

**Minutes of the August 23, 2016  
Daviess County Fiscal Court Meeting  
held at the Daviess County, Kentucky Courthouse**

**Present elected court officials included  
Judge/Executive Al Mattingly and County Commissioners Mike Koger,  
George Wathen and Charlie Castlen**

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**DOCUMENTS RELATED TO TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS  
ARE FILED IN THE CORRESPONDING FISCAL COURT FILE**

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

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The Daviess County Public Library's 2016/2017 Tax Rate was presented by Director Erin Waller. Ms. Waller noted that the library will take the compensating rate of 6.4 for Real Property, 8.39 for Tangible, Personal Property, Aircrafts, Watercrafts, Inventory, and 4 for Motor Vehicles.

Judge Mattingly requested a programming schedule from January 1 through today and include statistics regarding the public's use of the library. He is concerned that the library may contemplate the need to increase taxes to support their planned expansion.

Ms. Waller explained that a tax increase is certainly not planned.

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Dispatch Director Paul Nave explained that due to new FCC regulations, Utica is in need of a repeater or a receiver station. With the new regulation that cuts current coverage, for the safety of emergency personnel and those in need of emergency services, this new station is being requested. Due to the absence of electricity to the tower chosen to install that repeater, the court was asked to consider a \$5,000+ cost to provide electricity to that tower. Solar was considered, but due to numerous factors, including the high cost, an unfavorable but necessary panel position, and easements, that option is not being recommended.

James Lacey-Kamuf thanked the court for considering solar for this project.

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Daviess County Treasurer Jim Hendrix presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2016.

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**By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen,** the court considered for approval the Minutes of the August 4 & 12, 2016 meetings, which, for review, were submitted to fiscal court members prior to today's meeting.

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

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**By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen,** the court considered for approval 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.**

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**By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger,** the court considered for approval the Owensboro Health Regional Hospital Amended Bylaws.

Judge Mattingly noted, "One thing this does is it recognizes the changing environment of healthcare."

County Attorney Claud Porter noted that amendments primarily deal with board members and how and when they are permitted to serve.

With the amendment allowing an employee to serve on the hospital board, Commissioner Castlen stated, "that concerns me with regard to possible conflicts of interest. I encourage you, before returning in the future to request additional employee board members, please see how other communities have and are addressing this issue."

Hospital board chair Debbie Nunley stated, "Commonly, we look to see what similarly sized systems are doing, what challenges they face, and how they have responded to those challenges. This is a common trend with hospitals throughout the nation. Only board members, not the CEO nor staff, will meet in a closed session when dealing with sensitive issues. Individual votes in closed sessions are protected information making board member confidentiality a priority."

James Lacey-Kamuf encouraged the hospital to be more transparent. He stated, "The hospital bylaws will serve to perpetuate this non-transparent nature of our hospital."

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**By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger,** the court considered for approval **Resolution No. 15-2016** and Agreement regarding Rural Secondary Program Funds not to exceed \$293,771.

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**By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen,** the court considered for approval the Parking Lease Agreement Addendum with the City of Owensboro.

Mr. Hendrix explained that the city has added 4 spots and the agreement reflects that addition.

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**By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen,** the court considered for approval to Advertise **Bid No. 29-2016** Utica Radio Voting Receiver Site Project.

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**By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen,** the court considered for approval to Advertise for a Transfer Station Truck Driver, if not filled internally.

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**By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen,** the court considered for approval to Promote Ben Howerton from Utility Laborer to Service Technician in the Department of Public Works effective August 29, 2016.

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**By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen,** the court considered for approval to Hire Austin Bean as a Utility Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective upon successful completion of pre-employment screenings.

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Mr. Hendrix presented the **First Reading of Ordinance 8-2016; KOC A.91 (2016)** - An Ordinance relating to the Adoption of the 2016 Tax Rates.

**Comments:**


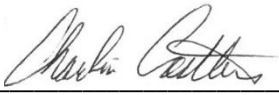
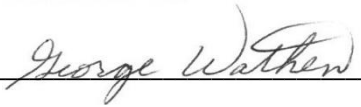
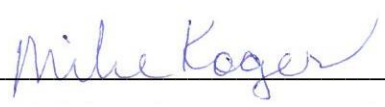
No comments received.

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**Comments:**

Judge Mattingly announced the September court meeting dates of 9/8/16 & 9/22/16, both at 5:00 pm.

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

Judge/Executive:  Commissioner:   
Commissioner:  Commissioner: 

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 September 2016.

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Jennifer C. Warren, Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk