

**Minutes of the September 2, 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).

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: For those watching tonight from Facebook live, I invite you to type your questions/comments on the page or you may also send them by voice or text to 270-929-1010. Normally, we ask you to comment at the end of each agenda item, but knowing that everything is on a delay and sometimes we move pretty quick if a question or comment comes in, we will try to address it as fast as we can.

The following documents were presented:

- Daviess County Conservation District's FY 2020/2021 Financial Report
- Daviess County Library's 2021 Financial Report and FY 2021/2022 Tax Rate Certification
- Daviess County Extension District's 2021 Tax Rate and 2021 Financial Report

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the August 19, 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 Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Resolution 14-2021** and Contract with GRADD for Professional Services for the CDBG-CV Utility Assistance Project Administration.

Treasurer Hendrix: This is the Professional Services with GRADD regarding the \$200,000 CDBG-CV utility grant administration. This grant will be administered partly by GRADD and by Audubon, with them splitting the grant's administrative fee.

Judge Mattingly: Funds from this grant should be available no later than October of this year. We are still waiting on DLG's okay.

Treasurer Hendrix: I believe all documents have now been executed on our end.

Judge Mattingly: We are going to receive roughly \$200,000 for utilities to help folks pay for their past due utilities and we have been going through negotiating and going through and finalizing and formalizing all the paperwork that you have to do. Everyone up here is a private businessman and we know how fast we move. We also know how slow government moves sometimes. There is more money coming. Just be patient. If you need assistance right away, I suggest you go online to the state department for local governments where there is utility and rental assistance. There was quite a bit of money set aside for DLG for these programs and those funds are nowhere near all used up.

Commissioner Castlen: Could Jordan put a link to that site on our Facebook page or website?

Judge Mattingly: I believe it is on there already, but if not, we will add it.

Commissioner Castlen: It would be easier for people to know to come to us rather than to try to remember...

Judge Mattingly: Right. We have done this in the past.

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. 19-2021**: Bullet Resistant Vests (Detention Center).

County Assistant Treasurer Jordan Johnson: Five bids were received for this bid for the provision of bullet resistant vests for the Detention Center. The purchase was contingent upon availability of funding through the law enforcement program. This funding is no longer available, so it is our recommendation to reject all bids and allow the detention center to reapply for the grant funding.

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 Joshua Vance as a Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Operator eff. September 3, 2021.

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; Promote Brooke Hagan to Administrative Assistant in the Department of Administrative Services eff. September 6, 2021.

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; Reappoint Susan Montalvo-Gesser [#9.1.2021](#) & Harry Pedigo [#9.2.2021](#) to the DC Library Board; TERM: 9/13/21 – 9/13/25.

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; Reappoint Harini Cardwell [#9.3.2021](#) to the RiverPark Center Board; TERM: 9/1/21 – 9/1/24.

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; Appoint Demarcus Curry [#9.5.2021](#), and to Reappoint Dr. Ronsonlyn Clark [#9.6.2021](#) to the Drug Free Owensboro-DC Steering Committee; TERM: 9/1/21 – 9/1/24.

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; Appoint Laura Chapman [#10.2.2021](#) to the Owensboro Health Board; TERM: 10/31/21 – 10/31/24.

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; **Second Reading of KOC A.100.01 (2021); 08-2021: FY 2022 Budget Amendment.**

Comments:

Treasurer Hendrix: This budget amendment is being placed because the CDBG utility grant was not budgeted as we discussed. When we did the budget, we thought they might be expended in that fiscal year, but they have been carried over to this year, and since that revenue will be incremental to the budget, it must be amended. You will find a revenue item and an expense item each of \$200,000. The actual expense account number has been changed and corrected from the original version ending with 741-12 to now correctly reflect that account number ending with 741-17. With that correction, I recommend approval.

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

The court considered for discussion the **First Reading of KOC 220.35 (2021); 09-2021** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Rebate of 0.50% of Occupation License Fees due to Daviess County, from new employees of Gryphon Environmental, LLC, Provided Corporation meets the criteria in its application for incentives under the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority, Kentucky Business Investment Program (KBI).

Comments:

David Smith: In 2017, Gryphon Environmental received preliminary approval from KBI to expand their Owensboro-based company. Since then, they have moved outside of the city limits. In order for them to get KBI’s final approval, the county has been asked to approve this ordinance, which details Gryphon’s employment and salary targets.

No Other business was considered.

Public Comments:

Judge Mattingly: Just to beat anybody's question about the fire tower, Mark, would you give us an update on that?

County Engineer Mark Brasher: We are expecting to have a draft report on that no later than next week for our review.

Judge Mattingly noted that while this process may appear to some to be lengthy, we only want to ensure the safety of those who will use the tower.

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Commissioner Wathen: I'll just remind everybody that we are having fireworks on Saturday night just after 8:00 pm. Bring your own chairs, food, and drinks and enjoy the show.

Commissioner Castlen: I wish everybody a safe and good Labor Day weekend.

Judge Mattingly: On Labor Day, we celebrate the dignity of all who labor. It doesn't matter what you do, all labor deserves praise for those who get out there and earn their daily bread.

Judge Mattingly: During the August 20, 2021, Kentucky 4-H Foundation Appreciation Breakfast at the state fair, Martin, Joan and sons David and Daniel and daughter-in-law Danielle Hayden were inducted into the Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Fame. Families are selected as a result of their impact on Kentucky 4-H and for their exceptional legacy of service by contributing their time, resources, and leadership for the betterment of Kentucky 4-H on a local, regional, and state level. The Hayden’s have been 4-H leaders and volunteers for more than 30 years. Congratulations go out to the Hayden family.

Daviess County High School Senior Timothy Davis recently represented team USA in Monterey, Mexico, sweeping gold medals at the 2021 youth Pan-American championships in Olympic weightlifting. He broke a personal and Pan-Am record while grabbing gold in multiple categories. Congratulations Mr. Davis.

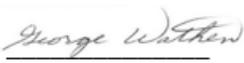
Judge Mattingly: I want to give you a heads-up. We have all been talking about the ARPA funds and what Daviess County might do with it. We have had a survey that we have just about finished compiling, but one of the things that we definitely know that we can spend our money on is broadband, and in that survey, over 50% of the responses had to do with broadband and infrastructure. Daviess County is rapidly falling behind other Commonwealth counties. Specifically Boone, Scott Warren, Christian, Lyon, and Caldwell Counties. They have all issued requests for proposals (RFP) regarding putting broadband into their communities, so next week, Daviess County will issue a RFP to provide fiber to the premise of everyone outside of the OMU service area. OMU already is committed to providing broadband inside their area. The American Rescue Plan Act specifically mentioned broadband as a qualified use so there is no need to wait for further guidance. Hopefully, we will get final guidance sometime by the end of September. For the past few years, we have heard complaints from people about their lack of how quality internet service and infrastructure spending was most mentioned, as I said, and how to spend the ARPA funds. A RFP doesn't commit the county to spend any funds. It just says we want to take broadband throughout the county serving those who probably wouldn't be able to get broadband unless it was pushed out into the various communities and, tell us your proposals and hopefully we'll get them back and be able to evaluate them. Then bring it to the commission. We will probably have a work session to look at it and talk about it. Now, and it may be the commission decides they don't want to spend the money in that way, but at least we will be able to try to be ahead of those other counties because if we don't move and move quickly, resources such as fiber will be snatched up and the costs will go sky high. Even more so, the resource of installation labor will be gone because there will be contracts issued and you won't be able to find people to install this. Commissioners, for you guys, if you want to talk to Jordan or David, they will be happy to go over with you what is in that RFP and how we are going to proceed. I would hope it would be ready to go out by Thursday or Friday of next week. David, I would hope that we would be able to have the results back in by the first to mid-October. We want to move as quickly as we can. We don't want to sit around and look at this thing forever.

Judge Mattingly: The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife has asked and I have granted them permission to come in and treat Panther Creek Lake for gizzard shad. They have treated it for gizzard shad before, but spring flood waters in 2018 got into the lake and brought the shad back where they are now over populated. They are going to treat it with Rotenone, which they used typically to kill all fish in a pond for renovation, but gizzard shad are particularly susceptible to that chemical, so they will put a lighter dose in and it will only kill the shad. They will begin this process in January 2022.

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 16, 2021.

Jennifer Warren

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