

MINUTES
SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING OF THE
BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Boone County Administration Building
Fiscal Courtroom (1st Floor)
Burlington, Kentucky
Thursday, July 28th, 2022
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 E. Kenner 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

Members of the Staff Present:

Jeffrey S. Earlywine, County Administrator/Deputy Judge/Executive
Mathew H. Webster, Assistant County Administrator
Robert Notton, County Treasurer/Finance Director
Shona Schulkers, Fiscal Court Clerk
David Whitehouse, Parks Director
Micah Feldhaus, Parks Superintendent
Jackie Heyenbruch, Marketing & Resource Coordinator
Cayla Brakers, Natural Areas Manager

ITEM II.

READING OF SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record the Notice of Special Meeting.

SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING NOTICE

The Boone County Fiscal Court will hold a special caucus meeting on Thursday, July 28th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Boone County Parks Master Plan. No other agenda items will be considered by the Fiscal Court. The special meeting will be held at the Administration Building, 2950 Washington Street, Fiscal Court Room, 1st floor, Burlington, KY, 41005 and can be watched via Spectrum CATV (channel 203), via FiOptics (channel 831) or via live stream on the County website. Any individual requiring special accommodation should contact the County in advance of the meeting at (859) 334-3571.

ITEM III.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Introductory Remarks – Gary W. Moore, Judge/Executive.
Judge Moore stated our goal is to refocus on the Parks Master Plan, which was delayed during the pandemic. We have a final report from the Consultant, which will be discussed during the meeting. The County wants to hear from members of the community regarding their thoughts and opinions relating to the findings from the report. The Court will use the findings, as well as feedback and other information to begin establishing priorities that will guide the future expenditures and investments by the Fiscal Court. The County wants to focus on resources with the highest priority with the budget we have available. Judge Moore requested that there is one spokesperson for each group that speaks.

Jeff Earlywine reported this process began in the Fall of 2019 with Brandstetter and Carroll being selected as the Project Consultant with a contract awarded. A steering committee, made up of twelve community members was established to guide master plan work with staff, the pandemic slowed down the progress, however continued with virtual meetings. It took 15

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months to complete, there were surveys sent to over 700 community members, online surveys, focus groups and six open houses with over 200 attendees. Project was presented upon completion in April 2021 and tonight is the official restart.

David Whitehouse, Parks Director, thanked residents during pandemic, the parks were heavily used.

- B. Boone County Parks 2030 Master Plan – Pat Hoagland and Keith Rodenhauer, Brandstetter and Carroll.
Pat Hoagland presented report via PowerPoint, commenting that a lot of the information in the report is based on the community feedback. Commissioner Brewer asked a question, Pat answered.

Judge Moore commented on the multi-use paths, particularly around the airport, which will connect communities to activities.

ITEM IV.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community Members who addressed the court:

1. Mike Cassidy – Elite Equestrian Team has a need for an equestrian center (outdoor arena).
2. Alison Reall - Need for more parks with splash pads and shade.
3. Brenda Ryan – Need for more pickleball courts.
4. Tim Justice – Need for resurfacing existing pickleball courts.
5. Don McMillan – Need for more pickleball courts.
6. Thomas Kolenich – Tennis teacher, doesn't want tennis courts replaced with pickleball courts.
7. Olivia Birkenhauer – Mountain biking group, she is happy that more neighborhoods are connected to paved trails.
8. Ryan Riegler – Need for youth football field for games and a sports complex.
9. Todd Prisler – Need for more space for tennis.
10. Megan Scott – NKY United, need for youth football fields.
11. Corey Nichols – Boone County youth soccer, need for more fields and a sports complex.
12. Robert Budde – Kings Hammer, need for a sports complex.
13. Ben Lighthall – Fusion FC Soccer, need for turf fields.
14. Steve Wills – Arboretum, spoke about benefits.
15. Mike Harris – NKY Baseball, need more fields for games throughout the week and a sports complex.
16. Mark Jacobs – Boone County Conservation District, potential funding for Ohio River corridor for passive recreation.
17. Christy Noll – Boone Conservancy, need for larger ramps and docks for kayaking and canoeing.
18. Jason Kerl and Adam Jones – Disc Golfers Cincinnati, need for beer garden during pro tour at England-Idlewild to help with funding to stay on tour.
19. Nate Johnson – Jaguars Football, need for a county park with a football field.
20. David Plummer – City of Union Administrator, need for a dog park in Union and suggested pay to play for disc golf.
21. David Geohegan – Retired Boone County Planning Commission Planner, suggested working with the State for land.

ITEM V.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Next Fiscal Court Meeting – Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

CLERK CERTIFICATION

I, Shona Schulkers, Fiscal Court Clerk, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the actions taken during the Boone County Fiscal Court Special Caucus Meeting of July 28th, 2022.



Fiscal Court Clerk

Date: 8/10/22