

REGULAR SESSION
of the Daviess County Fiscal Court
held at the Courthouse in the City of Owensboro,
County of Daviess, Commonwealth of Kentucky
on this 21st day of January 2016.
Present were Judge/Executive Al Mattingly and
County Commissioners Mike Koger,
George Wathen and Charlie Castlen

DOCUMENTS RELATED TO TODAY'S DISCUSSION
ARE FILED IN JANUARY 21, 2016 FISCAL COURT FILE

Commissioner Koger opened the meeting in prayer and led the court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Judge Mattingly and Ross Leigh presented the Christmas at Panther Creek Park checks, each for \$973, to the following agencies:

OASIS Inc, (Jill Faulkner 270-685-0260), Owensboro Regional Recovery (Joey Johnson) St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter (Harry Pedigo), Green River Area Down Syndrome Assoc. (Carla Renfrow), Knights of Columbus - Bishop Soenneker Council #10725 (Michael Howard).

Agencies expressed their appreciation for this opportunity.

CEO Phillip Patterson presented a report to the community regarding Owensboro Health (OH). He stated, "Owensboro Health is changing and growing and trying to provide value - best care at the lowest cost to the most people possible. OH has a 14 county service region. In FY 2015, OH improved safety and service, access to primary and specialty care by adding more locations and services, created an clinically integrated network to enhance coordination of care across our system. We are striving to become a regional health care provider and an employer of choice. We increased our wages year-over-year from 2014 to 2015 by \$26 million. Health care wages are among the highest in the country with the lowest pay at OH at \$9.50 an hour. OH invested \$1.2 million in educational reimbursement for our employees. Currently, we have 183 OH nurses trying to get their bachelors degree and 22 nurses in masters courses. We are the leading health care system. We are now able to take level 3 traumas and have a neonatal intensive care unit. We have been recognized for our care of heart failure and are in the top 10% of the nation in overall hospital care. OH now employees 4,088 and places us as the largest employer west of Louisville. OH has "My Chart" which is an electronic portal system for patient care records. Our mission is to heal the sick and improve the health of the communities we serve. With this in mind, we are expanding our One Health medical group and our ambulatory locations. Patients are now getting the kind of care they need, close to home. We now have a satellite hospital, Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital and has enabled us to increase our capabilities of our southern district. Although most hospitals are seeing a decline in in-patient admissions, we at OH have seen a 4% increase. We have also seen an out-patient increase in our visits of 32%. We have added an additional 33 providers to our health care network. The Health Park has a membership of over 7,400 people and through our membership assistance program we provide over 900 people access to the health park who previously could not afford to attend." He further stated, "OH revised its charity assistance program. We fully allow a charity write-off for those with annual gross incomes up to 225% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). We also have a sliding scale for assistance that allows for write-offs of up to 70% for

those earning an annual gross income between 225% - 375% of the poverty level. Finally, he noted that OH is in healthy financial condition.

The court expressed appreciation for the report.

Minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting were submitted to fiscal court members for review prior to today's meeting and on a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen with all the Court concurring said Minutes were approved and signed.

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered approval of all Claims for all Departments.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval the Detention Center's Contract Modification regarding a Substance Abuse Program (SAP) Inmate Increase.

Judge Mattingly stated, "SAP will increase the number of beds from to 55 to 80. There is an increase from \$131,000 to \$215,000."

Commissioner Castlen is glad that the state has agreed to allow additional inmates into this program.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval **Resolution No. 01-2016** - Adopting the 2016 GRADD Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

GRADD Regional Planner Carl Sims noted that this approval adopts the 2016 GRADD Hazardous Mitigation Plan, as required by FEMA and is effective through 2021.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval to Apply for the annual Kentucky Ambulance Block Grant Program.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval Award **Bid No. 49-2015** - Community Notification Siren; EMA to SAFER Services, Inc. for \$17,627.51.

Purchasing Agent Jordan Johnson noted that this vendor's bid was the only one meeting all bid specifications without exception. This siren will be installed in Yelvington. All expenses related to this will be reimbursed by a grant per **Resolution 8-2015**.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval to Promote Jerry Ambs to HEO in the Department of Public Works effective 1/25/2016.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

The First Reading of Ordinance 1-2016 - An Ordinance relating to Property Maintenance was presented.

Comments:

Judge Mattingly stated, "Preparations for this ordinance began in May of last year. Appointed to the committee to review the current property maintenance ordinances included one each from the west, central, and east districts as well as a Farm Bureau representative. There were 5 public meetings and a public hearing where public comments were encouraged and received. The court members replied to citizen e-mails and phone calls. We have done our homework. I thank you, Commissioner Castlen and the review committee for putting this together. I also thank the public for their input into this ordinance. I feel that this ordinance is fair and balanced, but it will not satisfy everyone."

Commissioner Castlen stated, "We had between 35-50 who hoped we would strengthen our ordinance."

Larry Martin of Petit thanked the court for putting "teeth" in this ordinance.

Commissioner Wathen noted that this ordinance is complaint-driven. He stated, "The court will not go out and look for violations. If someone complains about a situation, then action will be taken."

Julie and James White complimented the court for this ordinance and for providing the public the openness and willingness to allow for public input. In light of the complaint having to be signed, he inquired about prevention measures regarding neighborly retaliations.

County Attorney Claud Porter noted that there will be an online complaint form to fill out and submit to the Property Maintenance Director, but it must be signed and cannot be by an anonymous source. Signatures on complaint forms do not have to be released to the public. In addition, if someone is concerned about retaliation by a neighbor for filing a complaint, the person filing may discuss the situation with their commissioner and request that the complaint be submitted by said commissioner.

Commissioner Wathen stated, "We will not tell them who registered the complaint."

The second reading of this ordinance will take place at 5:00 p.m. on February 8.

The First Reading of Ordinance 2-2016 [KOC 621.15 (2016)] - An Ordinance relating to the Daviess County Road, Bridge, and Street System was presented.

Comments:

County Engineer Mark Brasher noted that this ordinance is revisited annually to make correction, deletions, and/or additions regarding county roads.

Other business to be brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court:

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval to Advertise for seasonal employees in the Parks Department.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval the annual Order of Affiliation Agreement with Daviess Co. Search & Rescue.

EMA Deputy Director John Clouse stated, "The only change from the prior agreement is that this one removes the prior EMA Director Richard Payne's signature block and replaces it with the new Director's, Andy Ball, signature block. Other than that, it is the same agreement."

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval to Authorize the Judge/Executive to sign a Kentucky Libraries and Archives Grant Application for Microfilming in the Daviess County Clerk's Office.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

Comments:

Judge Mattingly read into the record a letter submitted by west county resident Michael Mountain complimenting the Daviess County Sheriff's Department for their job performance during a recent emergency situation:

Hello. My name is J. Michael Mountain. My wife, Maryanne, and I live at 154 Booth Field Road in Daviess County. When we left our house on Thursday, January 7, 2016, we had no idea the change that would happen in our lives. As you are aware at approximately 12:01 PM an intruder broke into our house. Thanks to the alert and timely notification from our neighbor my wife was alerted to the break in. Both our neighbor and my wife notified 911 operators of the issue. Units from the Daviess County Sheriff, Owensboro Police Department and Kentucky State Police responded to the call and quickly began a foot pursuit of the individual. Within minutes the law enforcement agencies found the individual and attempted to apprehend him.

While my wife and I are extremely appreciative of the work of all the law enforcement officers we would like to express our gratitude to Deputy Spurrier and his father Detective Spurrier. These two individuals worked closely with our family as we went through the process of reviewing the outside and inside of our house after the initial situation was concluded. They made sure we were comfortable and expressed sincere concern for our wellbeing.

At this time in our country there has been a lot of media coverage that portray our law enforcement officers in a negative manner. We want everyone to know that was definitely not the case in our situation. We want to express our gratitude to all the officers, dispatchers and any other first responders that answered the call on the afternoon of January 7, 2016. Your efforts will always be appreciated.

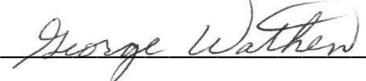
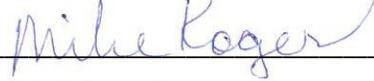
Judge Mattingly appreciates hearing from Mr. Mountain and was glad the situation's outcome was positive.

Court members thanked all road workers for doing a great job in clearing the roads of ice and snow.

Judge Mattingly met in Frankfort today with individuals from the Department of Local Government, Division of Water, and KIA regarding both the Cedar Hills and Friendly Village treatment plants. He stated, "I think we now have a path forward. However, now we must figure out how to pay for that path."

Judge Mattingly also announced that tonight through Saturday night, the members of the Homeless Council of the Ohio Valley are under the White Flag policy. This means that anyone needing shelter may request aid by going to a shelter and sheltering arrangements will be made. He also expressed a sincere thank you to Jailer Osborne for his commitment to help with this endeavor.

**Without objection, Judge/Executive Mattingly adjourned the meeting.
SO ORDERED THAT COURT STAND ADJOURNED.**

Judge/Executive:  Commissioner: 
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I, duly appointed Clerk of the Daviess County Fiscal Court, do hereby certify that the above Minutes for the corresponding Order Book were approved by the members of the Daviess County Fiscal Court at the regular session of said Court on this 8th day of February 2016.

Jennifer C. Warren, Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk