

REGULAR SESSION BULLITT COUNTY FISCAL COURT
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AT 9:30 A.M.
PRESENT:

HON. JERRALL SUMMERS, BULLITT COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, PRESIDING
AND MAGISTRATES: Dennis Mitchell, Shaun Logsdon, Joe Laswell, Joe Rayhill
BULLITT COUNTY ATTORNEY: Rob Flaherty DEPUTY JUDGE: Kay Parrish
BULLITT COUNTY SHERIFF: Walt Sholar DEPUTY CLERK: Candice Renfrow

Judge Summers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. All magistrates were present. Larry Coy gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

TREASURER'S TRANSFER REPORT

Transfers: Expenditures by Date from the Treasurer's Office dated through January 1, 2022 has been submitted for Fiscal Court's review and approval. Copies are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

On motion by Esq. Mitchell, seconded by Esq. Logsdon, with Fiscal Court having concurred, accepting the Transfers: Expenditures by Date Report as presented.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

FISCAL COURT/TREASURER BILLS APPROVED

Open Invoice Reports from the Judge/Executive's Office dated through February 1, 2022 had been submitted for Fiscal Court's review and approval and copies are on file in the County Clerk's Office. Disbursements from each fund totaled: #01- \$35,642.97; #02- \$19,590.28; #03- \$41,092.46; #04- \$726.53; #07-\$107.98; #09- \$11,700.12; #77- \$15,938.84. Grand total disbursements from all funds: \$124799.18.

Open Invoice Reports from the Treasurer's Office dated through January 19, 2022 had been submitted for Fiscal Court's review and approval and copies are on file in the County Clerk's Office. Disbursements from each fund totaled: #01- \$1,410.84. Grand total disbursements from all funds: \$1,410.84.

On motion of Esq. Rayhill, seconded by Esq. Laswell, with Fiscal Court having concurred, the claims referenced above totaling \$126,210.02 were approved as presented and were ordered to be paid.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

On motion of Esq. Logsdon, seconded by Esq. Mitchell, and Fiscal Court having agreed to dispense with the formal reading, the minutes of the regular session of Bullitt County Fiscal Court held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, were approved as presented and the Judge was authorized to sign same.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE: FIRST READING ORDINANCE #22-3

A zoning ordinance for property owned by H.C. Development, has been advertised for first reading and public hearing at this meeting. Planning and Zoning Director Felicia Harper gave the following overview of the Planning Commission's hearing and recommendation on Docket #2021Z-28:

- Ordinance #22-3; Docket #2021Z-28; H.C. Development—an ordinance changing the zoning from AG/SR and R-1 Residential to R-3 Residential. The property in question is 68.75 acres, more or less, located at Highway 44 East and 231 Foster Lane, in an unincorporated area of the county.

The Planning Commission recommended that the zoning change be denied based upon the fact that the requested zoning change is not in agreement with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

County Attorney, Robert Flaherty, gave the first reading, in summary, of Ordinance #22-3 for the record, and a copy is on file at the County Clerk's Office.

Attorney John Wooldridge, representing H. C. Development spoke to the Court in favor of this project. He stated that the comprehensive plan is out of date, by law it is supposed to be updated every five years and ours was adopted in June of 2015. He stated that this is a multi-use facility and the applicants will not develop the property without adding a turning lane on Highway 44, having all driveways on the interior side of the property, and will not utilize more than 20 percent of the property for apartments. They will retain 10 percent of the property as a green space, and no property in the 100 year flood plan will be used. The property has sewers, fire protection, and city water. Planning and Zoning had not heard all testimony since they were uncertain of the number of apartments, but has since narrowed down the plan. It included 70 to 80 houses ranging from \$375,000.00 to \$900,000.00, and approximately 180 apartments that will be available for rent in the range of \$1,100.00 a month, with no plans for adding patio homes.

Paul Ham spoke against Zoning Ordinance 22-3. He does not believe that adding turning lanes for this project will change the traffic patterns. All the development in the area has made traffic tough, and he believes the county has not done enough infrastructure to support the growth. Judge Summers stated that Highway 44 is a priority and that two million dollars has been invested in the study that must be completed before this widening of Highway 44 can take place.

Robert Riedling spoke against Zoning Ordinance 22-3. He believes that this development is a mistake and that the people cannot be accommodated. He also doesn't see how they can hook sewers up when they don't border the property.

Ava Smith spoke against Zoning Ordinance 22-3. She thinks that they whole plan is premature, and they have not done a site plan, and that is essential before the residents can support it. She is concerned for the wildlife in the area and does not believe homeowners will want to buy \$375,000.00 houses next to an apartment complex.

Roanne Hammond spoke against Zoning Ordinance 22-3. She resides across from this property and believes there should only be a low density development due to the overpopulation of the schools in the district. She does not believe that this has been planned well and does not believe anything will be done about Highway 44. She would rather see all houses, than any apartments.

Marke Richardson spoke against Zoning Ordinance 22-3. He stated that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the rezoning. He only lives ¼ a mile from the property and is concerned about the increase in crime it could bring to the community. He does not trust that Highway 44 will ever be widened or expanded.

Karen Jo Bleemel spoke against Zoning Ordinance 22-3. She lives a half mile from the property and is concerned for traffic safety and congestion in the area. She does not believe that the current residents are being considered, and believes that the over development of the area will ruin their community.

James Mildok spoke against Zoning Ordinance 22-3. He is concerned about traffic in the area, when this property will add 500-1500 additional vehicles, and Highway 44 has not been widened. He does not believe we have the infrastructure to support this development.

Magistrate Logsdon asked about the plan for sewer hookup. Attorney John Wooldridge stated the sewer hookup would be on St. Andrew's Way. It would not affect Highway 44, since the easement will be utilized. It would be on the north side of 44, which makes this project a county project, not a city project. Discussion was had amongst members of the Court and sworn in speakers. Director Felicia Harper stated that the Gollar's withdrew their application for development, which would have been the apartments.

***Magistrate Mitchell had to leave meeting due to a funeral.

ZONING ORDINANCE: FIRST READING BULLITT COUNTY
ORDINANCE #22-4 **BK 42 PG14**

A zoning ordinance for property owned by R and W Warehousing, LLC, has been advertised for first reading and public hearing at this meeting. Planning and Zoning Director Felicia Harper gave the following overview of the Planning Commission's hearing and recommendation on Docket #2022Z-05:

➤ Ordinance #22-4; Docket #2022Z-05; R&W Warehousing, LLC—an ordinance changing the zoning from Agricultural to I-L Light Industrial. The property in question is 9.42 acres, more or less, located at 2385 North Preston Highway, in an unincorporated area of the county.

The Planning Commission recommended that the zoning change be approved based upon the fact that the requested zoning change is in agreement with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

County Attorney, Robert Flaherty, gave the first reading, in summary, of Ordinance #22-4 for the record, and a copy is on file at the County Clerk's Office.

ANIMAL SHELTER SURPLUS ANIMAL TRANSPORT BOX

On motion of Esq. Logsdon, seconded by Esq. Rayhill, with Fiscal Court having concurred, to surplus and donate animal transport box from the Animal Shelter to the City of Mount Washington.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES NEW HIRES

On motion of Judge Summers, seconded by Esq. Rayhill, with Fiscal Court having concurred, to hire Kieran Miller as Full Time EMT at \$17.50 per hour, Brandon Pearson as Full Time EMT at \$17.50 per hour, Virginia Hutcheson as Full Time EMT at \$17.50 per hour, Brandi Stanton as Full Time EMT at \$17.50 per hour, Wesley Thornhill as Part Time Paramedic at \$25.00 per hour, and Carter Hicks as Part Time Paramedic at \$25.00 per hour; all effective February 1, 2022.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SIDE BY SIDE

On motion of Judge Summers, seconded by Esq. Logsdon, with Fiscal Court having concurred, to issue payment to Polaris in the amount of \$32,891.25 within forty days of accepting the side by side vehicle.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TRAILER

On motion of Judge Summers, seconded by Esq. Logsdon, with Fiscal Court having concurred, to issue payment to Phillip Radford Trailer Sales in the amount of \$2,330.00.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ENTRANCE MODIFICATION

Sheriff Sholar stated that with the current design of the office, there is no place to have a private conference with members of the public. This modification will add another entrance into the supply room to create a conference room off of the lobby. This will come out of the Sheriff's Office Budget.

On motion of Esq. Logsdon, seconded by Esq. Rayhill, with Fiscal Court having concurred, to accept the proposed modifications to the Sheriff's Office entrance to make way for a conference room.

Vote: Unanimous for—motion carried.

SPEAKER EMPLOYMENT

Billy Roy Shepherd asked the court about developing a merit system in regards to new officials taking office and firing employees. He believes that every time someone is elected, it affects the tax payers. He stated that we, as a county, lose good employees and it wastes the taxpayers money with unemployment. He is concerned for the Detention Center since it is full of green employees that need training.

SPEAKER
SAFETY CONCERNS

Ovita Hodge showed pictures to the Court of fire and garbage. She used to have an oasis, but two years ago, her rose bushes were burned and she worries for her home and property. There are homeless living in tents and trash everywhere as well as alcoholics and drug abusers. She feels as though the county does not care, and she only wants to keep what she has as well as her sanity. She thanked Sheriff Sholar for his assistance in the past.

SPEAKER
MARK 12 MINISTRIES

Perry Cooke, Executive Director of Mark 12 Ministries, stated that there is a storm coming and the American Red Cross is no longer in Bullitt County. He asked the Court if there is a plan in place for the homeless or if a detainee is released from jail and has nowhere to go, what is their options? They recently had a COVID positive inmate that was released from jail that was homeless and was sent to the shelter. He is concerned for the homeless here in Bullitt County and wants a homeless shelter here in our county.

SPEAKER
ROAD DEPARTMENT

Ed Dunagan thanked the road department for their hard work in the last storm. He also thanked the Court for their service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

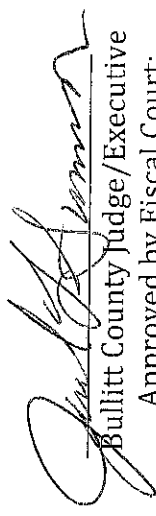
Judge Summers thanked Mayor Armstrong for his leadership and partnership as well the Lebanon Junction City Council member who was present. He also thanked the Mayors of Shepherdsville and Hillview for their hard work.

Magistrate Logsdon read an email from a constituent commending the road department for the tile work they did on Armstrong Lane.

Magistrate Rayhill thanked the Road Department and Director Watkins on their hard work. He also stated that the incoming storm is going to be difficult. He thanked everyone present for their input and wants to promote growth within the county. He does understand the need in the county for the homeless and they are working other avenues at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Esq. Logsdon, seconded by Esq. Laswell, and following a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.


Bullitt County Judge/Executive

Approved by Fiscal Court:
February 15, 2022

Minutes prepared & submitted by:


Samantha Shaner, Deputy Clerk