Union Fiscal Court OKs Resolution; Approves Speed Limit Change

Union County Fiscal Court took care of a lengthy agenda in about thirty minutes Tuesday, approving two resolutions, giving second and final reading to an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on a county road and setting advertisement and bid dates for three county proj-

Magistrates opened the business session of their meeting approving a resolution that will release \$250,000 in funding for waterline repairs to the city of Sturgis. Initially, the fiscal court was to be a passthrough agency for the SB91 funds, but the Department of Local Government has now agreed to the transfer of those funds directly to the city. The resolution approves the transfer and five Mayor Billy Adams the authority to sign the necessary documents and be the authorized correspon-

The court approved a second resolution related to Phase 2 of the City of Morganfield's park project. Those funds come through HB6 and include up to \$750,000 for park improvements. Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan will be the authorized correspondent for that funding.

The court also unanimously approved on a roll call vote second and final reading of a ordinance reducing the speed limit on McFall Road from 55 mph to 35 mph. Several weeks ago, magistrate Jim Ricketts requested the speed be changed due the narrowness and curviness of the roadway; the road will also serve as an entry point for trucks entering and leaving a new trash transfer station. The new speed limit becomes effective with the second reading and publication of the ordi-

In other matters, the court approved a joint funding agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Ohio River Streamgage. According to EMA director Lee Baird and O'Nan that operation allows the county and communities along the Ohio River to stay apprised of the river levels and gather information pertinent to when or if flood gates need to be put in place. The county budgets \$6200 annually for the service.

In other budget related matters, magistrates approved based on O'Nan's request that Brianna Hill be authorized to sign documents related to the Expo center and the Coal Miner's Corner (formerly Renaissance Corner).

The court also approved O'Nan's request to make salary adjustments for five county employees. The judge/ executive noted in his request that with the death of Paul Monsour,

the county has been left to fill positions that Monsour had. O'Nan noted that rather than hire a replacement for Monsour who served as the county's tourism director, gathered money from all county agencies daily for deposit as well as other duties, he would reallocate those duties to presently employed personnel. In doing so, O'Nan also asked that the court adjust salaries to offset the additional work Brianna Hill will become tourism director with a salary increase of \$10,000; Michelle O'Nan will become the daily money runner with a salary of \$20.26 an hour; Lissa Gibson will see a \$5000 salary increase for additional duties; Kim Nance will see a \$3000 increase and Jill Hundley will receive a \$5000 increase for the extra duties they will take on. O'Nan noted that the move will save the county about \$50,000 annually in salaries and benefits. He also told the court, which approved the request, that they will be able

A contract for the use of Coal Miner's Corner was also approved and mirrors the use agreement for the Expo Center, O'Nan said.

to re-evaluate the move

during the next budget

discussions.

Other business to

come before the court includes advertising for a fulltime animal control employee, advertising for storm sirens for Sullivan and Pride, and advertising for rebids on the EOC pod building. advertisements appear in the September 24

The Sturgis News with opening dates set for October 14.

Magistrates also awarded the bid for concrete work for bleachers at the fairgrounds to Cripple Creek Concrete at a cost of \$61,300.

The only other busi-

and October 1, issues of ness to come before the court was the approval of the claims and the cancelation of the fifth Tuesday meeting that had been set for September 30.

The next meeting of Union County Fiscal Court is Tuesday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m.



HUCK'S EMPLOYEES MONICA Foster and store manager Stephanie Ward were present at the Union County Board of Education work session Thursday evening to discuss donations their store has made to Union County school children. Ward told the board that every \$150 collected through their 'round up' program allows them to take a local child Christmas shopping—last year they store raised \$1250 to benefit UC school children. The store has also donated cases of water to the high school football program. Foster and Ward are pictured with superintendent Dr. Terra Hancock and board member Chad Hagan.

Board Of Education Will Add New Class To Vocational Program

At their work session Thursday night, the Union County Board of Education discussed plans to add a residential maintenance carpenter assistant class to the district's vocational education programs.

The move calls for a change in the layout of renovations to the vocational center. Those changes were reviewed by the board Thursday along with project architect Chris Jones and engineer Baccus Oliver. Once in place, the program will provide classes in building and construction technology, residential maintenance wiring, residential maintenance plumbing, residential HVAC and provide co-op and intern options. The board will also be looking at welding and engineering classes for UCHS

Although the changes leave the district's business department in the main building of the school, and assigns the construction maintenance program space in the vocational center, it will provide students with additional opportunities in the trades and give local businesses something they have asked the school to provide—graduates who have received certifications in trade fields.

Thursday night's meeting also included a review of the working budget, a donation from Huck's in Sturgis and a overview of Monday night's

Treasurer Amy Morris provided the board with a finalized working budget that has increased by about \$625,000. The increase comes from tax revenue and as insurance settlement as well as SEEK. The district's total budget is \$40,116,166 with a contingency of \$2,509,929 (6.51 per-

The board also reviewed the agenda for Monday night. In Monday's session, the board was expected to approve applications for Cedar West Coal grants, declare a number of pieces of food services equipment as surplus, approve a memorandum of agreement for SRO's with the Union County Sheriff's office and approve a USDA fresh fruits and vegetables grant. Other items on the consent agenda include a facility use agreement for elementary wrestling, a GRADD partnership agreement, final allocations and monthly reports

and requests. Reports from the superintendent, the personnel report and SBDM reports were also among agenda items for Monday night along with two recognitions.

When Pictures Tell Different Stories

By Becky Greenwell bgreenw2@bellsouth.net

I've often heard it said that the older you get the better you were.

For example those basketball games from long ago when you were a one-man team. You scored the most points, jumped higher than anyone, and stole the most passes.

That is known as a legend in your

I've also heard it spoken you don't know how good something is until it's gone. Those days when you knew exactly where your child was, what he was doing, and who his friends

Those days when you knew when you put him to bed and shut the bedroom door he was there for the night and you never doubted that was where he was all night long. Even after the doors were locked and the lights turned off and you were snoring soundly you knew he was in his own bed.

Those were the days I didn't realize how good they were.

Today I miss the days of know all, see all.

Knowing didn't keep me from worrying though. I worried a lot about too much stuff. Where they were, what they were doing, who their friends were, did they eat enough of the right food, did they get enough sleep, or were they warm enough.

I worried about a lot of things that didn't need to be worried about and sometimes I should have worried more. But there's some truth to that "love is blind" stuff.

What better way to use that 20-20 hindsight than through picture albums.

Picture albums put a whole new light on things and show you the truth of how things really were.

Now I know I worried about my children, overlooked a lot of stuff, preferred to think of myself as a good mother, and when they all grew up and are still talking to me I like to think some things were actually better than I remembered.

Then I started on that picture project of getting all those pictures in albums only to have the evidence

sneak up and bite me on the back side. I started going through pictures and I found lots of cute ones with vacation pictures, class trips, dance recitals, ball games, and just doing fun

stuff.

I was a good mama.

As I dug a little deeper I found pictures of some incidents I didn't quite remember. Some that didn't show me in a very good light.

My husband tells the story about coming home one afternoon and found our two-year-old with scrapes and abrasions, and some blood on his face. He asked what he did and I told him he drove his motorized motorcycle down the front steps. (It was just two steps.) When he asked how he got out the front door I told him I opened

Then he took pictures for proof.

In my defense I did not let him go out on purpose. While I was opening the door to help him out, he hit the pedal to go, and I wasn't quick enough to grab him in time. Besides that he was an adventurous child and always did daredevil stuff. To this day he is a daredevil.

In one album there were several pictures of my daughter. She was sitting on the open door of the dishwasher while half dressed "helping." Sitting in the bathroom sink with it full of water, fully clothed, and had my toothbrush in her mouth. No, I don't know how she got up there, but the toilet was right there. There was even one with her covered in dirt after turning a potted plant upside down. Another of her sitting on a curb next to the car after being car

One picture was missing with the notation under where the picture was supposed to be, "Erin falling out of

That picture I don't remember at all. I don't know where the picture is, probably being held for blackmail. But I bet there was a good explanation for that picture. I bet she was practicing gymnastics and pretended to flip out, or standing on one foot, or swinging on her stomach, or... I just don't know. Well, maybe pictures can tell a

story, but if you don't know the circumstances around the picture before it was taken you can imagine all kinds of scenarios. Also, according to those pictures,

I was a whole lot smaller, had a lot

less wrinkles, and the gray hair that I am now covering, had not yet made an appearance. I have proof that at one time I was

tures are saying about me.

a young, thin, super mom. Pictures don't lie. I deny everything the other pic-

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF "STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHI-CLES" AS DEFINED BY KRS CHAPTER 186 ON HIGHWAYS AND STREETS IN THE CITY OF MOR-GANFIELD AND ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR OPERATION

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 63 to authorize local governments to adopt ordinances to allow "street-legal special purpose vehicles.. as defined by KRS Chapter 186 to operate upon highways within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 63 contains equipment requirements for and restricts operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles" on all highways, including those in local governments that allow

WHEREAS, the city of Morganfield determines that the operation of "street-legal special purpose vehicles" on authorized highways is beneficial to the city and its residents;

WHEREAS, the city of Morganfield reserves its right to impose additional restrictions on the operation of

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KEN-

A. DEFINITIONS as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meaning: (1) "Cabinet" means the Kentucky Department of Transportation

(2) "Highway" shall have the same meaning as defined in KRS 186 (2);

KRS Chapter 186 shall be subject to state law requirements and restrictions

(3) "Prohibited equipment" means any equipment installed on a street-legal special purpose vehicle that is prohibited by state law or city ordinance

(2) "Street legal special purpose vehicle" shall have the same meaning as defined in Senate Bill 63 as codified in KRS Chapter 186;

B. AUTHORIZED USE

(1) Effective June 27, 2025, "street-legal special purpose vehicles11 as defined by Senate Bill 63 and codified in KRS Chapter 186 shall be authorized to operate on the highways within the city of Morgan-(2) Operation of "street-legal special purpose vehicles" as defined by Senate Bill 63 and codified in

C.MISCELLANEOUS remain in force and effect.

(1)If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or unenforceable, the remaining parts shall

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> RANDY GREENWELL, Mayor City of Morganfield

ATTEST SCOTT CLEMENTS, City Administrator