

**HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Hopkins County Government Center**

Hopkins County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at the Hopkins County Government Center. Members of the public were given the opportunity to participate via the Zoom platform to encourage social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Judge-Executive Jack Whitfield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Magistrate Billy Parrish gave the invocation. Roll Call was held. Judge-Executive Whitfield and Magistrates Parrish, Whitaker, Rudd, Thomison, Myers, Noel, and Beshears were present at the Hopkins County Government Center.

Review and approval of August 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Magistrate Myers; second by Magistrate Thomison. Motion carried.

Report of County Attorney – None.

Report of Clerk – None.

Report of Sheriff – None

Report of Jailer – None.

County Treasurer – A) Claims: General Fund, \$73,891.59; Road Fund, \$144,535.79; Jail Fund, \$99,629.75; LGEA, \$45,091.29; LGDEF, \$3,000. Total Claims, \$366,148.42. There were no objections to the claims.

B) Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve by Magistrate Noel; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

C) 2020-21 Pay Rate Schedule – Motion to approve by Magistrate Myers; second by Magistrate Thomison. Motion carried.

Department Reports – None.

Reports and business of Magistrates/Committees – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business - A) Hopkins County Health Department 2020-21 Tax Rates – Director Denise Beach presented a yearly report to the court and announced the Board of Health set the coming tax year rates at 3.9 cents per \$100 in assessed property, which is unchanged from the prior year. Motion to accept made by Magistrate Thomison; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

B) Resolution 2020-12 – A Resolution Authorizing the Hopkins County Judge-Executive Jack Whitfield, Jr. to Sign an Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways Relating to Resurfacing of Flat Creek Road and Carbondale Road in Hopkins County. Motion to accept by Magistrate Rudd; second by Magistrate Whitaker. Motion carried.

C) CDGB Scattered Housing Project – 212 S. Trim Street, Dawson Springs – Vote to accept property before turning over to City of Dawson Springs postponed due to mortgage technicalities.

D) West Kentucky Coalition Membership – Motion to approve membership and \$1,000 annual dues by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Myers. Magistrate Beshears abstained. Motion carried.

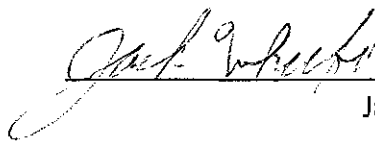
E) Pauper Burial Request – Motion to accept Harris Funeral Home’s request for pauper burial of Lavon Kay Croasmun made by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

14. Appointments – Appointment of Mike Shocklee to Nebo Water District – Motion to approve made by Magistrate Rudd; second by Magistrate Noel. Motion carried.

15. Announcements – Magistrate Beshears thanked Landon’s Hope for recent food giveaways in Mortons Gap and St. Charles.

16. Comments from Citizens – Four Madisonville residents, Bill McReynolds, Steve Cox, Chris Schweizer, and Jessica Short asked the court to remove and/or relocate the Confederate statue currently on the old courthouse lawn. Short read aloud a letter from Katie-Beth Gamblin requesting the same.

The meeting was adjourned.



Jack Whitfield, Jr.

HOPKINS COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

The foregoing minutes were presented by Fiscal Court Reporter Laura Harvey at the September 1, 2020 meeting of the Fiscal Court, corrected where necessary, and signed by the presiding Judge with the approval of the Magistrates present.

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Keenan Cloern, HOPKINS COUNTY CLERK

HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT

REGULAR MEETING

GOVERNMENT CENTER

10 a.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Hopkins County Government Center

Judge Executive Whitfield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Magistrate Parrish gave the invocation. Roll Call was held. Magistrates Whitaker, Rudd, Thomison, Noel, Parrish, Beshears and Myers were present at the Government Center.

Review and approval of July 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Magistrate Beshears, second by Magistrate Noel. Motion carried.

Report of County Attorney – None.

Report of Clerk – None.

Report of Sheriff – Sheriff Matt Sanderson asked to surplus a 2016 Ford Explorer patrol vehicle (VIN 1FM5K8AR3GGA01524) to then be sent to Letcher County for use as a law enforcement vehicle. Motion to approve by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

Report of Jailer – None.

County Treasurer – A) New Line Item – Motion to approve by Magistrate Rudd; second by Magistrate Whitaker. Motion carried.

B) Claims: General Fund, \$399,752.98; Road Fund, \$29,630.29; Jail Fund, \$8,075.76; LGEA, \$4,765.38; Sports Plex Fund, \$5,510.00; Total Claims, \$447,734.41. There were no objections to the claims.

Department Reports – EMA Director Nick Bailey asked the court to consider changing the tornado siren policy to warning for tornados only, effective October 1. Motion to approve contingent on the city of Madisonville adopting the same policy made by Magistrate Thomison; second by Magistrate Rudd. Motion carried.

Reports and business of Magistrates/Committees – None.

Old Business – Judge Executive Whitfield asked the court to approve utilizing SAFE funds for the purchase of a bulldozer and excavator. Motion to approve by Magistrate Noel; second by Magistrate Whitaker. Motion carried.

New Business – A) Resolution 2022-18 – Resolution Relating to the American Rescue Plan Act and Providing a Fire Truck Chassis to the South Hopkins Fire Department. Motion to approve by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

B) Judge Executive Whitfield asked the court to allow himself and public works to seek competitive quotes for polymer-coated pipe, as a result of not receiving any bids for the material. Motion to approve by Magistrate Rudd; second by Magistrate Whitaker. Motion carried.

B) Resolution 2022-17 – Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Establishing the Purchase/Pennyrile Workforce Consortium. Motion to approve by Magistrate Beshears; second by Magistrate Rudd. Motion carried.

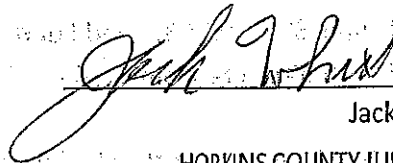
C) Appointment of Christopher Winstead to Nebo Water District – Motion to approve by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

D) Judge Executive Whitfield delivered a proclamation for Kentucky Women in Agriculture.

Announcements – None.

Comments from Citizens – Jim Hicks of Dawson Springs addressed the court regarding an abundance of stray cats intruding on his property due to neighbors leaving food out to feed them. Hicks was instructed to discuss the matter with the city as the issue is under the city's jurisdiction.

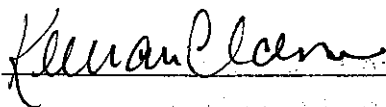
The meeting was adjourned.



Jack Whitfield, Jr.

HOPKINS COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

The foregoing minutes were presented by Fiscal Court Reporter Laura Harvey at the August 16, 2022 regular meeting of the Fiscal Court, corrected where necessary, and signed by the presiding Judge with the approval of the Magistrates present.



Keenan Cloern, HOPKINS COUNTY CLERK

**HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Hopkins County Government Center**

Judge Executive Whitfield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Magistrate Parrish gave the invocation. Roll Call was held. Magistrates Whitaker, Cardwell, Thomison, Noel, Parrish, Beshears and Myers were present at the Government Center.

Review and approval of June 27, 2023 regular meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Magistrate Cardwell, second by Magistrate Whitaker. Motion carried.

Report of County Attorney – County Attorney Lee Riddle submitted a final draft for the Energy Savings Group contract for the countywide energy savings project. Motion to approve and allow the judge executive to sign by Magistrate Beshears; second by Magistrate Parrish. Motion carried.

County Treasurer – A) Transfers – Motion to approve by Magistrate Myers; second by Magistrate Thomison. Motion carried.

B) Claims: General Fund, \$141,149.82; Road Fund, \$40,554.25; Jail Fund, \$35,924.55; LGEA, \$45,645.45; COVID Relief Fund, \$9,000.00; Sportsplex Fund 541,203.41; \$ Total Claims: \$813,477.48.

C) Treasurer's Report -- Motion to approve by Magistrate Thomison; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

D) Liabilities – Motion to approve by Magistrate Myers; second by Magistrate Thomison. Motion carried.

E) Financial Statement -- Motion to approve by Magistrate Beshears; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

New Business – A) Time Warner Franchise Agreement – Motion to approve 10-year renewal by Magistrate Beshears; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

B) Resolution 2023-31 – Utilizing ARPA Funds for the Mortons Gap Fire Department – Motion to approve by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

C) Resolution 2023-32 – Adopting and Approving the Execution of a Rural Secondary Program Agreement (80/20 Fund) – Motion to approve by Magistrate Thomison; second by Magistrate

Whitaker. Motion carried.

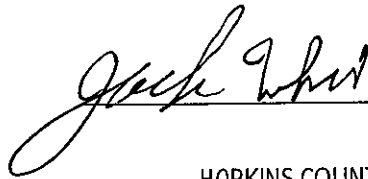
D) Pauper Burials – Motion to approve request by Harris Funeral Home for pauper burial of Mary Lewis by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

Motion to approve request by Harris Funeral Home for pauper burial of Lacy Clemons by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

E) Appointments – 1) Motion to approve reappointment of Billy Brown to Nebo Water District by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Cardwell. Motion carried.

2) Motion to appoint Alan Dockery, Bill Young and Jason Vincent as county appointees to EDC Board of Directors by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Myers.

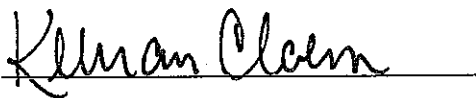
The meeting was adjourned.



Jack Whitfield, Jr.

HOPKINS COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

The foregoing minutes were presented by Fiscal Court Reporter Laura Harvey at the August 1, 2023 special called meeting of the Fiscal Court, corrected where necessary, and signed by the presiding Judge with the approval of the Magistrates present.



Keenan Cloern, HOPKINS COUNTY CLERK

**HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Hopkins County Government Center**

Judge Executive Whitfield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Magistrate Parrish gave the invocation. Roll Call was held. Magistrates Whitaker, Thomison, Noel, Parrish, Beshears and Myers were present at the Government Center. Magistrate Cardwell was absent.

Review and approval of March 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes (corrected) – Motion to approve by Magistrate Myers, second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

Review and approval of April 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Magistrate Thomison; second by Magistrate Whitaker. Motion carried.

Report of County Attorney – County Attorney Lee Riddle reported that Judge Whitfield had received a call of an ethics complaint regarding Magistrate Noel utilizing Public Works employees to do groundwork at his private business. Riddle said an investigation and consultation with a KACo staff attorney revealed that Magistrate Noel donated unwanted telephone poles and barriers to the Public Works department, and employees did retrieve the items, however such activity is authorized under KRS 84.90 and 67.080 Section 3. Judge Whitfield said that resolution of the issue is transparency, and said if public officials would like to make further donations to the county, each donation should be reported to and accepted by the court in advance.

Report of Clerk – None.

Report of Sheriff – None.

Report of Jailer – None.

County Treasurer – A) Transfers – Motion to approve by Magistrate Myers; second by Magistrate Beshears. Discussion was held regarding the high number of transfers, which Treasurer Tracy Browning explained was due to the Clerk's Office recent purchase of e-poll books. Motion carried.

B) Claims: General Fund, \$43,492.48; Road Fund, \$212,875.43; Jail Fund, \$55,608.75; LGEA, \$98,972.29; COVID Relief Fund; \$17,936.80; Sportsplex Fund, \$401,094.15; LGEDF, \$90.36; Total Claims, \$830,070.26. There were no objections to the claims.

C) Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve by Magistrate Thomison; second by Magistrate Whitaker. Motion carried.

D) Financial Statement – Motion to approve by Magistrate Beshears; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

E) Liabilities – Motion to approve by Magistrate Beshears; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

Department Reports – None.

Reports and business of Magistrates/Committees – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business – A) Red Cross Lease Renewal – Motion to approve Red Cross' request to renew lease at the Old Courthouse by Magistrate Noel; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

B) Nebo Water District Salaries – Motion to approve Nebo Water District's request to increase Mike Shocklee and Christopher Winstead's salaries from \$3,000 annually to \$6,000 annually made by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

C) PADD Redistricting Contract – Motion to enter into a contract and allow the judge executive to sign documents pertaining to magisterial reapportionment and redistricting by Magistrate Beshears; second by Magistrate Myers. Motion carried.

D) First Reading Ordinance 2023-1 – Amending Ordinance 2003-2 Relating to the Imposition of a Special Transient Room Tax so as to Include Campsites in Accordance with KRS 91A.390. Motion to approve by Magistrate Thomison; second by Magistrate Whitaker. Discussion was held regarding verbiage for annual reporting, when all transient room owners are currently reporting monthly. County Attorney Lee Riddle said he determined those who consistently pay monthly are compliant with the annual mandate by default. Roll call vote: Magistrate Whitaker, yes; Magistrate Cardwell, absent; Magistrate Thomison, yes; Magistrate Noel, yes; Magistrate Parrish, yes; Magistrate Beshears, yes; Magistrate Myers, yes. Motion carried.

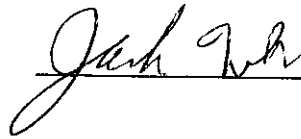
E) Resolution 2023-22 – Utilizing ARPA Funds for the Nortonville Southside Emergency Squad – Motion made by Magistrate Parrish; second by Magistrate Beshears. Motion carried.

Announcements – None.

Comments from Citizens – Several Otter Lake Loop residents addressed the court concerning the dam lawsuit and working toward a resolution. Scott Basham said he believed the county assumed

responsibility for the dam when it took the road in to county maintenance. Basham also questioned the state's determination that the dam valve was non-functional, and presented a video that he claimed was taken a day prior when he turned the valve on and off himself. Ron Segebarth reported that after attending a residents meeting with local officials at the Government Center, the neighbors' consensus is a willingness to share some of the repair cost and all have a desire to stay informed during the process. Garland Collins voiced his concern that the neighborhood is now a beautiful place and it would be an eyesore if the lake were ultimately drained. Mark Gilruth gave his opinion that he disagreed with the state's reported rain totals for the area. Judge Whitfield and County Attorney Lee Riddle said they would not comment on the specific case as it was in currently in litigation. County Engineer Frank Wallace explained the valve isn't the largest problem, but rather the installation of a newer valve and replacing pipe now that the state requires new valves to be located on the inside of a lake.

The meeting was adjourned.



Jack Whitfield, Jr.

HOPKINS COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

The foregoing minutes were presented by Fiscal Court Reporter Laura Harvey at the May 2, 2023 regular meeting of the Fiscal Court, corrected where necessary, and signed by the presiding Judge with the approval of the Magistrates present.



Keenan Cloern, HOPKINS COUNTY CLERK

