

**Minutes of the October 14, 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.**

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

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Judge Mattingly Proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the September 16, 2021 Daviess County Fiscal Court Meeting.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, 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.**

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Daviess County Fiscal Court Wage Schedule for FYE 2022 to include Public Works Office Manager.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Grant Agreement for the 2022 Litter Abatement Program (Trash for Cash).

David Smith: This is the first step in the process for the funding for our Cash-For-Trash program. We don't know how much money we will get yet. The state gets all of the paperwork in from all the different communities that asks for money then they check to see how much money they have available and divide it up. Typically, it is somewhere between \$50,000 to \$60,000. This particular state program is primarily funded through a \$0.75 fee charged each time a vehicle crosses a Kentucky landfill scale.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; MOA; \$100,000 Grant to Owensboro Museum of Science & History for Enhancements.

Judge Mattingly: This will allow the Owensboro Museum of Science and History to enhance an area known as the playseum and an adjacent area called the wet area that is a hands-on science space. We are going to provide up to \$100,000 to do the two projects. This is in the Museum of Science and History, which is a building the city owns. The city has been negotiating with putting some affordable housing up on the upper floors. These two enhancements we are paying are not permanent installations. They are portable and can be moved. If they were to be installed in a place that had to be given up at a later date, then they could be moved into another area. When I was first approached about this, one of the things that was talked about was as you are aware, Sim and Sally Davenport have been great promoters of the museum and great citizens. With Sim's recent passing, I think the intent is to name these two areas after Sim and Sally Davenport

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; MOU White Flag Events 2021/2022 with the City of Owensboro and Owensboro Christian Church.

Judge Mattingly: We have used this standard agreement over the last 3-years, which lays out the city and county's responsibilities, such as security, insurance, and transportation as well as what the church is willing to do as the host location for folks who need help during the winter's inclement weather. This is a true community effort.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; AmeriCorps Host Agency Agreement benefitting HCOV.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Annual Search and Rescue Order of Affiliation Renewal.

Assistant County Treasurer Jordan Johnson: This is an annual affiliation agreement between Daviess County and Daviess County Search and Rescue. The document details the responsibilities of each party. There are no changes from the prior year.

Commissioner Wathen: This is an amazing organization with amazing volunteers. Every year, they have to retrain and recertify so they can qualify to volunteer as search and rescuers. I thank them for what they do.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; KYEM Area II Fire/Rescue Services and Related Special Operations Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement.

Mr. Johnson: There was a prior statewide agreement facilitated by KYEM for mutual aid support for all emergency response agencies between all counties within the Commonwealth. This new agreement replaces that one. This new regional agreement has the same terms as before between 12 counties. The agreement provides the process for how a disaster and/or emergency mutual aid among the 12 counties should occur. It essentially states that any county may request aid from another in the event of an emergency or disaster and that aid may then be tracked and expenses incurred reimbursed through various avenues, which will depend on the nature of the event.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Declare the following Surplus Inventory and Include Scheduled Items in the 2021 Auction Listing:

Department	Unit Type	Year	Make	Model	VIN/Serial #
Fire	Vehicle	2016	Haul	BT Trailer	19BEG1116HCJ17004
Fire	Watercraft	1990	Sea Ark	N/A	SAMA010J889
Sheriff	Vehicle	2015	Chevrolet	Tahoe	1GNLC2EC3FR260763
Sheriff	Vehicle	2013	Dodge	Charger	2C3CDXAT3DH684812

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; Award the following Bids as recommended:

Mr. Johnson: **No. 32-2021: PAPER BALLOT SCANNER AND TABULATOR VOTING SYSTEM.** This is to replace all existing voting machines and related equipment and to provide contract rates for election expenses and ongoing maintenance. The bid was comprised of three parts: purchase of the new equipment, contract rates for election expenses, and annual rates for the maintenance. The two service contracts run from the date of award until December 31, 2029, which is a non-election year and give the court the option to evaluate whether or not to replace the machines at that time or renegotiate the contract pricing. All equipment presented is compliant with the 2005 federal voting system standards and will provide vote casting, counting, and reporting for all state, federal, and local elections in the county. We receive two bids and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluate bid of Harp Enterprises, Inc. for \$346,031 for the voting system and software and the corresponding schedules of rates presented for the per-election expenses and maintenance for the contract period extending from October 14, 2021, to December 31, 2029. It should be noted, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the evaluation report, we calculated an estimated system life cost for all three parts of this bid under maximums of expected services to the year 2029. Basically, this figure is the total that we would expect to spend over the next 8-years. Harp's bid, under those assumptions, would be \$794,111, which remains the low bid overall by more than \$200,000. This was a budgeted replacement. There were no exceptions. I would recommend approval.

Commissioner Castlen thanked Mr. Johnson for his in-depth and attention to detail regarding this important and time consuming bid.

Judge Mattingly: Originally, we thought we were going to spend over a million dollars just for the equipment, but I believe with Jordan's diligence, we will see significant savings over the life of this bid.

Commissioner Castlen: How many total machines?

Mr. Johnson: There are 56 voting tabulation units, 56 ADA ballot marking devices, 20 on-demand ballot printing units, and a central tabulation device.

Mr. Johnson: **No. 36-2021: YELLOW CREEK PARK PICKLE BALL COURT CONVERSION.** This bid is to resurface the tennis court located at Yellow Creek Park into six (6) pickle ball courts with an add alternate to also resurface the basketball court on site we recommend award to the only bid received by Tennis Technology, Inc. exercising add alternate one for \$47,053.

Judge Mattingly: So that will make a total of 10 public pickle ball courts. Plus, we are resurfacing 2 basketball courts and all this was budgeted.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Hire Ladonna Melton as Animal Control Vet. Tech. eff. October 25, 2021.

Judge Mattingly: David, if I am not mistaken, this is a Vet. Tech. who is going to assist our veterinarian, correct?

Mr. Smith: This position will primarily assist in our spay/neuter clinic.

The court would like to see, if not already being done, that records are kept on the number and type of surgeries (spay or neuter) that we are doing per week.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Promote Kandace Sturgeon to Public Works Office Manager eff. October 25, 2021.

County Engineer Mark Brasher: In the last several months, we have done some reorganization at the Public Works Department. The Parks Department now falls under the umbrella of the Public Works Department. Within that timeframe we had two administrative retirements and decided to not only combined those positions, but to restructure the administrations rolling 2 positions into one plus increasing that position’s management responsibilities. Ms. Sturgeon is capable of fulfilling this demanding role and I recommend her promotion.

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

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Appoint to the Drug-Free Owensboro-DC Steering Committee Dr. Wanda Figueroa **#9.4.2021** (Jason Worth S3T); 3-yr. TERM: 9/1/21 – 9/1/24.

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

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**Comments:**

Treasurer Hendrix presented the **First Reading of KOC A.100.02 (2021) #10-2021; Budget Amendment #2.**

Treasurer Hendrix: Anytime we get receipts that were not budgeted, we are required to do a Budget Amendment. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> one for this fiscal year. This is the parks grant for the playground equipment at Horse Fork Creek Park for \$75,000. You will see we have a revenue for that amount and an expense of the same amount. It was not budgeted because when we were preparing the budget we thought this was going to be received prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> and land in the prior budget year. We also thought the expense would incur before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Both so happened after June 30<sup>th</sup> so they are in this fiscal year. Therefore, we need to amend the budget.

**Comments:**

No comments received.

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**No Other Business was brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court.**

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**Public Comments:**

The Owensboro Museum of Science and History Executive Director Kathy Olson thanked the court for the \$100,000 grant as approved earlier in the meeting.

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**Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:**


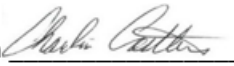
Judge Mattingly: With it getting darker at night quicker, please be mindful of kids playing outside after dark or cyclists still out on the streets. Also, be careful of wet leaves as they can be slippery and can cause accidents.

Judge Mattingly: Congratulations to DCHS Senior Timothy Davis as he placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2021 World Weightlifting Championship. Forty-five countries participated and Mr. Davis should be congratulations for this tremendous achievement.

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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 October 28, 2021.



Jennifer Warren  
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk