

**Minutes of the October 15, 2020
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**

Today's meeting was open to essential personnel only, but made available live to the public via the Daviness County Fiscal Court's Facebook live page. Through the media, citizens were notified that public comments shall be available on the same Facebook page or by submitting them to 270-929-1010 (voice/text).

The meeting opened in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Treasurer Jim Hendrix presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2020. Treasurer Hendrix: We have a fairly healthy general fund for this time of year. Normally, we run one of the lowest balances in that account this time of year. It's high right now because we received the \$5.5 million bond for the radio system. Over the next 12-24 months, that amount will be dispersed as that project is constructed.

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the October 1, 2020, Court Meeting.

The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, said motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; All Claims for All Departments.

The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, said motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding.

David Smith: This is for the Cash-For-Trash (CFT) program. Approving the application and agreement is the step in this process. The grant amount is not yet known, but typically it is anywhere from \$60,000 to

\$70,000. We may be accepting CFT program applications now, but if not, we will be very soon. The amount we pay per mile will depend on the amount we are awarded and the number of approved applications.

Commissioner Castlen: These are county roadways, not state highways. So comparatively, these roads have much less in the way of volume.

The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, said motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; **Resolution 25-2020:** Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-cv) Recovery Kentucky Program for the purpose of mitigating severe financial distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic at Owensboro Regional Recovery (ORR).

Judge Mattingly read Resolution 25-2020: Whereas, the Daviess County Fiscal Court wishes to apply for funding from the CDBG-cv Recovery Kentucky program for the purpose of mitigating severe financial distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic at the ORR; and, Whereas, the Daviess County Fiscal Court endorses said proposed project; and, Whereas the county understands that the CDBG-cv is a federally funded program; and, Whereas the Daviess County Fiscal Court is eligible to apply for assistance through the CDBG-cv Recovery Kentucky program.

Judge Mattingly: As was noted during today's public hearing, this contains the proposed application of \$200,000 for Community Development Block Grant – COVID-19 relief (CDBG-cv) recovery Kentucky funds for submission to the Department of Local Government (DLG). The public hearing was held in an effort to obtain public views on housing and community development needs and to inform low and moderate-income persons that technical assistance is available through GRADD in developing grant proposals for CDBG programs. Effective August 10, 2020, housing and urban development made CDBG-cv funds available to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Corona Virus. The state of Kentucky's allocation, over three rounds of funding, totaled \$41,036,762. The DLG has set aside \$2.8 million to \$3.1 million, approximately \$200,000 per Recovery Kentucky Center for recovery coverage and will be utilize to assist the ORR for expenses caused by the coronavirus. Since the project funds are being sought through the housing and urban development administration, it must be advised that the uniform displacement act does not apply to this project as no residents have been or will be displaced due to the activities of this project. A copy of the uniform displacement act is available through GRADD, Daviess County Fiscal Court or DLG. As you are aware, back in March or April of this year, the Administrative Offices of the Courts shut down the courts. The courts are the folks who would refer clients to the ORR. I think ORR was provided about \$200,000 in CDBG funds at the beginning of this year for their operation and those funds are augmented by other grants and actually by the clients paying rent while at the facility. Since the courts were not referring anyone to them, they dropped from treating roughly 90 to 95 folks on average to under 50, which cut into their operation funds considerably. There was question as to whether these funds were going to be available. I set in on a couple of zoom meetings and in effect, ORR's financials through August 2020, depicted an operating deficit of \$143,000, which convinced DLG that the need was there. This CDBG grant should cover that deficit, and get them through the rest of the year hopefully by then perhaps the pandemic will either be over or a vaccine will be created and we will start operating closer to normal. I know that ORR Director Sarah Atkins and her staff are anxious to move on this as quickly as possible.

No comments were received.

The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, said motion passed.

Public Comments:

No comments were reported.

Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

Commissioner Wathen: Regarding my recommendation a few meetings ago, of creating a policy for when adding positions to the current county employee listing, that the court is provided an opportunity to vote on the addition before advertising for applicants. I am not sure where this stands, but would still like to have a policy for us to look at.

Judge Mattingly: I think we left it in the hands of the County Attorney to prepare some kind of a document. I understand where perhaps we need to talk about that. He asked the County Attorney to prepare, for the 11/5 agenda, a document for the court to consider.

Commissioner Wathen: How will Halloween Trick-Or-Treating be this year? Will the kids go door-to-door or will this look different?

Judge Mattingly: The CDC's position on this is to cancel Halloween. I don't believe that's the Governor's position and it is not the city or county governments' position. However, the city did cancel Trunk-Or-Treats and some of those bigger gatherings. For those people who wish to do the door-to-door Trick-Or-Treating, you are asked to either stay within your family unit or at most, remain in your respective neighborhoods. I suggest that those who wish to give out candy, that they leave the porch light on you set a table outside with individually wrapped treats that are separated so that everybody is not reaching into the same container. When your child gets home, I also recommend the outer wrapper of treats be wiped down. The Governor has issued guidance and I think Clay Horton has been okay with that. I'm sure as a public health official, he probably would rather we don't, but realistically, he knows it is going to happen. During recent COVID-related Zoom meetings with local public health representatives and local leaders, I have conveyed this similar message. I think it's important to respect and understand those who do not wish to participate in this tradition this year. For motorists, please be watchful of kids out Trick-Or-Treating on Halloween


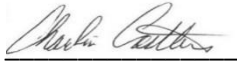
Commissioner Castlen encouraged people to vote.

Judge Mattingly: I encourage folks to go to the county clerk's website as it holds a world of information about voting. Early voting started Tuesday. Two polling sites have been set up, one here in the lobby and another at the old mall location. The courthouse location has ADA-compliant ramps on the Third Street entrance so come out and vote. Alternatively, for those concerned about their mail-in ballots being received in time, there are drop boxes located throughout the county as well as one in the courthouse lobby.

Judge Mattingly: Go to our website to view county locations that provide free Wi-Fi to all local students to use as needed.

Without objection, Judge/Executive Mattingly adjourned the meeting.

SO ORDERED THAT COURT STAND ADJOURNED.

Judge-Executive Al Mattingly  Commissioner Charlie Castlen 

Commissioner Mike Koger  Commissioner George Wathen 

I, duly appointed Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk Jennifer Warren, hereby certify that the above corresponding Order Book minutes were approved by the court on November 5, 2020.



Jennifer Warren
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk