

**Minutes of the March 18, 2021
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**

Today's meeting was limited to essential personnel, but made publically available via the Daviness Co. Fiscal Court's Facebook live page, where public questions/comments may be posted, or by contacting 270-929-1010 (voice/text).

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

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

Judge Mattingly: I want to emphasize the importance of continuing to mask up. Today, Daviness County is at 10.2 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population. I think that is as lowest we have been. We are on the verge of popping over into the yellow and out of the orange. We have got to continue to socially distance, avoid large crowds, wash hands, and wear a mask. The vaccines are here and are doing a good job particularly in our nursing homes and in our senior populations, of which the fatality rate of this demographic has been reduced by 92%. I think we could see a light at the end of the tunnel, but we can't become complacent.

Dave Kirk of the Owensboro-Daviness County Convention and Visitor's Bureau thanked the court for their help and support of the first annual, and highly successful, Owensboro Burger Week.

Mr. Kirk: COVID restrictions have financially hit restaurants extra hard and the Owensboro-Daviness County Burger Week was designed to inject additional revenue back into those businesses. This event was fun and highly successful. In this inaugural event, there were 24 local participating restaurants, which ran for 5 days. A total of 11,606 signature hamburgers were sold and brought in \$70,000. This along with the other items purchased, had positive financial impacts. O'Bryan's Bar and Grill won the event with Legends taking second place, and Wonder Whip coming in third. Participating restaurants were unaware of which "take-out" burger would be judged and the judges were not told which restaurant served which burger. This event received a great deal of media attention and it was great fun. We thank the Judge for his support by making and posting a video about this event.

Judge Mattingly: It was a great thing for the community and I thank the convention and visitors bureau. We look forward to the next promotion.

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the March 4, 2021 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; Fund Transfer from the Solid Waste Operating Account to the Construction Account.

David Smith: This is to stockpile rock for landfill construction.

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

As a reminder, Judge Mattingly welcomed public comments on Facebook.

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; **Resolution 06-2021** – Transportation of Non-Public School Students for FY 2020/2021.

Mr. Hendrix: This annual resolution starts the process for the state to reimburse the county for this ongoing provision.

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; Apply for the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Grant.

Mr. Smith: This gives people the opportunity to bring in household waste products that cannot be disposed of in the landfill. The state will reimburse the county 75% of the cost for this event. Our 25% portion can include labor costs. This event usually takes place each October and a list of acceptable items will be provided to the community.

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; Hire Jennifer Sequeira as Animal Control Officer eff. upon successful completion of pre-employment screening.

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; **Second Reading of KOC 621.20 (2021) 02-2021** – An Ordinance Relating to the Daviess County Road, Bridge and Street System.

Comments:

County Engineer Mark Brasher: This is an annual update to the road index. State law prohibits the county from working on any road that is not listed in this index.

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

No other business was brought before the court.

No public comments were received.

Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

Judge Mattingly recognized the First Quarter 2021 Employee Anniversaries:

5 Years:

Sam Hodskins, Sr. SW HEO
Danielle Fulkerson Parks Admin. Assist.
Ben Howerton Road Dept. HEO

10 Years:

Mark Brasher Co. Engineer

15 Years:

Eric Coleman Assist. Chief
Jake Cox Lt.
Al Wathen Lt.
Tim Terry Sr. Firefighter/EMT

20 Years:

Vicky Connor EMA Planner

Commissioner Koger: There was a dilapidated house on Fairview Drive, which is now demolished. I am glad to know that this unsafe and hazardous structure has been removed.

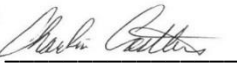
Commissioner Wathen: Tomorrow, at the Sports Center, will be a free paper shredding event for the community. There is a 100 pound limit per person.

Commissioner Koger: I have been receiving numerous calls regarding trash along the Owensboro Bypass. I tell them that the state maintains and has control over the bypass and provide them contact number at the State Highway Department in Madisonville.

Judge Mattingly: That is correct. And I agree, it looks terrible. As another example, people are also calling about trash along Highways 56 and 54, but these roads are also state roads. If the Jailer receives the okay to reinstate inmate cleanup crews, much of this trash and debris can be collected. As a reminder, we also have the Cash For Trash program fund where non-profits help with county road trash pickup for a cash reimbursement.

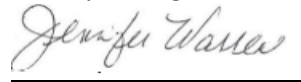
Without objection, Judge/Executive Mattingly adjourned the meeting.

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 April 1, 2021.



Jennifer Warren
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk