

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 16th day of February 2012
Present were Judge/Executive Al Mattingly and
County Commissioners Jim Lambert,
George Wathen and Charlie Castlen

DOCUMENTS RELATED TO TODAY'S DISCUSSION
ARE FILED IN FEBRUARY 16, 2012 FISCAL COURT FILE

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

County Engineer Mark Brasher presented the following 2011-2012 Roadway Surface Maintenance Budget:

Daviess County Public Works

Remaining County Routes on *approved list* to resurface:

assumed asphalt price to be \$80/Ton

ROAD NAME	DISTRICT	START	END	LENGTH (miles)	COST ESTIMATE
Brown Ct.	East	US 60	Dead End	0.096	\$6,400.00
E. 8th St.	East	Pleasant Valley Rd.	End of Maintenance	0.294	\$36,000.00
Todd Bell Ln.	East	US 60	E. 6th St.	0.087	\$7,800.00
Jack Hinton Rd.	East	Pleasant Point Rd.	McPherson Rd.	1.100	\$65,600.00
McMahan Rd.	Central	Redhill-Maxwell Rd.	Ohio Co. line	1.185	\$60,000.00
Veach Rd.	Central	Salem Dr.	Golfview Circle	0.654	\$44,000.00
Millers Mill Rd.	Central	Panther Creek (NF) Bridge	KY 142	2.310	\$144,000.00
Sauer Ln.	West	Scott Plant Entrance	Murphy Rd.	0.200	\$13,500.00
TOTALS				5.926	\$377,300.00

Accounty Balance (as of 2/2/12):

02 ROAD FUND - Resurfacing \$110,287.66
04 LGEA FUND - Resurfacing \$285,774.49

TOTAL \$396,062.15

REMAINING \$18,762.15

Accounty Balance (as of 2/2/12):

02 ROAD FUND - Patching \$35,438.04
04 LGEA FUND - Patching \$334,283.39
04 LGEA FUND - Milling \$60,000.00

Total \$429,721.43

Proposed ADDITIONS to resurface list:

Difference in resurface					\$18,762.15
Riverside Estates Subdivision	East	Entire Subdivision		0.854	\$101,500.00
Short Station Rd.	East	Jack Hinton Rd.	0.40 miles from Jack Hinton	0.400	\$20,800.00
McIntyre Rd. East	East	KY 1389	County Line	0.540	\$28,000.00
Broadacres Subdivision	Central	Entire Subdivision		0.848	\$45,000.00
W. 5th St. Rd.	West	Worthington Rd.	US 60 Overpass	0.676	\$40,000.00
Oakford Rd.	West	US 60	KY 1554	0.880	\$48,000.00
Fisher Rd.	West	KY 81	Carter Rd.	1.286	\$72,000.00
TOTALS				5.484	\$336,537.85

Proposed Patching Account Balance \$93,183.58

Approved miles resurface in fiscal year 2011-2012 = 14.463	
Proposed miles resurface in fiscal year 2011-2012 = 20.208	
additional miles of resurface =	5.745
	TOTALS (miles)
East District	8.260 38%
Central District	5.668 28%
West District	6.890 34%

Minutes of the February 7, 2012 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 Lambert, 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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered to approve **Resolution 03-2012 – A Joint Resolution of the Daviess and Hancock County Fiscal Courts Authorizing and Approving the filing of a Kentucky Local Government Economic Development Grant.**

This grant initiates the Veterinary Technician Program at OCTCS.

Dr. Jim Klauber stated, "I am joined by Dr. Eddie Leach who is an area veterinarian who also teaches some biology for us and actually conducted our needs assessment for this program. In the newspaper today, they talked a lot about the demand for a veterinarian technology program, as it is the fastest growing 2-year job program in Kentucky. The reason for this is that the younger veterinarians that come out and the modern veterinarian practice really depends on licensed veterinarian technicians to assist them in everything they do. Because of the short supply in Kentucky, most veterinarian technicians are coming from out-of-state to work here. It has become a high demand job and a high wage job, as well. We seek to start the first 2-year veterinarian technician program in Kentucky. We have a couple of 4-year programs designed for those desiring to become veterinarians. A person with a 2-year degree makes far more economic sense than a bachelor's degree. Our program will enable those to continue on to Murray State University or other institutions if they seek to get a bachelor's degree at a later time. We will need to have a broad spectrum of animals that we can work with and we will need to work alongside of our local animal shelters in Daviess and Hancock Counties - to be able to have animals that we can use and provide them with primary care services, as well as spay and neutering services. This will give our students the opportunity to see a whole range of diseases and ailments that animals get from mange to a broken leg. In return, this may save taxpayer dollars for the care of various shelter animals. The only thing blocking us is money. If we can get this grant funded, because it is an expensive program, it will cost a half a million dollars to get this program started. If we can get this coal severance grant done, we can get the lion's share of that funding done. If we do not get this grant, we will not be able to do this program. It is an either or proposition."

Commissioner Lambert stated, "I had a citizen call today that had some questions concerning the current rate of certified veterinarian technicians we have in the community, but the concern of this citizen was the willingness of vets to pay a high wage. She also was concerned that we were going to provide this training, and they would not be able to find a job locally and have to move away. Could you address these concerns?"

Dr. Klauber stated, "Really, we want to create the only program of its kind in the state and attract students to come to Daviess County to stay here for 2-years and get their degree and then return to their hometowns or somewhere else. We know that you would fill the supply of veterinarian technicians with your original class here at Daviess County. However, the goal is to provide a greater need to the entire Commonwealth."

Dr. Leach stated, "That is a concern that if you just look at small animal practices, we are going to saturate the positions very quickly. However, that is a narrow view. While it is true that a majority of our students from an accredited program will be employed by a small animal practice, their opportunities will also be in mixed practice, Mitchell Cancer Center for research, Kentucky Bio-Med facilities that we have here in Daviess County. There are many opportunities for a licensed/certified veterinarian technician. There are five hospitals here in Daviess County, and I know them all well, but every one of us will tell you that when we have to train people from off of the street, the learning curve is very long. We are talking about a program where they are already highly skilled. They come in and go right to work in a highly skilled profession that assists the veterinarian, and yes, they are worth a lot more money than an assistant who is trained off the street. It ups the entire economy not just for veterinarians, but also for good higher-paying skilled jobs here in this region of the state."

Commissioner Lambert stated, "If people come in here to go to college, it is a proven fact that many stay and continue to live in the area where they completed their college degree. We certainly would welcome and encourage those people to our community, and hopefully, some of them will like us enough to stay."

Commissioner Castlen asked, "Regionally, what does this job pay?"

Dr. Klauber stated, "Generally around \$17.00 per hour. Keep in mind, salaries may come down somewhat as the demand for veterinarian technicians decline."

Judge Mattingly stated, "I spoke with Judge/Executive Jack McCaslin yesterday, and he sees this as a great need and is excited about this offering at OCTCS. I too believe it will be a real boom for this community not only economically but also in recruitment." He thanked Judge McCaslin for agreeing to collaborate with Daviess County on this coal severance grant initiative and thanked Dr. Klauber for his foresight and effort with regard to this opportunity.

James Mattingly asked, "Where would somebody go currently if they wanted a degree in this field?"

Dr. Klauber stated, "If they wanted a 2-year degree, they would probably go somewhere like Columbia State in Tennessee. It would not be in Kentucky. Murray has a 4-year program, but again, that program is more designed for sending someone to a professional veterinarian school versus a licensed veterinarian technician."

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 Lambert, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered to approve the Lease Agreement between the Diocese of Owensboro and Daviess County Fiscal Court to use the Knottsville Playground for the Summer Recreation 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 to approve the Fund Transfer from the General Fund to the Jail Fund.

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 Lambert, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered to approve the Hiring of the following Part-Time, Seasonal Parks Employees commencing March 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012, subject to successful completion of pre-employment testing:

Panther Creek:

Grounds Maint.

Travis Bartley
Thomas Kevin O'Hearn
James T. Robertson
Lee R. Taylor
B. Neal Vanover

Park Attendant

Donnie Head
Charlie Richard Payne
Isaac Hardesty

Yellow Creek:

Grounds Maint.

Larry E. Piper
Trenta R. Dickson
Stephen K. Drury
Brandon N. Alsip
Jimmy Pullin

Park Attendant

Ricky J. Cotton
Joe C. Shown
Jerry R. Hallam

Horse Fork Creek Park:

Grounds Maint.

Harold E. Ross

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

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

By a motion of Commissioner Lambert, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered approval of **Resolution 04-2012** – A Resolution in Opposition to the Closure of the Madisonville, Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office.

Judge Mattingly announced effective July 1, 2012, the Madisonville Medical Examiner's Office will close. He stated, "This will affect each county's budget tremendously with each autopsy transported to Louisville. A meeting was recently held, and it was suggested that each fiscal court in Western Kentucky be sent a resolution concerning this issue for passage." He further stated, "What has happened is that they are going to close down the Madisonville Medical Examiner's Office. I have talked to our local coroner, and he is in support of the passage of this resolution."

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 mentioned that Governor Steve Beshear announced today that Daviess County is one of the first Kentucky counties to be certified in the Work Ready Communities program. The new certification program from the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet assures employers that a local workforce has the talent and skills necessary to staff existing jobs and to master the innovative technologies new jobs will require. Kentucky is the third state to begin certifying counties as Work Ready Communities based on the quality of their labor force. To become certified, communities must

gather local support and commitment and apply for the Work Ready Community designation. Counties have to meet criteria in six areas including high school graduation rate, National Career Readiness Certificate holders, demonstrated community commitment, educational attainment, soft-skills development, and digital literacy.

Judge Mattingly stated, "I have a letter from Debbie Fillman from the DC Board of Health. We had a resignation from Jim Riney, a professional engineer, and he served on this board by virtue of being an engineer (one of the state requirements). We are looking for a replacement. If anyone in the public is an engineer and wishes to serve on this board, please contact our office."

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

Al Mattingly
Daviness County Judge/Executive