

**Minutes of the November 2, 2017
Daviness County Fiscal Court Meeting
Held at the Daviness County, Kentucky Courthouse**

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

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

The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting were submitted to fiscal court members for review prior to today's meeting and on a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen with all the Court concurring said Minutes were approved and signed.

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.

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval to Contract with Weaver Consultants Group to Design the Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Expansion and Prepare project Bid Documents.

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 Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval Award the following:

- **Bid No. 32-2017:** New HVAC System for County Clerk's Office to Harry Roberts Plumbing and Heating for \$26,649
- **Bid No. 37-2017:** Elevator Maintenance Services to DC Elevator per listed building rates

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 Koger, the court considered for approval Hire Andrew Wilson as a Firefighter/EMT effective 11/06/2017.

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 Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval Hire Austin Payne as a Seasonal Intern in the Engineering Dept. effective 12/11/2017.

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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval Second Reading of KOC A.92.01; 14-2017 – Budget Amendment No. 1.

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.

Judge Mattingly encouraged the public to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the drafted 2018 Owensboro-Daviess County Community Priorities List. He explained, "The creation of this biannual list was developed a few years ago with the intent to clearly illustrate the community's agreed upon, most important Transportation and Capital Project needs. As a unified community, this list is presented to the state legislators prior to the State General Assembly session. Currently, Following all public input and comments, a finale list will be published that sends our unified community message to our state legislators." As we all know, Frankfort is not financially strong right now, so to expect that all of these needs will be funded, is not realistic, but we should still ask, he said.

Said proposed list follows:

Capital Priorities:

- Second Family Court Judge
- New Judicial Center
- Light the Blue Bridge

Legislative Priorities:

- Home-Rule/Flexibility in Local Government Tax Structure

Transportation Priorities:

- Maintain Funds for the 6-year Road Plan and Natcher Upgrade for I-69
- Complete I-69 and Upgrade Audubon Parkway to I-69 Spur
- Four-Lane Highway 331, serving Riverport and Industry
- Light the Blue Bridge

Newly hired Economic Development CEO Mark Snell reviewed the results of the 2016-2018 list and noted the following as either funding has been secured or item is completed.

First Family Court Judge

- ✓ Family Residency Program at Owensboro Health
- ✓ Funding for Upgrading the Natcher Parkway to an I-69 Spur
- ✓ Downtown Parking Garage and Transportation Hub

Regarding the proposed Legislative Priority: Home-Rule/Flexibility in Local Government Tax Structure, the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Director Candance Brake stated, "This is just to remind state government that we, the residents of Owensboro-Daviess County, deserve the right to decide how we are going to tax ourselves. There's great local legislative support for loosening up this taxing structure."

Commissioner Castlen noted that the three tiers of taxing: local, state, and federal are, in his opinion, inverted. Instead of local receiving the least amount of taxes, we should be where the federal currently is, at the top, receiving the majority of our tax dollars. If this was the case, we could do things for our community that we believe are important.

Public Input:

Lindsey Boone stated her support for keeping more of our tax dollars here.

For anyone wishing to add a recommendation to the list, please email that information to Chamber@owensboro.com.


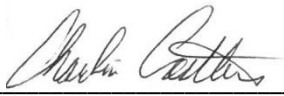
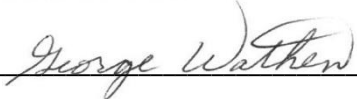

Comments:

Alex Legrand asked the court to encourage the state to try harder to solve the devastatingly underfunded pensions. He stated, "State workers often have gone years without a pay increase, and now that they are retiring, they counted on their pensions to survive. It is just not right nor has it been right for the many elected state legislators to have kept sweeping the known problem under the rug."

Judge Mattingly acknowledged Mr. Legrand's comments and stated, "In the end, I think the tax payers are going to see their tax burden significantly increase to cover the underfunded pension funds, and I do not see this issue resolved during this session."

Judge Mattingly recognized the November 2017 Anniversary of Public Works HEO Zachary Winkler – 5 years of service.

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

Judge/Executive:  Commissioner: 
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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 7th day of December 2017.

Jennifer C. Warren, Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk