

Breckinridge County Fiscal Court
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2007

Judge Powers called the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court to order at 10:00 a.m. after having led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a word of prayer. All members of the Fiscal Court were present.

RE: Minutes—October 22, 2007

Esqs. Henning and Moore made and second a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as submitted by Fiscal Court Clerk, Lisa Hoskins. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

RE: Welcome of Guest and Comments

Ms. Catherine Barnes a resident from Cloverport asked the Fiscal Court members if they could explain the \$700,000 budget cut due to the 50% reduction in the insurance premium tax and when the county would actually feel the effects of the loss in revenue. Judge Powers stated that reduction did not take effect until July 1 which is also when the new budget began. He stated that the Fiscal Court has just started receiving checks from the insurance companies and so far we have received about 73.19% of the checks and judging from the amount received so far the \$700,000 projected loss will be very accurate.

RE: Transfers

Esqs. O'Donoghue and Henning made and second a motion to approve the transfers as submitted by County Treasurer, Randi Flood. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

RE: Claims

Esqs. Moore and Hay made and second a motion to approve the claims as submitted by Finance Officer, Lisa Hoskins. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

RE: Old Business (Sheriff Discussion)

Esqs. Hay and Henning made and second a motion to remove the Sheriff Discussion concerning the \$25,000 request from the table. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

II.

RE: Sheriff Request for Additional Funding

Esqs. Gedling and Hay made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request for additional funding in the amount of \$25,000.00. Judge Powers stated that he met with Sheriff Pate regarding this matter and still felt there was not a definite need for the additional funding. It is also the time of year when funding would be coming into the Sheriff's Office with tax collections and the Fiscal Court budget is tight right now and that he would like to postpone the decision until a later date. Sheriff Pate once again explained that his budget depends on commissions for collecting taxes, grants, drug forfeitures, and fees collected in the Sheriff Office. He also stated that there was an additional expense because of hiring an additional officer who is primarily used for drug enforcement and a special deputy used to transport prisoners quit in July last year. This special deputy did not receive a salary and now the Sheriff's Office must pay a deputy for the same service. After hearing all discussion concerning this matter Judge Powers asked that a vote be taken regarding this matter. Esqs. Gedling, Hay and O'Donoghue voted yes with Esq. Henning, Robinson, Moore and Judge Powers voting no. Motion was denied with a 4-3 vote.

RE: Family Foundation of Kentucky

Mr. Richard Nelson of the Family Foundation of Kentucky a non profit public policy group working on behalf of families across the state was present at the Fiscal Court meeting to ask the Court members to consider passing an Ordinance that restricts sexually oriented businesses within the county. After hearing from Mr. Nelson regarding this matter Judge Powers stated that he has spoken to Mr. Nelson regarding this issue and that he felt like this was something that the Fiscal Court needs to pursue. He then stated that he would need to speak to the County Attorney, which was not present at this meeting and draft an Ordinance to be brought before the Fiscal Court and that he hoped this could be done by the next regular meeting.

RE: Treasurer Report

Esqs. Hay and Moore made and second a motion to approve the Treasurer Report as given by County Treasurer, Randi Flood. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

III.

RE: Road Foreman Report

Esqs. Moore and Robinson made and second a motion to approve the Road Foreman Report as given by County Road Supervisor, Ernie Nix. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

RE: Insurance Discussion

Esq. Hay invited representatives from KACo Insurance to speak at the Fiscal Court meeting and asked Judge Powers why these representatives were not allowed to present their information before the court during the meeting. Judge Powers stated that he had spoke to Mr. Pace and informed him that the Fiscal Court was in the process of accepting bids for the county's insurance policy and that he felt like he could not allow them to put on a presentation without having invited the other parties interested in submitting an insurance bid proposal as well. The bids will be accepted until November 21 and opened at the regular court meeting on November 26.

RE: Road Request

Esq. Henning, 1st District Magistrate, asked the Fiscal Court to have the road department look at a bridge on Finley Dowell Road to possibly have some guardrails put up on the bridge. Judge Powers stated that this matter would be checked on.

RE: Adjournment

Esqs. Hay and Moore made and second a motion to adjourn this meeting with no further business to come before it. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ray Powers
Breckinridge County Judge/Executive

Lisa Hoskins
Fiscal Court Clerk

