

Fayette Fiscal Court Meeting Minutes 5/13/2021

Location: VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, Meeting hosted on the Zoom platform by the Fayette County Clerk

Present: County Judge/Executive Donald W. Blevins, Sr., District 1 County Commissioner Bob Pattie, District 2 County Commissioner VACANT, District 3 County Commissioner Chrysanthia Carr-Seals, Meredith Watson (Fayette County Clerk), Andrew Grunwald (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Doug Burton (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Bill Osborne (LFUCG Div. of Streets & Roads), Eve Wallingford (LFUCG District 12 Council Legislative Aide), Mark Feibes (LFUCG Div. of Engineering).

1:33 p.m.: Mr. Blevins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Mr. Blevins asked for any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the April 8, 2021 Fiscal Court meeting, distributed earlier. There were no additions or corrections.

Mr. Pattie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carr-Seals, to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2021 Fiscal Court meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Review of County Road Program for FY 2021. Mr. Grunwald reported that the paving for the 3.33 miles that were on the list from 2021 has been completed. Mr. Osborne confirmed that the list was complete.

Mr. Blevins asked if any new federal grant funds would be allocated to be used toward paving. Mr. Grunwald stated the funds would not be intermingled. If there were any projects to be considered, they would be handled separately, and the projects would be brought to the Fiscal Court.

New Business

Discussion of new projects and streets to be paved for FY 2022. Mr. Grunwald reported that the full list of roads to be considered for paving on the FY 2022 list was lengthy, and at \$2.7 million in estimated funding needed, was about five times the amount usually budgeted. Mr. Grunwald stated they had driven and inspected the list of roads and culled it to a shorter list determined to have the most immediate need.

Mr. Blevins stated he had not received any further recommendations or requests for roads to be considered, and the Ms. Watson confirmed that the office had not either.

Mr. Grunwald reviewed the full list of proposed paving included in the packet, 22.28 miles, at an estimated cost of \$2,691,300. The recommended short list of roads included: Durbin Lane from

Old Richmond Rd. to Durbin, Rockwell Road from Hedger Lane to the county line, Blue Sky Parkway from Cutters Hill Court to Swanton Road, Paynes Mill Road from Redd Road to the county line, and Walnut Hill Road from Shelby Lane to Delong Road. The short list was 3.69 total miles of paving at an estimated cost of \$510,200. Mr. Grunwald stated the other roads on the list were in pretty good shape but may need work in the future. They could likely be filled in over the next two years. The two most expensive proposed projects were Rockwell Road and Blue Sky Parkway, and Mr. Grunwald noted that those stretches of road anchor major facilities in Fayette County, such as the UPS hub station.

Mr. Blevins asked what action was needed by the Fiscal Court at this time. Mr. Grunwald stated if the Fiscal Court agreed with the list, he could go ahead and prepare the agreement for FY 2022.

Mr. Blevins asked what funds would be available from the state for next year. Mr. Grunwald explained that no estimated amount had been forthcoming as of yet, but that usually the amount was between \$500-700,000. If projects run short, the paving projects stop, and are picked back up future years.

Ms. Carr-Seals asked how we determine what funds to allocate when we don't know what funds will be available. Mr. Blevins and Mr. Grunwald responded about the historical funding available in the county road fund. Usually projects came in within 5-10% of the estimated cost. If there was a significant amount of new funding available, the Urban County would recall the Fiscal Court to present additional projects for approval.

Mr. Grunwald stated at this time he could investigate any additional roads to be included on the list, or if no other projects were recommended, he would move forward with preparing the agreement based on the short list presented in the meeting. Ms. Wallingford stated that her office agreed with the proposed list and plan for moving forward.

Mr. Blevins asked the Fiscal Court for a motion to approve the list of roads as presented.

Mr. Pattie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carr-Seals, to approve the following list of roads to be paved in FY 2022: Durbin Lane from Old Richmond Rd. to Durbin, Rockwell Road from Hedger Lane to the county line, Blue Sky Parkway from Cutters Hill Court to Swanton Road, Paynes Mill Road from Redd Road to the county line, and Walnut Hill Road from Shelby Lane to Delong Road. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Set Dates for Local Board of Tax Appeals Hearings 2021. Ms. Watson stated the dates for the Local Board of Tax Appeals had been recommended for June 21 – July 2, 2021.

Mr. Pattie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carr-Seals, to set the dates for the Local Board of Tax Appeals at June 21 – July 2, 2021. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Blevins inquired about the number of property tax appeals received to date. Ms. Watson stated there had not been as many as expected, and noted the due date of May 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Blevins asked if there was any comment from anyone else in the meeting, and there was none.

Mr. Grunwald asked the date of the next meeting, and Ms. Watson confirmed the next Fiscal Court meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2021, 1:30 p.m., to be held via Zoom platform.


Ms. Carr-Seals asked if a new District 2 Commissioner had been appointed. Mr. Blevins stated the appointment would come from the Governor's Office, and that no appointment had been forthcoming as of yet.

Ms. Carr-Seals asked several questions about property tax appeals in regard to her own personal property, and whether there was any ethical conflict with her position on the Fiscal Court. Mr. Blevins spoke about the process and recommended speaking with the LFUCG Dept. of Law.

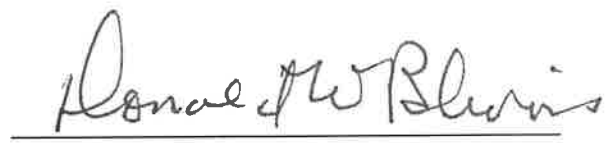
There being no further discussion, Mr. Blevins asked for a motion to adjourn.

Upon motion of Mr. Pattie, seconded by Ms. Carr-Seals, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Meredith Watson

County Judge/Executive


Donald W. Blevins, Sr.