

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 18th day of December 2014.
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 DECEMBER 18, 2014 FISCAL COURT FILE

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

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Lambert, the court considered for approval to amend today's agenda moving item 3 (N) to follow 2 (E), as listed on the agenda.

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

Christina O'Bryan of the Economic Development Advisory Council presented information regarding Specialty Food Group (SFG), formally Fields. She stated, "I am here on behalf of the Economic Development Advisory Council. Our board met on December 9, and discussed the expansion plans of SFG. We recommend that fiscal court allocate funds from the Economic Development pool in an amount up to \$260,000. This would be approved per job. We anticipate the creation of up to 65 jobs - \$4,000 per job. This would have a 10-year window. There would be a callback provision for the jobs that were not created by that time frame, if necessary."

Patty Osborne, Greater-Owensboro Economic Development Corp., stated, "The project total is approximately \$3 million and 65 jobs will be created. The average wage is \$16.00 without benefits - \$24.60 with benefits. The project will begin 2015, and completion date will be 2018. Machinery and equipment is basically the project."

Judge Mattingly asked, "What are they going to do with that project?"

Ms. Osborne replied, "It includes a new food processing/packaging line and a few minor building improvements."

Judge Mattingly announced and congratulated SFG as they are celebrating their 100th anniversary.

Bob Blume, Corporate Controller for SFG, stated, "As already noted, we are trying to expand capacity. We have hit capacity and are looking to expand to a third production line that will help with the ham side of the business. We are also looking to build a smokehouse, a blast freezer, and tumblers to help support the new line."

Judge Mattingly directed County Attorney Claud Porter to prepare all necessary paperwork for the court to approve this project's funding.

Commissioner Lambert supports this initiative.

Commissioner Wathen stated, "This is exactly the type of expansion we were looking for when we established this fund. On behalf of the 65 people who will be hired by SFG, I thank you."

Minutes of the December 4, 2014 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 Lambert, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered approval of the Daviess County Public Schools 2015 Lease 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 Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval the Bond Release for Deer Valley, Section 1, Units 2 & 3 for Streets and Sidewalks.

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 Hire David "Andy" Ball as the **Director of Daviess County Emergency Management Agency**, upon successful completion of pre-employment testing (Start date is December 29, 2014).

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 appoint David "Andy" Ball (58-2014) to the **Director Daviess County Emergency Management Agency** (Richard Payne served 20 years) - TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019.

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 Wathen, the court considered for approval to accept the Retirement Resignation of Robert Henderson, senior equipment operator, effective 12/31/2014 (23 years of service).

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 appoint the follows:

- Angela Clark (56-2014) to the **OASIS Board** (Served 2 terms) - TERM: 12/1/2014 – 12/1/2017
- Jan Goldman (57-2014) to the **OASIS Board** (Melanie Ewing served 2 terms) - TERM: 12/1/2014 – 12/1/2017
- Beena Vora (30-2014) to the **Library Board** (Vicki Tinsley served 1 term) - TERM: Immediately – 9/13/2018
- Lewatis McNeal (34-2014) to the **Library Board** (Filling the unexpired term of Jonathon Carroll who served 1+ terms) - TERM: Immediately – 9/13/2017
- Nathan Grant (35-2014) to the **Extension District** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017
- Suzanne Cecil White (36-2014) to the **Extension District** (Joan Hayden served 2 terms) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017
- Cindy Fiorella (37-2014) to the **Green River Area Development District** (Served 2 terms) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017
- Mattie Jones (38-2014) to the **Green River Area Council on Aging** (Served 3 terms) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017
- Lewis Jean (39-2014) to the **OMPC** (Wally Taylor served 2 terms) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2018
- Ward Pedley (40-2014) to the **OMPC Board of Appeals** (Served 4 terms) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2018
- Ross Leigh (41-2014) to the **MidAmerica Development Review Board** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017
- Barry Smith (42-2014) to the **Daviess County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Board (DC-ASAP)** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- Jim Hendrix (43-2014) to the **Daviess County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Board Fiscal Agent** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- David Smith (44-2014) to the **Daviess County Fiscal Court's Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2018
- Mark Brasher (45-2014) to the **Storm Water Quality Advisory Committee** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2018
- Mark Brasher (46-2014) to the **Transportation Advisory Commission** (Served 1 term) - TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019

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 appoint Commissioner George Wathen to the following:

- (47-2014) to the **Drainage Commission Ex-officio/County official** (Served 1 term)
TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017
- (48-2014) to the **Economic Development Properties County official** (Served 1 term)
TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- (49-2014) to the **Parks Board County official** (Jim Lambert served 4 terms)
TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- (50-2014) to the **Stormwater Quality Advisory Committee County official** (Served 1 term)
TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2018
- (51-2014) to the **Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce County official** (Served 4 terms)
TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2015

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

By a motion of Commissioner Lambert, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval to appoint Commissioner Charlie Castlen to the following:

- (52-2014) to the **Transportation Advisory Commission** *County official* (Lim Lambert served 1 term)
TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- (53-2014) to the **Economic Development Advisory Commission** *Ex-officio/County official* (Jim Lambert served 1 term)
TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017
- (54-2014) to the **Regional Transportation Committee** *County official* (Jim Lambert served 1 term)
TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019

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

By a motion of Commissioner Lambert, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval to appoint Commissioner- Elect Mike Koger to the following:

- (55-2014) to the **DC-SWEEP** *County official* (George Wathen served 1 term)
TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- (61-2014) to the **Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee** *County official* (Jim Lambert served 1 term)
TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- (59-2014) to the **Structural Evaluation Committee** *County official* (Charlie Castlen served 1 term)
TERM: 1/1/2015 – 1/1/2019
- (60-2014) to the **Daviess County Animal Care and Control Board** *Ex-officio/County official* (George Wathen served 1 term)
TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2018
- (62-2014) to the **Drug/Alcohol Steering Committee** *County official* (Charlie Castlen served 1 term)
TERM: 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2017

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 150.9 (2014)** – An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement of February 26, 1999, by and between Ohio County, Muhlenberg County, Hancock County, Daviess County, and McLean County.

Comments:

No comments received.

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 Lambert, the court considered for approval an Easement with City Utility Commission regarding property on Hwy 144 (formerly U.S. 60 East), and authorization for the Judge/Executive to sign said easement.

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 an Easement with City Utility Commission regarding property along Bullfrog Boulevard, and authorization for the Judge/Executive to sign said easement.

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 Lucas Johnson as a Service Technician in the Department of Public Works effective December 29, 2014, subject to successful completion of pre-employment screenings.

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 James McIntyre as a Service Technician in the Department of Public Works effective January 4, 2015, subject to successful completion of pre-employment screenings.

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

Jokingly, Commissioner Wathen made a motion to change the name of Little Hurricane Boat Ramp to Lambert's Landing. Following this motion, a motion was made to amend said motion and re-name the ramp to Lambert's Landing and Dog Park. For the lack of court support, both motions failed. This was all done as a joke benefitting Commissioner Lambert.

Commissioner Wathen stated, "For 14-years, Commissioner Lambert has worked to acquire this boat ramp. Just this past year, the court took possession of the ramp, and it has been added to the county park system.

On a more serious note, **by a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen,** the court considered for approval to re-name the Pioneer Village at Yellow Creek Park to the James Lambert Pioneer Village.

Commissioner Wathen recognized Commissioner Lambert for his efforts to establish this village. The village came to life due to his hard work and initiative. Jim has been the court's parks liaison for 16-years. Under his care, the county parks system has grown from 226 acres to 444 acres. He introduced the concept of the 1.7 miles of the Greenbelt connector between Brookhill and Millers Mill Road. He came up with the ideas of having fireworks in the summer and Christmas lights in the winter at Panther Creek Park.

The court expressed appreciation for all that Commissioner Lambert has done for Daviess County during his 4-terms in office.

Commissioner Lambert stated, "When first coming into office 14-years ago, the court prior to that had left the county in good financial condition, and we were able to do some things. We had some interesting issues to deal with like the smoking ordinance, building a new jail, increase in property tax to fund the new convention center, and we had some tough issues to deal with

during that term. I very much enjoyed working with the members of the past court. That court also left the current court in good financial condition, and this court has been able to make a lot of progress – expand the parks, economic development, improve infrastructure, cut spending. Both courts have served the public well. There were some good times and some not so good times. The county employees are really unbelievable. I spend most of my time here at the courthouse and this bunch here is very special. They spoil me. So, thank you – thank you.

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

Comments:

Judge Mattingly presented Commissioner Lambert with a gavel which depicted his time on the fiscal court.

Joe Elliot said, "Commissioner Lambert has been a good asset to this county. He has always been more for the people than he has himself. You have been a good commissioner."

Commissioner Lambert's nephew stated, " On behalf of all the Lamberts, Jim, we are so proud of you. From a snot-nosed kid from Tywappity Bottoms, I'd say you have done a pretty good job."

Representative Tommy Thompson stated, "We are excited for Jim as he is moving into a new chapter in his life, but we are also sad as we will all miss his leadership, which has been exemplary here in Daviess County. There is going to be a void when he leaves. I have a citation from the Kentucky House of Representatives that I would like to present to you. It applauds and recognizes your service as a Commissioner for 16-years and is signed by Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives Greg Stumbo. You have been a passionate and effective leader. You have made a difference. Daviess County is a much better place to call home because of the service of Jim Lambert. Thank you for what you have done and for your friendship."

Kirk Kirkpatrick of the GO Chamber of Commerce stated, "I too have had the privilege of working with you. By your actions, you have proven to have the best interest of the public in mind. You truly are the epitome of a public servant. Thank you and you will be remembered for a long, long time.

Former County Commissioner Bruce Kunze stated, "I remember Jim for primarily 2 things. Jim loves to eat and loves to talk. And he does both of them well. Jim was a very stabilizing influence on the prior court, and I am sure he has been on this court. Jim helped us through tough issues. I only remember once seeing Jim get angry, and that had to do with Short Station Road. Other than that, he was always calm. I appreciate working with you, Jim. It has been a pleasure and honor. Congratulations."

Commissioner Lambert replied, "There were times of disagreement on this and the prior courts. Although we have had disagreements, we have never been disagreeable. It has been a pleasure."

Former County Commissioner Mike Riney stated, "Congratulations, Jim. I wish you well in retirement. Thank you, Jim for your dedication."

Commissioner Castlen stated, "I want to thank Jim for coaching this court as we came on board. You brought history with you and were able to explain to us why certain things were in place."

Judge Mattingly announced that the January 2015 court meetings have been rescheduled to January 8 & 15 at 5:00 p.m. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Al Mattingly
Davies County Judge/Executive