

MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Boone County Administration Building
Fiscal Courtroom (1st Floor)
Burlington, Kentucky
May 17, 2016
5:30 P.M.

ITEM I.

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Judge Gary W. Moore called to order the meeting of the Boone County Fiscal Court.
- B. Commissioner Charles Kenner presented the Invocation and the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Gary W. Moore, County Judge/Executive
Cathy H. Flaig, Commissioner, District 1
Charles E. Kenner, Commissioner, District 2
Charlie Walton, Commissioner, District 3
Bob Neace, County Attorney

Staff: Jeffrey S. Earlywine, County Administrator/Deputy Judge/Executive
Matthew H. Webster, Assistant County Administrator
Benjamin T. Reece, Treasurer/Finance Director
Scott Pennington, County Engineer
Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources
Maj. Bill Mark, Sheriff Department
Sharon Burcham, Fiscal Court Clerk

PROCLAMATION

Judge Moore presented students from Camp Ernst Middle School with a Proclamation declaring May 25th as Hero Day for their school. A photo was taken with the students and Judge Moore and Commissioners.

ITEM II.

PUBLIC HEARING

Judge Moore opened the Public Hearing and asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read the Public Hearing Notice into the record. The Boone County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Boone County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Room, First Floor, 2950 Washington Street, Burlington, Kentucky, for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed FY 2017 County Budget (All Funds) and the use of the LGEA funds and County Road Aid funds. All interested persons and organizations are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed FY 2017 Budget (All Funds) is available for public inspection at the Finance Office in the Boone County Administration Building during normal business hours or on our website www.boonecountyky.org. Any individual requiring a special accommodation to participate in said public hearing should contact the county in advance of the hearing at (859) 334-2242. Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore. Judge Moore explained this budget is for FY2017, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Judge Moore asked if there were any questions from the floor. Mr. Brian Albrecht of Hebron asked a question concerning the State valuation/assessment on motor vehicles to which Judge Moore responded. Commissioner Flaig asked a question, Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, responded. Mr. Bob Cicero asked a question concerning the health care charges that County employees pay. Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, commented, no change has been imposed. Judge Moore stated the County is required by the State to have the budget filed by July 1. Judge Moore asked if there were any questions from the Court, none presented. Judge Moore closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commissioner Walton moved, seconded by Commissioner Flaig, to approve the Minutes from the May 3, 2016 Fiscal Court Meeting, with no changes. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, MOTION PASSED 4-0.
- B. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Minutes from the May 5, 2016 Budget Workshop Meeting, with no changes. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, MOTION PASSED 4-0

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ITEM IV.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Judge Moore stated the Staff had requested a Report evaluating our PSCC communication system. Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, said a steering committee has been appointed to manage this project. Jeff introduced Mr. Jack Hart from TUSA Consulting. He will report on the long term needs for Public Safety.

Mr. Hart explained his purpose was to look at the current system and come up with a recommendation to improve the current system or explore other options for improvement. A total radio system assessment was done, with a comparison of VHF/UHF to digital. He presented options for an upgrade. Judge Moore thanked Mr. Hart for his presentation and added that Mr. Hart is a consultant, not a salesman. Judge Moore asked if there were any questions from the audience or Staff. Commissioner Walton asked a question concerning the system the Airport uses to which Mr. Hart responded. Commissioner Flaig asked a question about radios on school buses. Jeff Earlywine responded. Jeff Earlywine asked about other areas being digital or putting money into an older system to extend the life of the system. Mr. Hart responded in some areas it may make sense spent to improve the current system. Commissioner Walton asked if the system could shut down? Mr. Hart responded. Commissioner Flaig asked if the system could be hacked, Mr. Hart responded, No. A discussion followed with Judge Moore asking when the FCC approved the 800 Mg. Jeff Earlywine stated the next steps would be to develop a Report with a timeline and steps to be taken. Jim Staverman, Director of PSCC explained how the schools work with the current radio system. Jim Staverman also thanked the first responders in the audience for all their help. Judge Moore asked if there were any questions from the audience, none presented.

Judge Moore announced the Court would change the order of the Agenda to accommodate the majority of the audience attending tonight and address ITEM VIII. A next.

ITEM VIII.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-82. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AUTHORIZING GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE TO SUBMIT TO THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AN APPLICATION FOR \$220,000 IN RECOVERY KENTUCKY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR THE RECOVERY KENTUCKY PROJECT IN BOONE COUNTY. Judge Moore explained the County is the pass-through for this grant. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Walton, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0

B. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-83. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT APPROVING THE BID AWARD FOR SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2342 BURLINGTON PIKE, BURLINGTON, KENTUCKY TO THE BOONE COUNTY FARM BUREAU INSURANCE AGENCY. Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, explained the Staff Report gives the history of this property, the partnership with the YMCA. The home and 3 acres remain and the Court has declared it as surplus real property. Bids were taken April 21, with only 1 bidder offering 2 bids. 1) all cash award of \$506,100 and 2) \$325,000 cash and real estate. The Staff has evaluated both bids and recommends we accept the cash and real estate, and remove the structures. The appraisal was comparable to the all-cash offer and the cash plus real estate is a good option to consider, recommending the bid of cash plus real estate. Judge Moore added it is a good recommendation and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Bob Cicero asked about the appraisal of the property. Judge Moore explained the County's agreement with the YMCA. Jeff Earlywine commented the Lease Agreement includes recouping \$195,000 from the YMCA over a 10-year period. Mr. Bob Schwenke, President of Farm Bureau stated it is time for Farm Bureau to move and work together with the County. Commissioner Walton asked a question regarding the appraisal, Jeff Earlywine responded. Commissioner Walton moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0

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Judge Moore instructed the Court Clerk to move to ITEM V. D to accommodate members of the audience.

ITEM V.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

D. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-79. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT APPROVING THE ACTION OF GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF DANIEL RICE TO THE POSITION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES SUPERVISOR FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Scott Pennington, County Engineer, explained due to the retirement of one of our employees, it gave our Department the opportunity to pull together some positions. Daniel is a good candidate and we recommend him. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to move to ITEM XI as members of the audience were in attendance for these Items. Judge Moore followed with introductory remarks of the Heroin issues the County is facing including prevention, tougher laws, education, treatment, incarceration, mental health issues and the spread of disease. We want to begin the discussion.

ITEM XI.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-85. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT ALLOCATING MENTAL HEALTH TAX FUNDS TO THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL HELPLINE. Judge Moore introduced Dr. Mina "Mike" Kalfas. Dr. Kalfas explained he is known as the "addiction Doctor". He was in attendance to offer his assistance and stated his goal was to improve society. Dr. Kalfas stated he would consolidate with the Helpline. He shared the ultimate goal is to stop using Heroin; commented needle exchange offers less risk to the community. Judge Moore introduced Mr. Jim Thaxton, HIRT Coordinator. (Heroin Impact Response Task Force). Mr. Thaxton explained his mission and the costs to society and families associated with Heroin. Commissioner Walton shared his story of assisting a recovering addict, questioning the Helpline. Dr. Kalfas gave an explanation of the Helpline. Judge Moore introduced Nan Franks, from the Helpline. She explained the Helpline provided 24 hr. coverage by people trained to help. They have data that tracks the needs. Commissioner Walton asked how long they have been operating. Ms. Franks responded 15 years in Hamilton County handling approximately 3,000 phone calls a month. Judge Moore explained how the funding would support the Helpline. The Helpline has been approved by the other two counties. In Boone County Mental Health funds are to be used which were approved in the Budget at the cost of \$28,000. St. Elizabeth Hospital will pay half of the cost for 1 year. Ms. Frank commented the Helpline is also for families. Commissioner Flaig asked a question regarding funding. Ms. Frank responded the Hamilton County Mental Health Board supports the Helpline. Commissioner Walton asked if calls were answered by a live person. Ms. Franks responded her motto is "no voicemail" and stated it is very rare that a call goes to voicemail. Judge Moore stated the Helpline has a 1 year contract. Commissioner made the Motion to approve the Resolution for the Helpline with a 1 year trial contract. Bob Neace, County Attorney, responded to the conversation of Commissioner Walton and stated the issue involved the Judicial Court and Judge, not the Helpline. Commissioner Walton stated he wanted some type of coordination with all agencies. Judge Moore stated that State Representative John Schickel wants tougher laws enacted. Judge Moore stated we do have a Motion on the Resolution. Commissioner Flaig recommended we get a six month progress report, Ms. Franks responded they provide quarterly summaries. Commissioner Walton moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Resolution with a one-year Contract. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

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B. Judge Moore introduced Major Bill Mark and Major Jim Wagner to explain the Drug Strike Force support. Major Mark stated the Sheriff's Department has a Crime Reduction Unit concerning Heroin. He talked about the shared property crimes and crime reduction. Major Wagner shared the numbers of crime related to scrap metal and discussed how the Department is combating property crimes and fraud. Judge Moore thanked the Sheriff Department for their contribution. Judge Moore introduced Mr. Chris Conners, Executive Director of the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force. Mr. Conners stated he has two deputies from each County, Boone, Kenton and Campbell. Opiates have impacted the entire region, these three counties being in the top 5 in the State in drug deaths. We are trying to dismantle the organizations of supply and availability. Our goal is to stop the flow of new users, the other part is prevention. The Drug Take Back program provides pill drop boxes. We encourage you to become a member of HIDTA to bring funding, training and communication to this region. Judge Moore stated this Resolution is to support HIDTA to become tougher on crime. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-86. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION BY THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY DRUG STRIKE FORCE FOR NORTHERN KENTUCKY TO BE DESIGNATED FOR INCLUSION INTO THE OHIO HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA). Judge Moore asked if there were any questions from the audience. Mr. Conners stated Heroin is not isolated to inner city; all points come here to obtain Heroin. Judge Moore stated he learned in Washington D.C. the problem has spread to all levels of communities. Mr. Conners stated there is a case in Eastern District of Kentucky where suit has been filed against the person supplying for causing a death. Judge Moore asked if there were any questions from the audience. From the audience, Mr. Bernie Kunkle of Walton questioned the cost of joining HIDTA and the money used for the Helpline. Judge Moore stated there would be no cost to Boone County to join HIDTA, and the money allocated for the Helpline was in the budget. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Walton, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

C. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-87. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT SUPPORTING THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE BY THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY INDEPENDENT HEALTH DISTRICT. Judge Moore introduced Mr. Linny Cloyd from the Boone County Alliance. Mr. Cloyd stated the Alliance is about education and prevention. We have found users start with prescription medication. We have started medicine safety, we supply pill drop boxes. We promote sticker shock for alcohol. We encourage parents to talk to children about marijuana. Youth engagement is part of education. We work with the media to educate; we partner with the schools. We are asking for support from the County. Judge Moore introduced Kathy Reutman from Boone County Schools. Ms. Reutman explained they have a variety of people involved to educate for substance abuse. We are asking your support to think about mental health and substance abuse to get the resources they need. Judge Moore commented this involves education and prevention and introduced Emily Gresham Wherle from the Health Department. Ms. Wherle shared their campaign called "Inject Hope". We contribute to research; there are 4 levels of the campaign implemented. There is a website and mobile app; tied into the Helpline, not publically funded. Judge Moore asked if there were any questions or discussion on education and/or prevention, the Resolution supports to create the initiative. Judge Moore called for a Motion on the Resolution. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Walton, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

D. Judge Moore stated the final item covering the Heroin and addiction issues is the disease control program. Judge Moore introduced Jennifer Hunter from the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District. Ms. Hunter stated we want to stop the spread of disease in Northern Kentucky. We are responsible for communicable disease control. Hep C comes from sharing needles. Ms. Hunter showed a map of Hep B, Hep C and HIV data in Northern Kentucky. Commissioner Walton asked a question concerning transient population in the data. Ms. Hunter responded they use the address given when the patient is tested. Commissioner Walton asked about high level of poverty. Ms. Hunter stated the Health Board has to have approval from the Fiscal Court and stated syringe exchange is not the answer to the problem. The Health Department offers testing, counseling and education, vaccination and is a link to other services. Judge Moore introduced Garren Colvin, CEO of St. Elizabeth Hospital. Mr. Colvin stated St. Elizabeth supports all three initiatives. Regarding syringe exchange, data shows it does not enable; Northern Kentucky is at 19% - higher than the national average of Hep C

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cases. We want to build a relationship with the individual seeking help and provide the best health for our community. Commissioner Walton asked a question regarding the commitment of RC Durr Foundation to which Ms. Hunter responded. Judge Moore asked if there were any questions from the audience.

1. Mr. Bernie Kunkle – Walton – asked the Court to vote no.
2. Mr. Terry Cox – asked the Court to vote no.
3. Mr. Larry Mazzuckelli - oppose needle exchange
4. Ms. Jenny Wither – mother of deceased addict, asked the Court to vote No.
5. Mr. Michael Butler – Walton – asked the Court to vote no
6. Mr. Abraham Bell – asked the Court to vote no
7. Mr. Paul Trickle – in favor of needle exchange
8. Ms. Laura Arlinghaus – in favor of needle exchange
9. Mr. Vic Alther
10. Mr. Pat O'Reagan of Burlington, asked a question regarding funding.

Judge Moore responded to the question concerning funding. Dr. Lynn Saddler, Director of the Health Department also responded to the question on funding. We can use federal money on certain items but they drew the line on syringes and needles. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record the Resolution. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT GRANTING CONSENT TO A SYRINGE ACCESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY INDEPENDENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF LOCATED WITHIN AN INCORPORATED CITY IN BOONE COUNTY. Judge Moore asked if there was a Motion on the Resolution. No Motion voiced. Judge Moore stated with no Motion to Approve the Resolution, the Resolution dies.

This concluded the items for the Heroin issues, we will resume with the remainder of our Agenda.

ITEM V.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-76. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT APPROVING THE ACTION OF GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF HUNTER TRENARY TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PART-TIME INTERN AT THE ARBORETUM FOR THE BOONE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources commented this position is to replace some seasonal positions. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

B. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-77. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT APPROVING THE ACTION OF GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AUBREY SCHNEIDER TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST FOR THE BOONE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources stated this was an open part-time position. Commissioner Walton moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

C. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-78. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT APPROVING THE ACTION OF GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SEASONAL APPOINTMENTS AT THE UNION POOL FOR THE BOONE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources stated pools will be opening soon and we are hiring for those positions. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Flaig, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

E. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Resolution No. 2016-80. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT APPROVING THE ACTION OF GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TANNER KAHMANN TO THE SEASONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POSITION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources stated this was an open seasonal position. Commissioner Walton moved, seconded by Commissioner Flaig, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING 4-0.

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B. Judge Moore presented the Golf Invoice Report dated May 17, 2016 and pre-paid Golf Invoice Reports dated May 5th and May 12th, 2016. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Walton to approve the Golf Invoice Reports. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING AYE 4-0.

ITEM X.

OLD BUSINESS

Judge Moore asked if there was any Old Business to come before the Court. None presented.

ITEM XI.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Moore asked if there was any other New Business to come before the Court. None presented.

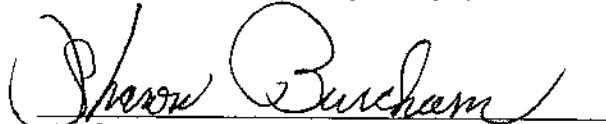
ITEM XII.

AJOURNMENT

Judge Moore called for adjournment of the Fiscal Court Meeting. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Walton, to adjourn the meeting. ALL PRESENT VOTING AYE 4-0.

CLERK CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon Burcham, 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 Boone County Fiscal Court at the meeting of May 17, 2016.



Fiscal Court Clerk

Date: 8 JUNE 2016