

Marshall County Fiscal Court  
February 20, 2018

The Marshall County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in the Fiscal Courtroom, Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky. Elected Commissioners: Dr. Rick Cocke and Bob Gold; County Attorney Jeff Edwards and Assistant County Attorney Jason Darnall were present. Kevin Neal, County Judge/Executive presided. Commissioner Johnny Bowlin was absent.

I. GUESTS:

A. Jonathan Smith with Marshall County Sanitation gave an update on the district. They have received their lab certificate so they are now able to do their own testing for the Sanitation District. They are running within their permit range and everything is going very well.

II. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Judge Neal read personnel changes as follows:

TRACY WATWOOD - Added Coroner Pay (\$1869.51 per month with \$50 cell phone stipend) effective 01/01/18

JEFF DANIEL - Base Wage increased to \$21.77 per hour effective 01/01/18

CHRIS GLENN - Base Wage increased to \$21.49 per hour effective 01/01/18

CHRIS GREENFIELD - Base Wage increased to \$20.88 per hour effective 01/01/18

JENNIFER BYARS - Wage increased to \$17.08 per hour effective 01/01/18

TRISTA LOVETT - Wage increased to \$12.05 per hour effective 01/01/18

TIM CHILES – Resigned 12/31/17 from Road Dept. to transfer to REFUSE Dist.

JAMES DRAFFEN - Wage increased to \$18.28 effective 01/01/18

DANIEL JAMESON - Wage increased to \$18.40 effective 01/01/18

CHARLES D. BRAME - Wage increased to \$18.40 effective 01/01/18

KRISTI EDWARDS - Wage increased to \$20.51 effective 01/01/18

HOLLY MOORE - Wage increased to \$19.95 effective 01/01/18

RICKY INMAN - Removed 2-1 Earnings for removing Judicial Supervisory Role\

CHANDLER SIRLS - Wage increased to \$13.64 effective 01/01/18

SHANNON MORRISON - Wage increased to \$21.78 effective 01/01/18

CHARLES E. MCGUIRE – Resigned effective 01/26/18

ANDREA HOWE - Termination effective 01/12/18

JASON DARNALL - Wage increased to \$47,189.42 per year effective 01/01/18

KAREN PRITCHARD – Resigned from Animal Shelter effective 01/19/18

Judge Neal stated any wage increase noted above did not come from his office; the pay increase for Mr. Darnall came from the County Attorney's Office and therefore does not need Fiscal Court approval.

B. Economic Development Director Josh Tubbs requested a commitment letter from the Fiscal Court for the InvestPrep Application for Southwest One Industrial Park. Mr. Tubbs requested the letter from the Fiscal Court stating the Court is committed to seeing the project through whether funding is received from TVA or not. Judge Neal presented a commitment letter needed for the TVA InvestPrep application. After discussion, a motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke for Judge Neal to sign the commitment letter. All voted aye. Motion carried.

C. The voting machine replacement estimate that was approved by KACo was presented in the amount of \$410,183.92. Once the machines and equipment are purchased KACo will reimburse the full amount.

D. Judge Neal read an invitation for the Knights of Columbus annual fish fry at St. Pius X, Calvert City, KY, every Friday beginning February 16<sup>th</sup> and going until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dinner will be served from 4-6pm. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00.

E. Judge Neal read a letter from the Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the boiler replacement and heat pump replacements at the Judicial Building. The total cost of expenses is \$18,120.00, AOC will reimburse 80% of the total expenses. The County's total cost will be \$3,624.00 and the total cost to AOC will be \$14,496.00. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com.

Cocke to approve the boiler replacement and heat pump replacements expense. All voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Judge Neal announced the Marshall County Veterans Support Group will hold a Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in Marshall County. There will be more information to come.

G. Deputy Judge Brad Waring read an email regarding the KRWFC Loan for sanitation updates in Aurora. Judge Neal spoke with the Chairman of the board yesterday and we are now looking for other options for this funding. The Fiscal Court has the funds available to pay this directly at a cost of just over \$500,000.00. Judge Neal stated the best option would be for the Fiscal Court to pay the costs out of reserves in order to save the Sanitation District interest and the Sanitation District would pay the costs back to the Fiscal Court. There are DRA Funds available for this project. A request to DRA will be made for the \$65,000.00 remaining funds and then the remainder of costs will be requested from the Fiscal Court. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve the payment of the remainder of the balance for the project. All voted aye. Motion carried.

H. Judge Neal announce a job fair for Benton Wood Products on March 6, 2018 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 4377 Mayfield Hwy, Benton.

### III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. A meeting with the Conservation District previously scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. needs to be rescheduled, open dates for the Conservation District are March 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. After discussion the March 6<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Court meeting was rescheduled to March 7<sup>th</sup> and the meeting with the Conservation District will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to reschedule the March 6<sup>th</sup> court meeting to March 7<sup>th</sup>. All voted aye. Motion carried.

C. A motion was made by Com. Cocke and seconded by Com. Gold for Judge Neal to sign the Homeland Security Grant to purchase Sonar. All voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Chad McCann with Rivercrest Engineering stated the Marshall County Sanitation District was ready to move forward with the construction phase of the project in Draffenville. After a lengthy discussion on the Marshall County High School coming on to the sanitation system, a motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve Rivercrest Engineering to move forward with the construction phase of the project. All voted aye. Motion carried.

E. Judge Neal presented the KIA loan agreement for the Marshall County Sanitation District. Chad McCann with Rivercrest Engineering discussed the loan and the project. After a very lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Judge Neal for Judge Neal to sign the agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Judge Neal presented a commercial lease agreement for a building at 107 B Street, Benton, for the Maintenance Dept. and to house the voting machines and equipment and the Coroner's Office at \$1200.00 per month. Judge Neal stated the county insurance will cover the payment for the building. County Attorney Jeff Edwards read the lease for the record. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke for Judge Neal to sign the lease agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Com. Cocke and seconded by Com. Gold to add the \$1200.00 a month lease payment to the standing order so the rent can be paid when due. All voted aye. Motion carried.

G. Judge Neal presented the insurance adjuster quotes for the vehicles that were destroyed in the January fire a total of \$356,771.00. Road Superintendent Wendy Greer stated the water jetter and forklift will be paid at full replacement cost.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jonathan Creek Water District Chairman Jimmy Tubbs spoke about a line extension project from Brewers water tower. They can put the lines in for that extension, the Brewer tower right now is 150,000 gallon tank and they don't have enough customers to use the water in the tank so these line extensions will allow more water to be used from that tank. Judge Neal stated he would like to provide the funding of \$25,000.00 to cover the engineering costs, Rivercrest Engineering will do the engineering work for the project. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve the court covering the engineering costs for the line extension project. All voted aye. Motion carried. Treasurer Emily Martin stated the funding could come from the Benton Pump Project line item, \$100,000.00 is budgeted for that project.

B. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to accept the Sheriff's 2017 Fee Settlement subject to audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Judge Neal presented a map of state property at the Highway 68/80 intersection; there is a small parking area there with a walking trail to the new Eggner's Ferry Bridge. Judge Neal would like to request the state deed the property over to the county so the county can apply for CMAQ funds. CMAQ grants can be used for park and rides and the county plans to use the funds for benches, lighting and sidewalks into the city. This is a long-term plan but in the intermediate, we need to get ownership of this corner lot, right now we just need to state on the minutes that the Court is in support of this. Judge Neal suggested the court hire someone familiar with CMAQ grants to submit the grant application. Com. Gold stated he supports the county taking over this property. Com. Cocke stated he was also in support of the court taking over the property.

D. A motion was made by Com. Cocke and seconded by Com. Gold to approve the two person cooler quote for the Marshall County Coroner's Office for \$4,745.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.

E. A motion was made by Com. Cocke and seconded by Com. Gold to advertise for bids for the Camp Creek Bridge on Calvert City Road. All voted aye. Motion carried.

F. A motion was made by Com. Cocke and seconded by Com. Gold to advertise for bids for the Howard Branch Bridge on Calvert City Road.

G. Treasurer Emily Martin read Ordinance #2018-01 Budget Amendment, 1<sup>st</sup> reading. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve Ordinance #2018-01 Budget Amendment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

H. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve the Appropriation Transfer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

I. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Cocke to approve Payment of the Bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

J. Com. Gold asked when the non profits could apply for financial assistance. Judge Neal stated financial assistance applications should be ready by March.

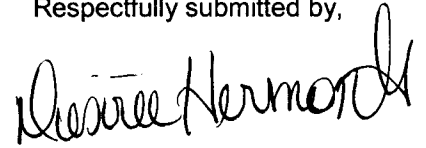
K. A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Judge Neal to go into Executive Session to discuss Opioid Litigation Update. All voted aye. Motion carried.

L. Judge Neal called court back to order. Opioid litigation and litigation with AT&T was discussed.

M. Sheriff Kevin Byars stated during the snow storm one of their SUV's slid off the roadway and the side airbags deployed and KACo said it was totaled. Sheriff Byars stated they were going to purchase the vehicle back from the insurance company and repair the vehicle since there was not damage to the vehicle it was declared totaled due to the air bags deploying.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Desiree Hermosillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Desiree' Hermosillo  
Fiscal Court Clerk