

**Minutes of the April 9, 2018
Daviness County Fiscal Court Meeting
Held at the Daviness County 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.

Judge Mattingly proclaimed April 2018 as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

The Daviness County Extension District 2018/2019 Budget was presented for recording.

Judge Mattingly was proud to report that this budget reflects no tax increase.

Commissioner Wathen asked Agent Clint Hardy if the employees in the extension office are state employees.

Agent Clint Hardy stated, "The Extension office employees are employees of the University of Kentucky, but are not in the state pension program. Three agent positions are paid for through state tax dollars and the remaining agents and staff are paid for through our district tax."

Carl Sheperd presented the following information regarding the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

In a disaster, many organizations want to help and that is where VOAD comes in. VOAD was created to organize volunteers and personnel to maximize their usefulness to the fullest and to avoid duplication of services during a disaster. VOAD facilitates personnel training in all phases of a disaster, relief through courses and exercises, so when a disaster occurs we are prepared and ready.

VOAD Membership/Nominations Committee: was established with an Executive Committee made of VOAD officers & representative from each of the other committees, including representatives from the EMA, Red Cross, Salvation Army, GRADD, Green River Health District, and city & county parks. The fiscal agent is Lewis Lane Baptist Church.

VOAD HISTORY/STRUCTURE:

Daviess County VOAD was formed in Sept. 2010, through the efforts of DCEMA and the Kentucky State VOAD office. In a disaster, EMA activates VOAD by contacting the VOAD Chair/Vice Chair. VOAD includes groups of local volunteer organizations, primarily churches, service clubs and nonprofit governmental agencies. VOAD was initially charged with taking care of the two biggest distractions EMA has when responding to a disaster: Volunteers showing up wanting to help and truckloads of supplies arriving unannounced. To solve these issues the following committees were formed:

- **Volunteer Reception Center**- volunteers are processed and sent to serve those in need. First Presbyterian Church has accepted this task and have over 40 fully trained and tested personnel to perform this valuable service. Trinity Episcopal Church is there backup.
- **Donations In Kind/Emergency Distribution Center**: Upon receiving donations, Lewis Lane Baptist Church shall sort and distribute donations as necessary.

In addition to the above, the following committees were also established:

- **Sheltering Committee**: Red Cross was congressionally mandated to provide sheltering in disasters, but over the past years, reorganization has reduced KY offices to Louisville, Paducah and Owensboro, covering 23 counties. Obviously spread too thin during a single disaster, they would quickly become overwhelmed during a catastrophic, multiple disaster event. Therefore, VOAD has been tasked with setting up and operating shelters for the first 72 hours following a disaster or until Red Cross sends personnel and supplies.
- **Call Center Committee**: Trained telephone operators answer calls from the general public with disaster related information and log calls according to established priorities. Calls for help are forwarded to the on-duty VOAD officer for prioritization and action. Current operators are furnished by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Catholic Church.

VOAD is in the process of forming the following two committees:

- **Food Committee**: Oversight of meal prep and delivery to shelters, first responders, and volunteers. This committee will also coordinate mobile kitchens and identify churches with kitchens large enough to accomplish their purpose.
- **Long-Term Recovery Committee**: They should include and cover government, private sector, social services, faith-based units, and economic & cultural diversity. They manage areas of administration, construction management, communications, case management, donations management, and spiritual care.
- **Subcommittees** - Special Access Needs Committee and Animal/Pet Committee

In the near future, VOAD would like to complete more shelter surveys & agreements, train shelter teams in disaster exercises, staff and organize the Food Committee, establish the Long-Term Recovery Team, and obtain electrical back-ups for shelters.

The court recognized Mr. Sheperd and the entire VOAD team for their commitment to the safety and well-being of all Daviess County citizens.

County Treasurer Jim Hendrix presented the Treasurer’s Report for February 2018.

Minutes of the March 13, 2018 court meeting were submitted to fiscal court members for review prior to today's meeting and on a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen with all the Court concurring said Minutes were approved and signed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, 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 Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Resolution 04-2018** regarding Transportation of Non-Public School Students.

Mr. Hendrix stated, "This is an annual resolution regarding our participation in the state reimbursed program to recoup a percentage of the cost the county incurred to transport non-public schools students."

Judge Mattingly noted that in the state's upcoming transportation budget this program was cut, but due to a great deal of public backlash, the funding was restored. He also noted that this general assembly has yet to pass the transportation budget and it was not a part of today's governor's veto of the state budget.

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; MOA with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC) and Daviess County Detention Center regarding a KTC Work Program.

David Smith stated, "Last year, the Department of Highways (DOH) met with former Jailer David Osborne and they asked if he would be agreeable to reinstating this program. Due to numerous budget cuts over the years, the DOH sees a significant struggle in order to maintain state right-of-ways. With this program, DOH could utilize county inmates to perform right-of-way maintenance and in exchange, the DOH will pay the salary and related costs associated with the jail providing a deputy jailer to oversee the inmates while they work. It is really a win-win."

Judge Mattingly stated, "The difference in the prior discontinued program was that DOH provided the oversight and in this modified program, the jail will provide qualified personnel to oversee the inmates."

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; Advertise:

- **Bid No. 05-2018:** Gas System Expansion Construction Project (Landfill)
- **Bid No. 06-2018:** Bulk Delivered Fuels (Annual)
- **Bid No. 07-2018:** Ready-Mix Concrete (Annual)
- **Bid No. 08-2018:** Culvert Pipe (Annual)
- **Bid No. 09-2018:** Crushed Limestone (Annual)
- **Bid No. 10-2018:** Tire Repair & Maintenance Services (Annual)
- **Bid No. 11-2018:** Janitorial Services for County Administrative Facilities (Annual)
- **Bid No. 12-2018:** Janitorial Services for Morton J. Holbrook Judicial Center (Annual)

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; Hire Larry Worth, Matthew Terry and Alexis Ambs as seasonal Park Attendants effective upon 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 Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Appoint Laurel Beatty (13-2018) to the Daviess Co. Parks Board - TERM: 4/9/2018 – 4/01/2021.

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; Appoint Carlin Gregory (10-2018) to the Ohio County Water Board - TERM: 4/01/2018 – 4/01/2022.

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

Comments:

Henderson County Judge/Executive Brad Schneider thanked the court for graciously authorizing and allowing the citizens of Henderson a reduced landfill rate for home damage debris following the recent flooding. He emphasized his county's sincerity to return the favor if ever possible.

The court members thanked Judge/Executive Schneider for taking time personally come and deliver the message of appreciation.

Commissioner Castlen has received community concerns regarding the poor condition of various county roads. He encouraged citizens to please be patient as the recent floods have caused numerous roads to need repaired. The County Engineer has assured us that road crews are working diligently to repair all county roads in need. Judge Mattingly noted that prior to the recent flooding our county roads were, for the most part, in good condition. He also said, at one time during the flooding, the county had over 100 roads covered by flood waters, some not once, but twice.

Judge Mattingly noted that HB 166 failed to pass even though at a recent court meeting, strong marijuana supporter Daniel Sosh told the court and the public that he guaranteed the state's passage of HB 166 - legalizing (medical) marijuana. Judge Mattingly thought Congressman Bret Guthrie handled himself very well as he took quite a lashing from a couple of those folks.



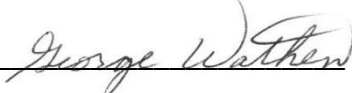

"At one time," said Judge Mattingly, "the general assembly passed a bill that would phase in pension increases, but was then vetoed by the governor. In order to balance the budget, the general assembly then found it expedient to pass a tax increase on sundry services, followed by tax rebates and both the budget and revenue bills were ultimately vetoed by the governor. So, I don't know what is going on up there. Tomorrow, I intend to travel to Frankfort with a number of folks from KACo as well as other Judge/Executives, Commissioners, and Magistrates in hopes of speaking to the governor's chief of staff to convey how important we believe it is to all local governments that pension increases be phased in. If not, some local governments will simply be forced into bankruptcy. We are not denying the cost exists nor are we denying that we don't have a dog in the fight."

The Friendly Village sewer extension construction bids will be opened April 25, 2018. Judge Mattingly noted, "To put this project in perspective, 5.3 miles of sewer pile will be installed."

Judge Mattingly anticipates the issue of a needle exchange program coming before local governments. He stated, "As a Health Department Board member and your Judge/Executive I plan to support this initiative because it is Daviess County Fiscal Court's responsibility to protect public health. He does not believe a needle exchange program will increase illegal drug use, but rather, it has been proven that these programs have reduced the spreading of blood-borne diseases such as hepatitis. As this program must receive a favorable vote by local governments, there will be ample time for public comments."

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 17th day of April 2018.

Jennifer C. Warren, Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk