

The Union County Commission met in Special Called Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Union County Courthouse. The Honorable Jason Bailey, County Chairman, Presiding. A quorum being present, Union County Commission was duly opened at 7:00 P.M.

The Agenda for June 12, 2023 is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Announcements: (if any)
6. Approve List for Public Comments
7. Public Comments
8. Approve/Disapprove FY24 Budget and Budget Related Documents
9. Adjourn

1. County Commission was duly opened by Sheriff Billy Breeding.
2. **Invocation** by Commissioner Danny Cooke.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Commissioner R.L. Jones.
4. **Roll Call** by Pam Ailor, Union County Clerk. **Commissioners Present:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker.

**Commissioners Absent:** Kenny Moore.

5. **Announcements:**
  - a. The FARM Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$1 Million.
  - b. Commissioner Simpson is no longer employed by the Sheriff's Department and is eligible to vote on all budget funds.
  - c. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is the only topic of this Special Called Meeting.
6. Approve List for Public Comments: Fred Gibson, Charlie Hamilton, Tina Dyer and David Moore were approved to speak.
7. **Public Comments:**
  - a. Fred Gibson from the 1<sup>st</sup> District represented the Union County Historical Society and spoke to the need of keeping the museum funded and open to preserve the history of Union County.
  - b. Charlie Hamilton from the 1<sup>st</sup> District did not make a public comment.
  - c. Tina Dyer from the 1<sup>st</sup> District thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and that she supports growth in the county.
  - d. David Moore from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District spoke of his concern for elder citizens getting pushed out of their homes due to a tax increase.

8. **Approve/Disapprove FY24 Budget and Budget Related Documents**

a. **Fund 122-Drug Fund**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Eddie Simpson** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 122-Drug Fund** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Fund 127-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

A **Motion** was made by **Larry Lay** and **Seconded** by **R.L. Jones** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 127-American Rescue Plan Act** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

c. **Fund 131-Highway Department**

A **Motion** was made by **Larry Lay** and **Seconded** by **Eddie Simpson** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 131-Highway Department** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

d. **Fund 141-General Purpose School**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Ashley Mike** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 141-General Purpose School** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

e. **Fund 142-School Federal Programs**

A **Motion** was made by **R.L. Jones** and **Seconded** by **Mike Boles** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 142-School Federal Programs** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

f. **Fund 143-School Food Services**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Angela Conner-Murphy** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 143-School Food Services** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

g. **Fund 145-TNVA**

A **Motion** was made by **Larry Lay** and **Seconded** by **Dawn Flatford** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 145-TNVA** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

h. **Fund 172-Industrial Development**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **R.L. Jones** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 172-Industrial Development** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** Ashley Mike. **Motion Carried.**

i. **Fund 177-School Capital Projects**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Eddie Simpson** to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for **Fund 177-School Capital Projects** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

j. **Purchasing Property**

A **Motion** was made by **Danny Cooke** and **Seconded** by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** to set aside \$700,000.00 in **Fund 171-Capital Projects** to purchase property for a jail.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Dawn Flatford, Larry Lay and Gerald Simmons. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

k. **Fund 101-County General Fund**

A **Motion** was made by **Larry Lay** and **Seconded** by **Mike Boles** to raise the property tax rate to 1.7874 to balance Fund 101/reallocation of pennies, cover Fund 118, and cover Solid Waste until the contract is expired.

The **Motion** was withdrawn from Commissioner Lay and Commissioner Boles. No Action Taken.

9. **Adjourn**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Linda Effler** to **Adjourn** and call a Special Called County Commission meeting on June 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., Larry Lay, Ashley Mike, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** R.L. Jones. **Commissioners Passing:** Bill Cox. **Motion Carried.**

Union County Commission Special Called Meeting **Adjourned at 9:20 P.M.**