

**Minutes of the September 8, 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 Castlen opened the meeting in prayer and led the court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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Judge Mattingly proclaimed September 2016 as National Recovery Month. Owensboro Regional Recovery Executive Director Sarah Adkins announced numerous events in celebration of National Recovery Month.

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Owensboro Convention Center GM Dean Dennis updated the court on [Owensborotickets.com](http://Owensborotickets.com) and Owensboro Convention Center Operations. His update included:

[Owensborotickets.com](http://Owensborotickets.com): is a new regional ticketing provider and serves as the area's destination for all live entertainment ticketing, event, and registration needs.

**In 2016:**

- Over 167 Events
- 100 events hosted by non-profit groups
- 39,284 tickets sold (68,042 sold from over 45 states and Canada)
- Ticket sales of over \$4.5 million

**Spectra's Mission** is to provide economic growth to the local community by bringing quality events to Owensboro and managing their success.

1. **Multiple Day Events with Hotel Rooms:** Conventions and Conferences
2. **Multiple Day Public Events:** Consumer and Trade Shows
3. **Programming to Compliment Events:** 4th Fest, BBQ Festival, Air Show, Friday After 5
4. **Single Day Events:** Holiday banquets/parties, Weddings/receptions, Reunions

**Investment in Our Community:**

	<u>Fiscal Year 2015-2016</u>	<u>To Date</u>
<b>Gross Payroll</b>	\$1,339,290	\$4,185,019
<b>Good and Services</b>	\$4,556,397	\$7,792,467
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,895,687</b>	<b>\$11,977,486</b>

**Impact of Visitors:**

	<u>Fiscal Year 2015-2016</u>	<u>To Date</u>
<b>Events Hosted:</b>	268	692
<b>Number of Guests</b>	110,000	300,000
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<b>Number of Room Nights</b>	12,354	23,761
x \$177.16	\$2,188,635	\$4,209,499
Total Other x \$132.09	\$12,898,060	\$36,488,409
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,086,698</b>	<b>\$40,697,908</b>

**How We Compare:**

**Cincinnati, OH Area – Northern Kentucky Convention Center** *(comparable market)*

**NKCC Net Income** \$1,708,182      **OCC Net Income** \$1,915,595

**Louisville, KY – Kentucky International Convention Center** *(major/national market)*

**KICC Gross Income** \$3,541,240      **OCC Gross Income** \$3,118,000

**Exceeding Expectations:**

	<b>Projected by Study</b>	<b>2015-2016 Achieved</b>
<b>Conventions</b>	12	22
<b>Gross Annual Revenue</b>	\$1,901,000	\$3,118,876
<b>Revenue per Event</b>	\$2,350	\$11,368
<b>Gross Revenue Since Opening – \$6,671,085</b>		

	<b>2015-2016 Actual</b>	<b>2015-2016 Budget</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	(\$157,971)	(\$192,779)
<b>ROI = \$15,086,698</b>		
<b>(Economic Impact Growth)</b>		
<b>Beat Budget by \$34,808</b>		

**Client Survey Scores:** The facility achieved a 4.75 overall survey average across all categories.

**2016-2017:** 186 repeat events booked & \$1 million on the books going into 2016-2017.

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The Corvette Lovers 'Vette Club's presented a \$1,500 donation to the Daviess County Animal Shelter and a \$1,500 donation to the Western Kentucky Raptor Center from the proceeds of the 2016 Yellow Creek Park Car Show.

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Minutes of the August 23, 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.

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**By a motion of Commissioner Koger, 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 Castlen,** the court considered for approval the Daviess County Sheriff's 2015 County Tax Settlement.

**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 to Allocate \$50,000 to the Farmer's Market construction project, immediately upon project completion.

President Glenn Shourds noted that having a permanent home-facility for the Farmer's Market should provide more opportunities for vendors and serve customers a more diverse offering of

fresh and locally produced options. Additionally, having a structure which allows protections from rain and cold temperatures, our 6-month operating season can be extended.

Board member Bruce Kunze noted that the County Agriculture Development Board has allocated \$69,500 for this construction project, PRIDE has committed \$5,000 for facility signage & landscaping, Owensboro Regional Hospital is providing a 20-year lease for 1.75 acres on the corner of Triplett Street and Parrish Avenue, and the IRS has granted the Farmer's Market 501(c)3 tax exempt status. Now with the financial backing of the court, a strong message is being sent to local organization, banks and state level boards that will encourage their financial support. He stated, "Thanks so much for your support of this project."

Commissioner Wathen expressed his excitement regarding this project and looks forward to seeing what the Farmer's Market can do and bring to this community.

**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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen,** the court considered for approval to Contract with American Engineers, Inc. to perform the hydraulic analysis of the existing Jones Road Bridge to see if it can be replaced with a Metal Arch Culvert.

**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 of an Easement with Adkins Family Trust for the purpose of installing a Utica Voting (Radio) Receiver.

The court thanked the Adkins Family for their willingness to provide this easement.

**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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger,** the court considered for approval to **Award Bid No. 29-2016:** Utica Voting (Radio) Receiver Project to Ohio Valley Two-Way Radio for \$23,429.20.

**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 to Promote Ron Whitworth from Service Technician to SW Truck Driver effective 9/6/16.

**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 to Promote Austin Bean from Utility Laborer to DPW Service Technician effective 9/6/16.

**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 Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval to Hire Gavin Cecil as a DPW Utility Laborer effective 9/19/16.**

**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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval the **Second Reading of Ordinance 8-2016; KOC A.91 (2016)** - An Ordinance relating to the Adoption of the 2016 Tax Rates.**

**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 Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval to Appoint Debbie Zuerner-Johnson (20-2016) to the **Owensboro-Daviess County Drug and Alcohol Steering Committee** (Debbie Zuerner-Johnson served 2 terms) - TERM: 09/01/2016 – 09/01/2019.**

**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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval to Appoint Sarah Adkins (21-2016) to the **Owensboro-Daviess County Drug and Alcohol Steering Committee** (Jonathon Patton served 2 terms) - TERM: 09/01/2016 – 09/01/2019.**

**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 to Appoint Julie Starnes (22-2016) to the **RiverPark Center Board** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 09/01/2016 – 09/01/2019.**

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

**By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval to **Advertise Bid. No. 30-2016:** Radial Arm Stacker; LF.**

Currently, the landfill rents a Radial Arm Stacker, but they are seeing the equipment's effectiveness and cost efficiencies and have requested the court consider purchasing one. Judge Mattingly agrees that a purchase would be more economical. He noted that if the vendor of the current unit being used provides the lowest and best evaluated bid, I feel that the amount already paid in rental use may be credited towards the purchase price.

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

**Public Comments:**

James Lacey-Kamuf discussed the hospital's failure to be open and transparent and argued his belief that the hospital's bond rating has been downgraded. He also encouraged the public to take advantage of the unused-prescriptions drug drop off sites. He explained that when drugs are disposed of via drains or trash, it is possible that unfiltered chemicals including psychoactive chemicals can end up in our drinking water.

Bruce Kunze announced the dissolution of the PRIDE organization. He noted that PRIDE was established to help beautify the community through median landscaping improvement projects and other community beautification initiatives. Over the years, interest in PRIDE has fallen and a resurgence has not taken place. With about \$40,000 in the PRIDE account, the board will disperse those dollars to various local organizations with similar community beautification desires, including the fiscal court.

A public meeting is anticipated within the next few months to discuss the package treatment plants in the Friendly Village Park and Cedar Hills. Judge Mattingly noted that final agreements are being made for these two neighborhoods.

Commissioner Castlen acknowledged the hard work of Judge Mattingly in rectifying this potentially catastrophic issue for these two neighborhoods. He also recognized PRIDE for their work.

Commissioner Wathen recognized the Parks Department for a tremendous fireworks event of this past weekend. It was a success and may be repeated for the same time next year.

Judge Mattingly announced September 2016 Employee Anniversaries of Joseph Withrow, Firefighter/EMT - 5 years and Keith Payne, Road Inspector - 25 years.

**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 22nd day of September 2016.

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Jennifer C. Warren, Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk