

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 7th day of November 2013
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 NOVEMBER 7, 2013 FISCAL COURT FILE

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

Fire Chief Smeathers presented information regarding Emergency Water Rescue. He stated, "The Daviess County Fire Service responds, in addition to the ambulance service, to all medical emergencies and rescue calls, including emergency water rescues and search and recovery operations. The Daviess County Fire Department at the airport station and the Yelvington Volunteer Fire Department have water rescue boats, trained personnel, and equipment. In the event of a water-related emergency in Daviess County, the DCFD and YFD will respond with boats and equipment along with the jurisdictional volunteer department. When conducting rescue operations, the use of a boat to reach the victim(s) is the safest option for both responders and the public. If the water is too shallow to use a boat, which is uncommon, a large apparatus or piece of heavy equipment may be used to drive through water. The boats carry emergency medical equipment including a long spine board and stokes basket. Uninjured or walking wounded are suited with a life preserver, loaded, and hauled to the nearest point where ground crews can assist. If a victim(s) has a more serious injury or medical need, they will be treated or stabilized, packaged, loaded, and moved to a safe location where an ambulance is staged. In the event the patient is unable to be loaded into a boat, a floating stokes basket may be used, securing the patient to the side of boat where they can be constantly monitored. Rescues involving the Ohio or Green Rivers, the DC and YFDs will respond with larger boats designed for the rivers. These boats will also be fully equipped with medical and safety equipment. The Daviess County Fire Service works well in conjunction with other agencies and operates using a Unified Incident Command, if needed; the Incident Command can request mutual aid from: Emergency Management: Daviess County Dive Team (Large Pontoon Boat and Divers), Owensboro Fire Department: Large Fire Boat, Large Jon Boat and a Zodiac (Inflatable Boat), Yelvington Fire Department: In addition to their Large River Boat and Jon Boat, has a Zodiac (Inflatable Boat). I hope this gives the court and the public an idea of how the fire service handles emergency water rescues. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have."

Judge Mattingly emphasized that the paid stations have paramedics, who can provide advanced life support.

Chief Smeathers stated, "We have one paramedic per shift at each station. We carry everything on our rescue trucks (and our rescue trucks pull our boats) that an ambulance carries with the exception of a stretcher."

Judge explained the reason for the following presentation has to do with the availability for grants.

EMA Director Richard Payne presented information regarding Drainage. He stated, "I have checked with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management's Mitigation Program, and they

have assured us that presently there are no grants at this point in time. I went further and checked with FEMA, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, USDA, Rural Development Corporation, Kentucky Division of Water, and Congressman Guthrie's office. Unfortunately, there are currently no grants available for this or any type of mitigation project."

Judge Mattingly stated, "I had asked you to look at the availability or possibility of there being grants to buy properties, and I know I had mentioned that and several residents said we don't want to do that – we like where we live, but I said let's go ahead and check anyway. Right now the requirements of FEMA are such that really this neighborhood would not qualify."

Mr. Payne stated, "Unfortunately, no; because no competitive loss properties have been turned into the national flood insurance program. No doubt there has been competitive losses on their own insurance."

Judge Mattingly stated, "Mark, I know that you and Commissioners Wathen and Castlen spent some time down in that west end looking at some of the creeks that drain that particular area. Would you care to tell us what you found and what we did?"

County Engineer Brasher stated, "Last Monday, Commissioners Wathen and Castlen and I did some extensive reviews of Rhodes Creek and Gilles Ditch. We went up and down it and checked crossings. We did notice that there could be some blockages in a certain section. Commissioner Wathen and I did get out and walk a section of Rhodes Creek North and we did find a beaver dam that was several feet tall. We found that on Monday, we spoke to the property owner on Monday afternoon. They were not able to get out there in a timely fashion to remove that so we had our crew go out there and remove that Tuesday morning."

Judge Mattingly noted that that beaver dam more than likely did not cause the flooding. Knowing of that beaver dam, he asked Mr. Brasher to periodically review that section of ditch.

Commissioner Wathen stated, "One of the reasons we were able to do what we did, as far as taking out the beaver dam, is because Rhodes Creek is on our maintenance program, and it met the criteria that we set up for maintenance."

Minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting were submitted to fiscal court members for review prior to today's meeting and on a motion of Commissioner Lambert, seconded by Commissioner Wathen with all the Court concurring said Minutes were approved and signed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, 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 Lambert, the court considered for approval the Spay/Neuter Grant Program with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for \$1,650.

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 Advertise for the following Annual Bids:

- **Bid No. 1-2014:** Engine Oils & Lubricants
- **Bid No. 2-2014:** Bituminous Hot Mix & Pavement Milling

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 for approval to Award **Bid No. 31-2013** for Two (2) Physio-Control Lifepak 15 Units to Physio-Control for \$59,312.90.

Chief Smeathers stated, "These are replacing units and there is a trade-in of two old units. One is out of service and one is in need of repair. One of the awarding units is a budgeted item and the other is a grant from Owensboro Health."

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 Lambert, the court considered for approval to Accept the Quotes from Lanes Used Cars Inc. for the following Surplus Solid Waste Equipment Items:

- 2000 Hyundai HL 760 Front End Loader for \$8,200
- 1994 Mack CH613 5th Wheel Road Tractor for \$2,800

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 Lambert, the court considered for approval to Hire Darrell Ashby as a Truck Driver at the Transfer Station for the Department of Solid Waste effective November 11, 2013, and contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment testing.

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 to Transfer James Hamilton to the Department of Solid Waste as a Truck Driver for the Transfer Station effective November 11, 2013, and contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment testing.

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 for approval to Transfer Keary Boone to the Department of Public Works as a Service Technician effective November 11, 2013, and contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment testing.

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 Lambert, the court considered for approval the **Second Reading of KOC 630.1 (2013)** - An Ordinance Establishing Water Quality and Quantity Policies relating to Stormwater runoff.

Comments:

County Attorney Claud Porter stated, "We are required by federal law to have in place a stormwater runoff ordinance. These are for mostly construction areas and other kind of stormwater runoffs. This is to get us into compliance with that federal law. The only thing that we have really done or changed is in section 6, which are maintenance agreements. The maintenance agreements basically are what we already have in place. We will review any agreement(s) that a private development had in the past and if those stormwater runoffs don't meet requirements then they will be required to make the changes that would bring them into compliance."

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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval to Hire Jerrod Heath Huff as a Service Technician in the Department of Public Works effective November 11, 2013.

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 Lambert, the court considered for approval to Hire Richard B. Freels as a Firefighter/EMT with the Daviess County Fire Department contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment testing.

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

Comments:

Commissioner Lambert mentioned that county schools are celebrating and honoring local veterans with programs. He encouraged all to take part in honoring local veterans.

Commissioner Castlen discussed his recent trip and experience as a guardian on an Honor Flight. He stated, "It is a remarkable experience. For each veteran attending, it was a joy to have assisted you and to have accompanied you on this trip. I would encourage folks that are watching to find a veteran in their life and encourage them to make the trip and maybe sign up and be a guardian and go with them."

Judge Mattingly announced that the next fiscal court meeting will be held at Owensboro Catholic High School on November 21st at 12:15 p.m. He also reminded all that Saturday is the Veterans Day parade.

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

Al Mattingly
Daviess County Judge/Executive