Marshall County Fiscal Court January 17, 2018

The Marshall County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the Fiscal Courtroom, Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky. Elected Commissioners: Dr. Rick Cocke, Johnny Bowlin and Bob Gold; County Attorney Jeff Edwards were present. Kevin Neal, County Judge/Executive presided.

I. GUESTS:

- A. Economic Development Director Josh Tubbs updated the court on the City County Industrial Authority taking action to pay for engineering services at the new Southwest One Industrial Park. They will be using Bacon, Farmer, Workman for these services. Mr. Tubbs stated the board also talked about the Southwest One site being annexed into the City of Benton and zoned industrial. Mr. Tubbs stated this would be very helpful in marketing the site. Judge Neal stated the Marshall County Industrial Development Authority Board was in agreement that this would be a good thing. Mr. Tubbs stated this is only an option when the property is purchased. Mr. Tubbs requested the court entertain a Resolution stating the County would approach the City of Benton to have the property annexed if the County purchases the property. Judge Neal stated the intent is to have the Marshall County Industrial Development Authority Board purchase the property. County Attorney Jeff Edwards stated you could enter into a formal agreement with the intent to annex the property but when the time comes, it would be up to that current Fiscal Court. Benton City Mayor Rita Dotson stated she would like to pursue a formal agreement. Judge Neal was in agreement with getting together a legal document. County Attorney Jeff Edwards will draft a document and forward to both Judge Neal and Benton City Mayor Rita Dotson.
- B. E-911 Director LaDonna Coriell commended her team on a great job with the recent weather hazards. Ms. Coriell requested a pay increase for Chandler Sirls. A motion was made by Com. Bowlin and seconded by Com. Gold to approve the pay increase. All voted aye. Motion carried.

II. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>:

A. Judge Neal announced Ryan Noffsinger, Deputy Jailer, was terminated effective 12/18/17.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve the minutes of the January 5th meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>:

- A. Emergency Management Director Curt Curtner requested to advertise for bids for Sonar, it will be purchased by a Homeland Security Grant. A motion was made by Com. Cocke and seconded by Com. Bowlin to advertise for Sonar bids. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. Judge Neal stated Road Department Supervisor Wendy Greer requested a pay increase for Shane Morrison since he will be moving to a mechanic position. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to approve the pay increase. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- C. Judge Neal stated Treasurer Emily Martin has returned to work and is able to fulfill her duties. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to appoint Emily Martin Treasurer. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to approve the November Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Com. Bowlin and seconded by Com. Gold to approve the December Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Report subject to audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to approve the Encumbrance Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- H. A motion was made by Com. Cocke and seconded by Com. Gold to approve the Intrafund Transfer moving
- I. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to approve the Appropriation Transfer. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to approve Payment of the Bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- K. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and litigation. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- L. Judge Neal called court back to order. Judge Neal stated the opioid litigation was discussed. They also discussed the recent land option for the Southwest One site. Judge Neal stated the Fiscal Court received PRP funds for the 3 year option, a total of \$90,000.00. The Fiscal Court has already paid \$30,000.00 to the landowners while waiting for the PRP funds to come in. Judge Neal asked the Court to pay the remaining \$60,000.00 to the landowners with the PRP funds. A motion by Com. Gold seconded by Com. Bowlin to pay the landowners the remaining \$60,000.00 for the 3 year land option. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Judge Neal stated the Fiscal Court has committed \$400,000.00 to Economic Development in the budget. Judge Neal requested to move the dedicated \$400,000.00 to the Marshall County Industrial Development Authority Board. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to move the dedicated \$400,000.00 to the Marshall County Industrial Development Authority Board.

A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin for Economic Director Josh Tubbs to apply for the TVA Invest Prep funds, which is required to have matching funds, this is what the \$400,000.00 will be used for. All voted aye. Motion carried.

M. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Bowlin to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

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