

**ORDERS**

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**XV. OLD BUSINESS****A. Small Business Development Funding**

This item was tabled from the previous meeting. County Treasurer Tammi Willhite talked to eight other counties about this, and none of them contributed from their General Fund. As a result, a motion was made by Mag. Edd Rich and seconded by Mag. Johnny Brooks to not support the small business development consortium with funding. There was no discussion, and the Vote of the Court was unanimous. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 4)**

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS****A. Blake Williams to Announce 2021-2022 Rural Secondary Program**

District Three Chief District Engineer Joe Plunk, along with Blake Williams and Justin Young of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, presented to the Court the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Rural Secondary Road Program for Edmonson County. Total funds for the year will be \$1,516,696, which includes a \$128,828 carryover. The largest resurfacing project of the year will be 5.315 miles of Wingfield Church Road, along with projects on Segal Road and Chalybeate School Road. It was noted that Flex Funds monies were up over \$80K from the previous year. Some questions were asked by magistrates to the trio. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 5)**

**B. Approve Tourism Fiscal Year 2022 Budget**

A motion was made by Mag. Johnny Brooks seconded by Mag. Mark Meeks to approve Tourism's Fiscal Year 2022 budget. No discussion, and the vote of the Court was unanimous. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 6)**

**C. Approve Sheriff's February 2021 Monthly Fee Account Report, Pending Final Audit**

A motion was made by Mag. Corey Van Meter and seconded by Mag. James C. Vincent to approve the Sheriff's February 2021 Monthly Fees Report, pending final audit. No discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 7)**

**D. Approve Sheriff's February 2021 Property Tax Report, Pending Final Audit**

A motion was made by Mag. Johnny Brooks and seconded by Mag. Mark Meeks to approve the Sheriff's February 2021 Property Tax Report, pending final audit. No discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 8)**

**E. Approve Sheriff's February 2021 Fire Protection Report, Pending Final Audit**

A motion was made by Mag. Corey Van Meter and seconded by Mag. James C. Vincent to approve the Sheriff's February 2021 Fire Protection Report, pending final audit. No discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 9)**

**F. Approve Sheriff's February 2021 Franchise Tax Report, Pending Final Audit**

A motion was made by Mag. Edd Rich and seconded by Mag. Johnny Brooks to approve the Sheriff's February 2021 Franchise Tax Report, pending final audit. No discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous. (At the end of the minutes – Item 10)

**G. Approve Sheriff's Department Vehicle Purchase of 2020 Dodge Ram - \$30,457**

Sheriff Doyle explained that this was funded from the CARES Act. As a result, a motion was made by Mag. Mark Meeks and seconded by Mag. Edd Rich to approve the Sheriff's Department to purchase a 2020 Dodge Ram for \$30,457. No discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous.

**H. Approve \$727 Payment from Sheriff's Drug Fund Account to Fiscal Court – Per Sheriff's 2019 Audit Findings**

Sheriff Doyle discussed a 2019 Sheriff's Department audit finding that encouraged the repayment of \$727 be paid to the county from the Sheriff's Drug Fund Account. Lack of documentation on seized items was the point of contingency. After considerable discussion, the Court decided it was considered to "be drug fund money", and upon a motion by Mag. Edd Rich that was seconded by Mag. Johnny Brooks, no action was to be taken on the matter. There was no further discussion and vote was in unison.

**I. Acknowledge BGWC February 2021 Shelter Director's Report**

A motion was made by Mag. James C. Vincent and seconded by Mag. Mark Meeks to acknowledge the BGWC February 2021 Shelter Director's Report. There was no discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous. (At the end of the minutes – Item 11)

**J. Approve to Advertise Salt Bid**

A motion was made by Mag. Johnny Brooks and seconded by Mag. Corey Van Meter to approve to advertise the salt bid. There was no discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous.

**K. Approve KACo Salt Auction Online Bidding for 4/5/21-4/7/21**

A motion was made by Mag. James C. Vincent and seconded by Mag. Edd Rich to approve participating in the KACo Salt Auction's online bidding for April 5-7. According to Judge Cannon, the county will likely buy 600 tons of salt. There was no further discussion. Vote of the Court was unanimous.

**L. Approve Re-Appointment of Jimmy Mills to Edmonson County Water Board for Four-Year Term, Effective June 1, 2021 and Expiring May 31, 2025**

A motion was made by Mag. Corey Van Meter and seconded by Mag. Mark Meeks to approve the re-appointment of Jimmy Mills to the Edmonson County Water Board for a four-year term, effective June 1, 2021 and expiring May 31, 2025. There was no discussion, and the vote of the Court was unanimous.

**M. Approve to Advertise to Hire Road Employees**

Due to the extra amount of FEMA work that is likely coming for the Edmonson County Road Department, a motion was made by Mag. Johnny Brooks and seconded by Mag. James C. Vincent to approve to advertise the hiring of two road department employees. Discussion

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ensued, and it was explained that all FEMA work is allowable to be turned in and repaid. These jobs would be strictly full-time seasonal jobs, and will not affect the Edmonson County Road Department's budget. Eventually, there was no further discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous.

After Road Department Supervisor Greg Carroll explained that the department would mow with one tractor this year, Mag. Edd Rich inquired about the proposition of renting a tractor for the summer. Both Judge Cannon and Road Supervisor Carroll said it would be better in the long run to simply buy another tractor versus renting one. Carroll said another tractor the department possessed had a road knocking and a hydraulic pump out of it. He said it would take \$25-30K to purchase another tractor. Mag. James C. Vincent spoke and said he agreed with Mag. Rich, a second tractor was needed. Greg Carroll said a second tractor could be used for mow/trim.

Judge Cannon said he was unsure if enough money was available in the budget for such a purchase. County Treasurer Willhite said if it could stay under \$30,000, it could work.

**N. Approve Resolution EC21-07, S. Basham Road, Drainage Structure Replacement Project**

A motion was made by Mag. Mark Meeks and seconded by Mag. Edd Rich to approve Resolution EC21-07, regarding S. Basham Road and its drainage structure replacement project. There was no further discussion, and the Vote of the Court was in unison. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 12)**

**O. Approve Release of All Property Damage Claims for \$3,685 (Tanker accident - EMA Payroll, Uniform Damage, and Equipment Usage)**

A motion was made by Mag. James C. Vincent and seconded by Mag. Mark Meeks to approve the release of all property damage claims for \$3,685 for the tanker accident. These include the EMA payroll, uniform damage, and equipment usage. There was no discussion, and several kind remarks, with the Vote of the Court in unison. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 13)**

**P. Approve 2021 Kentucky Waste Tire Management Program Agreement**

After a significant amount of discussion, a motion was made by Mag. Edd Rich and seconded by Mag. Johnny Brooks to approve the 2021 Kentucky Waste Tire Management Program Agreement. It is set for Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Vote of the Court in unison. **(At the end of the minutes – Item 14)**

**Q. Approve to Advertise Bids for Soybean Lease on Veterans Memorial Hwy. Property**

The property in question was purchased last year by the county from Rollin Rountree. There is approximately five acres available. Judge Cannon asked Mag. Tarter several questions about

farm leasing. He mentioned cash leases and all the options available. A motion was made by Mag. Johnny Brooks and seconded by Mag. James C. Vincent to advertise bids for the soybean lease on the Veterans Memorial property. The bid will be from now through February 2024, paid at the time of signing a season at a time, with liability insurance of \$500,000 required. No discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous.

#### **R. Appoint Road Committee – Joseph Court**

Judge Cannon set a road committee for Joseph Court of Mag. Mark Meeks, Mag. Johnny Brooks, and Road Supervisor Greg Carroll. A motion was made by Mag. Mark Meeks and seconded by Mag. James C. Vincent to approve the road committee appointment. No discussion. Vote of the Court unanimous.

#### **S. Corey Van Meter – American Rescue Plan Act**

According to Judge Wil S. Cannon, \$2.3M in federal funding will be coming to Edmonson County within the next two months. Judge Cannon did say, however, guidelines for the use of the funds have not yet been finalized. This funding is part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus plan signed into law on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mag. Corey Van Meter asked who gets to decide where the money goes and where the spending will go.

Judge Cannon said he and county treasurer attended a virtual meeting with state officials on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the funding, but questions like Mag. Van Meter's have yet to be answered. He said it can only be spent certain ways, but think it will be similar to the CARES Act money which will be emergency personnel items. County Treasurer Tammi Willhite said the county is set to receive 50% of the total funding within the next 60 days, with the remaining balance within the next 12-18 months. She said this was guaranteed money to the county without an application process and reimbursement would not be required. In addition, the funding has to be spent by the end of 2024 or the remainder would have to be refunded to the federal government.

#### **XVII. UPDATES**

Judge Cannon discussed the burn ban in place currently.

#### **XVIII. WIL S. CANNON, Judge-Executive**

Judge Cannon spoke to the Court in conclusion, reminding everyone that the next Fiscal Court meeting would be the Monday, April 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM via Zoom teleconferencing.

#### **XIX. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mag. Corey Van Meter and seconded by Mag. Edd Rich to adjourn. There was no additional discussion, and the Vote of the Court was unanimous.

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District Two - Corey Van Meter

*Charlie Tarter*  
District Three - Charlie Tarter

*Charles Edd Rich*  
District Four - Charles "Edd" Rich

*Johnny Brooks*  
District Five - Johnny Brooks

*James C. Vincent*  
District Six - James C. Vincent