

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, May 11, 2011, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Earl Bush,
County Judge Executive

Present: Carl Allen, Clark Hennessey, David Kelsch, David Hughes, Scotty Lippert, John Corlis, Doug Smith, and Dennis Jefferson.

Let the Record reflect that the Court members received a copy of the vendor claims to be paid for all funds.

Upon Motion of Clark Hennessey seconded by Dennis Jefferson the minutes of the Meeting April 27, 2011 be accepted/approved with a spelling correction made.
Vote being unanimous.

Floor open to the public to discuss anything other than agenda items

Judge Bush opened the floor to public comments regarding any concerns or issues of others that are not related to any agenda item. He advised that there would be order held in the court. This time would be for public to voice concerns, but no personal attacks would be allowed.

No public discussion.

Flex Funds Roads & Bridges

Judge Bush advised the court that the Dover Bridge is almost complete. Other Bridges have been submitted to the state for extra flex funds that may be available to the county. He will keep the court advised on this.

Courthouse Roof

Judge Bush advised specifications are ready for the roof bid. Bids will be received until the 24th of May, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The Judge will open them and review in his office, which will be open to the public. He will have a recommendation ready for court on 5.25.2011

Old Fema Projects - Update

Judge Bush and Stacey Florer, Road Supervisor advised that all the Fema Projects are complete at this time: Jett Road, Union Chapel, and Hillsdale Road.

Harp Enterprise

After much discussion among the court and County Attorney, Mike Clark stating that so long as the contract is satisfied during this courts 4 year term there are no legal issues with the contract. Upon Motion of David Kelsch, seconded by Clark Hennessey that the Court enter into the contract below with Harp Enterprise regarding billing for the upcoming elections.
Voting Yes: Clark Hennessey, David Kelsch, David Hughes, John Corlis, Doug Smith, and Dennis Jefferson
Voting No: Carl Allen and Scotty Lippert.

New Fema Projects

Judge bush advised that the County declared a state of emergency due to storms April 27 Fema officials were here to begin assessments 5/2/2011. Fema advised that the county should go on and make repairs to the ones that are immediate safety hazards.
Upon Motion of John Corlis, seconded by David Kelsch that the Court approved to go ahead and repair the following roads to be repaired immediately due to safety hazards: Augusta-Berlin \$15,400, Valley View \$25,256, and Lockmier Road \$9,856.
Vote being unanimous.

Transportation of Non Public Students-Resolution # 11-04, Executive Order, and Contract

Upon Motion of Clark Hennessey, seconded by Dennis Jefferson that the court adopt Resolution #11-04 and execute the Executive Order entering into a Contract to allow payment to Augusta Independent and Bracken County Schools pending the audit of financial statements.

Vote being unanimous.

Update Bracken Judicial Center – Courthouse Yard Retention/City of Brooksville

Judge Bush advised that the bid opening for the new Judicial center will take place on 5.26.2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Bracken Co Courthouse. When this project begins, some work will be done by the City of Brooksville will be done on Madison and Jefferson Street, moving gas lines and such. Eddie Mofford and Mayor Craig Hester were at the meeting to discuss this. Mr. Mofford suggested that when this work begins he would like to go into an agreement to share costs and cut the courthouse lawn back approximately 5 feet and tear out the current retaining wall. He then advised that he would like to see a curbed gutter and proper drainage for the courthouse property with a new wall and sidewalk. Right now the water runs off of the courthouse and other buildings and there is no good drainage for the lawn and the water runs across Madison Street in front of the post office. Eddie Mofford stated that this work could be performed over a 2 fiscal year period. If needed financially. County and City employees would perform most of the labor the cost would mostly be materials.

Clark Hennessey commends the City of Brooksville for their sidewalk and retaining wall projects in the recent past. They are very nice.

Scotty Lippert advised that the current courthouse needs proper signage.

The magistrates asked that Eddie Mofford get some estimates together on the costs of this work and report back to the court.

Discussion as to additional needs to get the Industrial Property Home and 20 acres ready for sale

Tom Stephenson advised the court that the furnaces have been installed and the Industrial Authority has a cleaning service cleaning up the property. The gas to the property was turned on with the City of Augusta for the new furnaces. The Board will continue talking with Perry Poe about ways to make the property more presentable for selling and getting a return on the investment. The Board is working with all banks on feasible financing for buyers. The property cannot be underpriced to the debt obligation on it.

Perry Poe addressed the court stating that there is value in the property. It is a historical brick home that still needs work. It is depressed in the housing market. The 20 acres that goes along with it is nice prime land. Cleaning up needs to be completed and it doesn't cost a lot of money. Perry Poe believes the property is very marketable. It's had renters in the past, but now setting empty. It will be ready to market within 30 days.

Bracken County Budget 2011-2012

Magistrates held discussion regarding several accounts. Co Clerk Rae Jean Poe addressed the court wanting \$25,000 budgeted in the county budget for a new employee for her office, should her office be split into 2 locations once the circuit clerk and judicial offices move to the new judicial center. Judge Bush suggested looking into that when doing the next fiscal year budget. This being due to the vacancies in the courthouse not taking place for approximately 2 years. Co Clerk agreed to discuss it again next Fiscal Year.

Upon Motion of John Corlis, seconded by Doug Smith that the county hold the First Reading of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Bracken County Budget being Ordinance # 11-04.

Voting Yes: Clark Hennessey, David Kelsch, David Hughes, Scotty Lippert, John Corlis, Doug Smith Dennis Jefferson.

Voting No: Carl Allen.

The Ordinance will be advertised on May 26, 2011 and Second reading will be June 8, 2011 along with the Public Hearing for CRA/LGEA Funds FY 11-12.

General Fund Vendor Claims

Upon Motion of Scotty Lippert, seconded by Dennis Jefferson that the following General Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

General Fund Transfers

Upon Motion of David Kelsch, seconded by John Corlis that the following General Fund Transfers be accepted/approved.

Vote being unanimous.

Road Fund Vendor Claims

Upon motion of David Hughes, seconded by Scotty Lippert that the following Road Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

Road Fund Tranfers

Upon Motion of Dennis Jefferson, seconded by David Kelsch that the following Road Fund Transfers be accepted/approved.

Vote being unanimous.

Jail Fund Vendor Claims

Upon motion of Scotty Lippert, seconded by Doug Smith that the following Jail Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

Dispatch/911 Fund Vendor Claims

Upon Motion of David Kelsch, seconded by Dennis Jefferson that the following Dispatch/911 Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

Dispatch/911 Fund Transfers

Upon Motion of Scotty Lippert, seconded by John Corlis that the following Dispatch/911 transfers be accepted/approved.

Vote being unanimous.

*Judge Bush advised that the insulation has been put into the attic of the courthouse and the clocks on the bell tower are fixed.

*Judge Bush advised that there will be more spikes put out on ledges/window sills for the pigeons.

*Judge Bush advised that Clopay is still in negotiations with property owners regarding the expansion and also other states.

*Sheriff Neimeier advised that he will hopefully have information on 2 grants he has applied for by the next meeting. One grant is a 50/50 match grant with the Augusta and Brooksville Schools.

*Judge Bush advised that he will be reviewing names regarding the reapportionment of districts committee. He will bring the names to the next meeting. Call him if the magistrates have names to add to the selection.

*County Clerk, Rae Jean Poe handed out a report regarding reapportionment regarding population of precincts and average percentage. Only 2 precincts of 8 are within the average percentage.

Upon motion of Doug Smith, seconded by John Corlis that the May 11, 2011 meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court be adjourned.

Vote being unanimous.

S/_____ Tina K. Teegarden, Fiscal Court Clerk

S/_____ Earl Bush, County Judge Executive