

**Minutes of the March 21, 2019
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.

Judge Mattingly recognized Apollo High School Wrestling Team and State Champion Preston Mattingly.

Judge Mattingly proclaimed March 2019 as Women's History Month.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2019 was presented.

Minutes of the March 5, 2019 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 Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, 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; Resolution 04-2019 – Transportation of Non-Public School Students.
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; Apply for the 2019/20 KY PRIDE Recycling Grant for the purpose of purchasing 4 Roll Off Containers for the Transfer Station.

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; Contract with Erb Equipment Company to Repair a 2014 John Deer Loader (Transfer Station).

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; Purchase Two (2) Portable Radios from the KY State Master Agreement (Fire Dept.).

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; Contract with Eden Fence, Inc. per KYTC Master Agreement to repair the Ben Ford Road Guardrail.

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; Contract with Trott Communications to perform a County Radio System Needs Assessment.

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; Surety Bond Release for Lake Forest Unit No. 21.

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; Hire John Hodskins as a Public Works Utility Laborer effective 4/1/19 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 Wathen, the court considered for approval; Hire James Havener as a Public Works Service Technician effective 4/8/19 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 Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Advertise for a Public Works Mechanic.

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; **Second Reading of KOC 611.16 (2019); 06-2019 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of Assessment Warrants for the Pleasant View Estates Area.**

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.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; **Second Reading of KOC 611.17 (2019); 07-2019 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of Assessment Warrants for the Hayden Road Neighborhood Area**

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.

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Judge Mattingly announced, "We have an ambulance agreement "in-principle" and next Thursday, March 28 2019, the Daviess County Fiscal Court and Owensboro City Commission will jointly meet for a special called meeting to discuss this agreement."

Judge Mattingly noted that the county is looking at a \$2.5 to \$2.8 million shortfall in the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget. He stated, "The vast majority of this shortfall relates to the pension issue along with federal and state governments putting more regulations on county governments regarding jail funding. We are looking at an approximate \$2.5 million budget increase this next fiscal year and similar amounts each year thereafter. The county will need to pull from reserves to cover this upcoming fiscal year's shortfall, but we will be unable to sustained such repeated demands before reserves become depleted. Therefore, I plan to present a two-step occupational tax increase (current rate is 0.35%). Effective January 1, 2020, an 0.35% increase to stem the bleeding and effective January 1, 2021, an additional increase of 0.30%. This will establish a 1% county occupational tax, which is typical of most Kentucky counties with an occupational tax. At 1%, the county will be able to address the pension issues and, as we see it today, the jail's financial needs. It will also allow the county to utilize reserve dollars to purchase new voting machines and address public safety needs, such as adding deputies and increasing the rate of pay for bailiffs and upgrading our emergency radios." He also spoke about the conservative spending habits of this court and discussed options which could help pay the convention center bond off much faster than anticipated. He stated, "There are a number of things to consider and discuss over the next few weeks."

Judge Mattingly announced the First Quarter Employee Anniversary of Fire Department Lieutenant Charlie Rafferty – 20 years.

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 4th day of April 2019.

Jennifer Warren, Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk

