

**Minutes of the August 19, 2021, Daviess County Fiscal Court Meeting
Held at the Daviess County, Kentucky Courthouse
Present elected court officials: Judge/Executive Al Mattingly and County Commissioners
George Wathen, Charlie Castlen, and Mike Koger.**

Today's meeting is limited to essential personnel, but streamed live on the Daviess Co. Fiscal Court Facebook page. Public questions/comments during this meeting, may be posted to the Facebook live stream or by contacting 270-929-1010 (voice/text).

The Daviess County Public Health 2021 Tax Rate was presented.

Judge Mattingly: For the coming year, the tax rate is four cents per hundred dollars of assessed value. It has not changed from last year. Some other Kentucky county health departments have tax rates of up to 10 cents, which is the max, if I am not mistaken. Our local board and staff does an excellent job.

County Treasurer Jim Hendrix presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2021.

Treasurer Hendrix: At the end of July, the total cash balance is \$54,736,491, which is inflated due to the ARPA funds and Landfill operational monies.

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the August 5, 2021, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting.

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; 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 Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Sheriff's 2020 Unmined Coal Settlement and Quietus.

Treasurer Hendrix: This is the Sheriff's tax settlement for unmined coal receipts. I have reviewed it. It appears to be in order with our records and none of the other taxing districts have notified me of any errors.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Green River District Health Department's Resolution establishing their 2022 Tax Rates.

Judge Mattingly: There is no change in the tax rate, which is 4 cents per \$100 assessed value.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Owensboro Regional Recovery CDBG FY 2020-2021 Closeout Documents.

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; **Resolution 12-2021** and FY 2021/2022 ORR CDBG Application.

Judge Mattingly: This is for salaries and operational expenses.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Contract with Republic Services for Trash Collection Services for Daviess County Parks.

Assistant County Treasurer Jordan Johnson: This contract is for Republic Services to provide trash collection services for Horse Fork Creek Park, Panther Creek Park, Yellow Creek Park, and the Gun Club. We quoted this service among three providers, with annual costs ranging from \$6,255.00 per year to \$8,475.00 per year, and would recommend approval of the presented contract with Republic Services for \$6,255.00 per year for all locations. Parks staff, legal staff, and I have reviewed it. It is in order.

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; **Reject** Bid No. 20-2021 for One (1) New Excavator and Purchase same from the Kentucky State Master Agreement.

Mr. Johnson: Bid No. 20-2021 was for the provision of one (1) new hydraulic excavator for the Road Department. We received six bids, ranging from \$88,155.42 to \$125,289.00. As a matter of practice, we frequently offer local vendors the chance to bid against a standing State Master Agreement for items under contract with the State. The low bid we received had exceptions to our specifications that totaled roughly \$8,000 in missing features, meaning all bids received effectively exceeded the State Master Agreement by \$10,000 or more. In light of this, it is our recommendation to reject all bids received for

Bid No. 20-2021 and purchase one (1) new E88 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator from SMA#: 758-1800000379 for \$95,843.10.

Commissioner Wathen: Those items that were left off of the original bid, are they included in this new purchase recommendation?

Mr. Johnson: They are.

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; Award the following as presented:

***RFQ 12-2021:** One (1) New 4WD All Terrain Utility Vehicle to Hagan's Outdoor Equipment for \$12,650.

Mr. Johnson: This quote is for the provision of one (1) new 4WD all-terrain utility vehicle for the Daviess County Gun Club. We received three responsive quotes, ranging from \$12,650.00 to \$15,769.82, and recommend pursuing the low quote submitted by Hagan's Outdoor Equipment for the 2021 Kubota RTV-XG850-A unit for \$12,650.00. This is a budgeted item. There were no exceptions to our solicitation.

***Bid No. 17-2021:** Spay Neuter Clinic Equipment to Midwest Veterinary Supply for \$58,613.

Mr. Johnson: This bid is for the provision of the primary equipment necessary to operate the spay neuter clinic, which includes the anesthesia equipment, cages, oxygen concentrators, centrifuges, scales, surgical tables, surgical lighting, sterilization equipment and wet prep equipment. It is considered a standard startup order for all large items for a new clinic operation. We received two bids, ranging from \$58,613.00 to \$60,008.34, and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated quote submitted by Midwest Veterinary Supply for \$58,613.00. This is a budgeted purchase. There were no exceptions.

Commissioner Castlen: I noticed that you had an estimated delivery from the bid we were not accepting. It was a fixed date. And the other one says variable. Are all of those contained within the "variable" within the same timetable as the bid we rejected?

Mr. Johnson: Yes, Midwest's delivery will not come all at once, though they anticipate that all items will be delivered by the end of this October.

***Bid No. 21-2021:** One (1) New 3/4 Ton 4WD Regular Cab Pickup Truck to BF Evans Ford for \$31,149.52.

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new 3/4 ton 4WD regular cab pickup truck for the Road Department. We received three bids, ranging from \$31,149.52 to \$40,841.00, and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by BF Evans Ford for the 2022 Ford F250 regular cab unit for \$31,149.52. This is a budgeted item. The exception was that no extendable mirrors were included, which was ruled as minor by Fleet Maintenance and Road Department management.

***Bid No. 22-2021:** One (1) New 3/4 Ton 4WD Crew Cab Pickup Truck to BF Evans Ford for \$34,614.52.

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new 3/4 ton 4WD crew cab pickup truck for the Daviess County Road Department. We received three bids, ranging from \$34,614.52 to \$41,500.00, and recommend

award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by BF Evans Ford for the 2022 F250 crew cab unit in the amount of \$34,614.52. This is a budgeted item. The exception was that no extendable mirrors were included which again was ruled as minor by Fleet Maintenance and Road Department management.

***Bid No. 23-2021:** One (1) New 4WD Utility Tractor to Hagan’s Outdoor and Equipment for \$33,450.

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new 4WD utility tractor including a front loader with a 72" bucket and 48" pallet fork for the Daviess County Parks Department. We received two bids, ranging from \$33,450.00 to \$39,998.43, and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by Hagan's Outdoor Equipment for the 2021 Kubota M5660 SUHD unit for \$33,450.00. This is a budgeted item. There were no exceptions.

***Bid No. 25-2021:** One (1) New Roll-Off Truck to Kenworth of Evansville for \$163,738.

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new roll-off truck for the Grimes Avenue Transfer Station. We received four (4) bids, which, including bid option 1, ranged from \$160,070.00 to \$169,458.33, and recommend award to the best evaluated bid of Kenworth of Evansville for the 2022 Kenworth T880 unit exercising bid option #1 for the total amount of \$163,738.00. Bid option #1 is a 5 year/200,000 mile engine & exhaust, after treatment extended warranty. We are recommending the next lowest bid received instead of the lowest. The recommendation arrives 9 months sooner, and Fleet Maintenance anticipates we will save more than the \$3,668.00 difference by awarding the higher bid.

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 A.101 (2021); 07-2021:** An Ordinance relating to the Adoption of the 2021 Daviess County Tax Rates.

Comments:

Treasurer Hendrix: Last year’s real property tax rate was 13.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This year’s compensating rate is 13.1 cents. The court has chosen to neither increase nor decrease the ad valorem taxes and to leave all of the rates the same as they were last year.

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

Treasurer Hendrix presented the **First Reading of KOC A.100.01 (2021); 08-2021:** FY 2022 Budget Amendment.

Comments:

Mr. Hendrix: Because the CDBG grant for the utility assistance has taken such an extended period of time, it has carried over into this fiscal year. As such, in order for us to process those funds, a budget amendment is required.

No other business was brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court.

Public Comments:

Zack Farrell and Whitney Jewell, via Facebook, asked for a Panther Creek Park Water Tower update.

Judge Mattingly: We are waiting on the engineering report.

County Engineer Mark Brasher: We hope to have that report from by the 2nd meeting in September.

Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

Judge Mattingly: Congratulations to the Eastern Cal Ripken League for winning this year's world series.

Judge Mattingly: The public was recently given the opportunity to submit, online, their recommendations and suggestions on how the county's ARPA funds should be spent. This was made available on our webpage. We have over 1,200 people visit the page and 92 left a comment. Those visitors make up roughly 1% of our total population, but the comments I received about the survey itself were that people were not aware of the opportunity. When asked, they responded that they don't receive a newspaper, listen to news stations (radio/TV), nor participate in social media platforms. If they don't do at least one of these things, I am not sure how we can inform the public of any county related information or opportunities. However, he encouraged people to regularly visit the county's webpage as local information will be available there. Community input and participation is important for local government.

Judge Mattingly: A public forum has been set by KYTC regarding the proposed widening and safety improvements on Fairview Drive. The forum will be on August 26, at 6:00 pm, at Highland Elementary School. Anyone interested or has a question(s) about this project should speak up and attend this public forum. However, as the COVID-19 cases continue to increase, for public safety, KYTC may change this meeting to an online Zoom meeting. I spoke with District II Engineer Denitra Henderson today and she said that several KYTC staff members are currently out due to COVID. If it comes down to changing the meeting to online only, I will strongly encourage them to postpone the meeting instead. I think that is the way that these things should go. I know the last Zoom meeting we had regarding another highway project didn't turn out very well. It's always a lot better for people to come and look you in the face and you have to tell them something rather than it is to hide behind the Zoom meeting.

Judge Mattingly: On September 4th, the county will host the Annual Family Freedom Fireworks Festival and Panther Creek Park, which is a free community event.

Commissioner Koger: You failed to mention that we won't be attending the Fairview Drive meeting because we will be out of town attending a conference.

Judge Mattingly: I plan to return early from that conference and attend that public meeting.

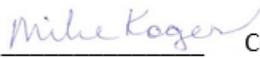
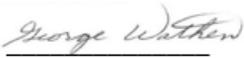
Commissioner Castlen: I am curious. Can you see how many people are actually watching our meeting on Facebook right now?

David Smith: It has been as much as 12, but currently, there are 7 viewers.

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 September 2, 2021.



Jennifer Warren
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk