in Ft. Mitchell, KY.
3. Request to issue an RFP for the sale of the PDS property, located on Royal Dr., in Ft. Mitchell, KY.

All three items were voted on as one.

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

Judge Knochelmann then stated that in December he will be having Amanda Peters report to the Fiscal Court on the Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.

Adjournment

Having completed all business before the Court, Commissioner Nienaber 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 October 22, 2019.

Sue J. Kaiser

Fiscal Court Clerk