

MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Boone County Administration Building
Fiscal Courtroom (1st Floor)
Burlington, Kentucky
September 17, 2020
5:30 P.M.

ITEM I.

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore Called to Order the meeting of the Boone County Fiscal Court.
- B. Commissioner Jesse Brewer presented the Invocation and the Pledge to the Flag.

Members of the Court Present:

Gary W. Moore, County Judge/Executive
Cathy H. Flaig, Commissioner, District 1
Charles E. Kenner, Commissioner, District 2
Jesse A. Brewer, Commissioner, District 3
Robert Neace, County Attorney

Members of the Staff Present:

Jeffrey S. Earlywine, County Administrator/Deputy Judge/Executive
Matthew H. Webster, Assistant County Administrator
Robert Franxman, County Engineer
Benjamin T. Reece, Treasurer
Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources
Sharon Burcham, Fiscal Court Clerk
Tom Scheben, Sheriff Department

ITEM II.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Judge Moore presented the Minutes from the September 8th, 2020 Fiscal Court Meeting for approval. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Minutes from the September 8th, 2020 Fiscal Court Meeting, with no changes or corrections. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

ITEM III.

PRESENTATIONS

Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record the Notice of the Public Hearing: The Boone County Fiscal Court will hold a hearing on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. Fiscal Court Room, 1st Floor, Administration Building, 2950 Washington Square, Burlington Kentucky, 41005 for the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate. Written comments are encouraged due to the COVID-19 pandemic and may be submitted in advance of the meeting to the County Administrator @ jearywine@boonecountyky.org. The tax rate levied last year was 10.2 cents per \$100 valuation and produced gross revenue in the amount of \$12,512,599. This year's compensating tax rate is 9.8 cents per \$100 valuation and will produce gross revenues in the amount of \$12,906,042. The Boone County Fiscal Court proposes a tax rate of 10.1 cents per \$100 valuation which will produce a total of \$13,301,125 in gross revenue. Gross revenue expected from New Property is \$337,890; gross revenue expected from Personal Property is \$3,088,346; gross revenue expected from Motor Vehicle is \$1,831,440 and gross revenue expected from Watercraft is \$38,659.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for capital improvement project funding to expand essential utility service such as public water and high speed broadband access to unserved residents in the County.

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The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the Boone County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

Judge Moore explained that the total assessments of County property has grown by almost \$1B over the last 12 months. The County is proposing to lower the personal property tax and real estate tax rates to create a Utility Development Fund. The elected officials would be responsible for where the newly developed fund will be spent.

Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, presented slides showing the history of tax rates. Setting this tax rate will provide revenue for the extension of critical utilities in unserved areas of the County. Commissioner Brewer asked a question, Jeff Earlywine responded. Judge Moore stated the fund will be Fund 96, labeled Utility Development Fund and is strictly for two purposes, water and broadband access. Commissioner Flaig and Commissioner Kenner expressed their agreement to the fund. Judge Moore asked if anyone was present that wanted to speak.

Myla Lynn Herald lives in Western Boone County, wants water; ask about timeline.

Judge Moore responded to her comments

Howard Messer, lives in Rabbit Hash, wants water and broadband.

Eric Messer - lives in Rabbit Hash, uses DSL phone lines, wants fiber cable

Donald White, lives on 18 outside of Burlington, wants the water lines

Darryl Freeman, lives in Rabbit Hash, wants the water.

Judge Moore asked if there was anyone in attendance that opposed the tax rate change, none responded.

Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, read 2 comments that were received electronically, both in favor of not raising taxes.

Judge Moore declared the Hearing closed at 6:15 P.M.

Judge Moore asked the Court to move the Resolutions up on the Agenda pertaining to the tax rate.

ITEM VII. A. Judge Moore asked The Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Item VII. A: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT ESTABLISHING THE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX RATES FOR BOONE COUNTY, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Brewer, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0

B. Judge Moore asked The Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Item VII. B: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT ESTABLISHING A NEW UTILITY DEVELOPMENT FUND TO SUPPORT EXTENSION OF PUBLIC WATER AND HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN UNSERVED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. Commissioner Flaig asked a question, Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, responded. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0

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B. Judge Moore introduced Laura Pleiman, Director of Human Services, to give the Homelessness Report. Laura gave an update on the Homelessness Task Force, which was commissioned by Judge Moore and Mayor Whalen. There was a count at the end of October, 2019, which they hope to have again in the future. Data was given on sheltered and unsheltered and whether or not people had income. Laura stated the number of beds available are down due to COVID restrictions. Judge Moore thanked Laura for her report.

ITEM IV.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Item IV A: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT, BY GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, OF GREG STACEY, TO THE VACANT PARK LABORER/TRUCK DRIVER FLEX POSITION FOR THE BOONE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources, presented the candidate. Commissioner Brewer moved, seconded by Commissioner Flaig, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

B. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Item IV B: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AUTHORIZING A PAY-RATE ADJUSTMENT, BY GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE BOONE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources, presented the rate adjustment.. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Brewer, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

C. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record Item IV C: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT, BY GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, OF GAELAN DELGADO AS A SEASONAL NEW HIRE FOR CONCESSIONS AT THE BOONE COUNTY GOLF COURSES. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources, presented the candidate. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

D. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record an additional Personnel Resolution: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT, BY GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, OF COLIN LEVY TO THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF TELECOMMUNICATOR FOR THE PSCC DEPARTMENT. Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources, presented the candidate. Commissioner Brewer moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Resolution. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

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ITEM V.

ORDINANCES

A. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record the Second Reading of Item V.
A: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AMENDING CHAPTER 50.010 and 50.212 OF THE BOONE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 1010.11 ON MAY 17, 1994, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 09-96-01 ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1996, RELATED TO SOLID WASTE STORAGE CONTAINERS. Matthew Webster, Assistant County Administrator, stated this change will clarify the use of storage containers for residential and commercial property. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Brewer, to approve the Ordinance. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

B. Judge Moore asked The Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record the Second Reading of Item V.
B: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR A CREDIT OF ITS OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE FOR NEW EMPLOYEES AS PART OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY FERRARA CANDY COMPANY UNDER THE KENTUCKY BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM (KRS 154.32-010–KRS 154.32-100). Jeff Earlywine, County Administrator, stated this is a new project that was filed under Keebler, an extension was applied for by Ferrara Candy Company creating a \$19M expansion and new Kentucky jobs. Commissioner Flaig asked a question, Jeff Earlywine responded. Commissioner Brewer moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Ordinance. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

ITEM VI.

JUDGE'S REPORT

A. None at this time.

ITEM VII.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Moved to earlier in the Meeting.

ITEM VIII.

FISCAL MATTERS

A. Judge Moore presented the Invoice Reports dated September 17th, 2020, and pre-paid Invoice Reports dated September 11th, 2020. Commissioner Kenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Flaig, to approve the Invoice Reports. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

B. Judge Moore presented the Golf Invoice Reports dated September 17th, 2020, and pre-paid Golf Invoice reports dated September 11th, 2020. Commissioner Brewer moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to approve the Golf Invoice Reports. Judge Moore called for a vote on the motion, ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 4-0.

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ITEM IX.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Judge Moore asked if there was any Old Business to come before the Court, none presented.

ITEM X.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Judge Moore asked if there was any New Business to come before the Court. Commissioner Flaig mentioned early voting. Judge Moore announced that Halloween will be Saturday, October 31st 6:00 PM -8:00 PM.

ITEM XI.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT FISCAL COURT MEETING – Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

CLERK CERTIFICATION

The Fiscal Court Clerk does hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the actions taken during the Boone County Fiscal Court meeting of September 17th, 2020.


Fiscal Court Clerk

Date: 14 Oct 2020