

MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Boone County Administration Building
1st Floor, Fiscal Courtroom
Burlington, Kentucky
Thursday, May 25, 2023
4:00 P.M.

ITEM I.

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore called to order the Special Budget Meeting.
- B. Commissioner Jesse A. 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
Chet Hand, Commissioner, District 2
Jesse A. Brewer, Commissioner, District 3

Members of the Staff and Other Officials Present:

Jeffrey S. Earlywine, County Administrator/Deputy Judge/Executive
Matthew H. Webster, Assistant County Administrator
Robert Franxman, County Engineer
Robert Notton, County Treasurer/Finance Director
Lori Zombek, Director of Human Resources
Jordan Dallas Turner, County Attorney
Col. Les Hill, Sheriff's Department
Shona Schulkers, Fiscal Court Clerk

ITEM II.

READING OF SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING

- A. Judge Moore asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record the Special Caucus Meeting Notice. Please take notice a Special Caucus Meeting will be held by the Boone County Fiscal Court Thursday, May 25th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the proposed FY2024 Budget. The meeting may be attended by the public in person at the Fiscal Court Meeting Room, 1st floor in the Administration Building, 2950 Washington Street, Burlington, KY 41005 and can be viewed on the County's home page at www.boonecountyky.org or via Spectrum CATV on channel 203 and via altafiber Fioptics on channel 831. This Budget Workshop for the Fiscal Court represents the only Agenda item, and no other matters will be discussed by the Fiscal Court at this Special Meeting. There will be no public comments accepted at this meeting and no final action taken by the Fiscal Court. Any person requiring a special accommodation to participate at this meeting is encouraged to contact the Boone County Fiscal Court offices in advance of the meeting at (859) 334-3571.

ITEM III.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Opening remarks and suggested order of business – Judge Moore
- B. Introduction of Capital project budget presenters/topics – Jeff Earlywine
- C. Presentation of Parks Department maintenance and operation facility – Hub and Weber Architects. Mike Wolf and Jim Guthrie reviewed the design process. They conducted two (2) workshops with all of the Parks staff to determine the needs. Matthew Webster reviewed the budget, \$6.1 million for the building and \$2.1 million for the site prep/remediation. The current animal shelter will need to be demolished, there are erosion issues and the current impound lot will need to be relocated. The funds are all in capital reserves, there will be no borrowing of money. Judge Moore asked what will happen to the existing buildings, David Whitehouse, Parks Director answered they will not be utilized, they can be used for another county function.

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Jeff Earlywine added comments about the current limitations. After discussions, the Commissioners agreed to put the plan in the budget as a placeholder.

- D. Discussion regarding outstanding decisions required by the court relating to the proposed FY 24 operating budget – Jeff Earlywine.

Jason Maydak, Jailer reviewed his budget request after revisions, he originally wanted a \$4.92/per hour pay increase for all positions. His original budget was \$3,693,628 (\$24.00/per hour with a \$1/per hour shift differential for deputies) and the county's counter-offer is \$3,642,000 (\$23.00/per hour with a \$1/per hour shift differential for deputies). Judge Moore stated as of July 1st, Kenton County will pay deputies \$21.65/per hour with a \$.75 shift differential and Campbell County will pay \$22.10/per hour with no shift differential. Discussions ensued. Lori Zombek commented on the compensation study completed in 2021. Judge Moore recapped the budget offer with a 20% increase for deputies, 10% increase for supervisors and 7% increase for medical staff.

Commissioner Brewer requested a one-time support of \$30,000 for the Boone Conservancy for their capital campaign for securing private property for green space and nature preserves. Judge Moore suggested \$15,000 towards their campaign. Jeff Earlywine added there will also be public access to the river, recreation, and hiking trails. We will add a \$15,000 placeholder in the budget. Commissioner Brewer excused himself from the meeting (reducing the quorum to three (3) members). Jeff Earlywine recapped we give them \$45,000 annually for basic operations, the appropriation will be increased to \$60,000.

Judge Moore offered an update on the Boone County Conservation District budget request. The proposed budget of \$290,000 (same as last year), with the one time \$52,000 vehicle and \$25,000 part time staff (recurring) will be \$443,000. The following year we will budget \$391,000, which is paid quarterly. Judge Moore added the budget is reevaluated annually.

- E. Presentations regarding other FY 24 capital project recommendations:

- Rob Franxman – Transportation and infrastructure projects
- Jason Gamble – Technology projects
- David Whitehouse – Park facility projects
- Matthew Webster – Utility Development Fund and other capital projects

- F. Discussion – Fiscal Court members. Discussions on the water, sewer and broadband projects using ARPA Funds.

- G. Final comments – Judge Moore stated the budget will be posted to the public and submitted tomorrow. The Public Hearing with the First Reading of the Budget Ordinance will be on May 30, the Second Reading will be on June 27. We will have a meeting to pay bills and close the fiscal period on June 30.

ITEM IV.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Moore called for adjournment of the Boone County Fiscal Court Special Budget Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Hand moved, seconded by Commissioner Flaig, to adjourn the meeting. ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 3-0.

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SPECIAL FISCAL COURT MEETING – Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M.

NEXT FISCAL COURT MEETING – Thursday, June 8th, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M.

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 Budget Workshop Meeting of May 25th, 2023.

Date:

6/9/23



Fiscal Court Clerk