

**Minutes of the December 16, 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 folks watching us on Facebook live, you may text or type a message into Facebook that will be relayed to us or you could text or call 270-929-1010 your question or message.

Judge Mattingly Proclaimed January 2022 as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.

Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center Executive Director Vicki Ellis: We've had a very busy week as you could imagine and we can't do anything without that volunteer blood donor. They are number one to our success. The second thing is being ready ahead of time. We're thankful for the people that came and donated blood last week because those people ensured that when the tornado hit, we had the blood on the shelf. That's one of the reasons that National Volunteer Blood Donor Month is really important to our blood center and blood centers across the U.S. Our status in the tornado is that we had zero communication so we learned a lot about how we needed to communicate with each other in an emergency situation and the hospitals that we supply, of course, they had their own on-hand supply. We did backfill Caldwell County Hospital and an Air Vac. Helicopter. We were contacted by the State Department for Public Health for assistance in Bowling Green and we sent products via the Kentucky State Police. Regarding the Blood Emergency Readiness Coalition (BERC) activation as mentioned in the proclamation, 17 patients were transferred out of Kentucky and into Tennessee and blood insurance in Chattanooga activated BERC, and at that moment, 80 blood units were sent immediately to Chattanooga. We stand ready. I am pleased to be a member of that organization and should something tremendous like that hit here, it's good to know that we've got big brother behind us and we'll meet those needs.

County Treasurer Jim Hendrix presented the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2021.

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the December 2, 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; County Clerk's Claim for Preparing the 2021 Tax Bills.

County Treasurer Jim Hendrix: This is one of the methods that the clerk has to fund their office. They prepared 47,273 property tax bills at 30 cents each. There's a bill of \$14,181.90, of which we will pay half.

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; Crime Stoppers Affiliation Agreement.

Judge Mattingly: We stopped directly funding Crime Stoppers, but there is a provision in the KRS, which allows the addition of one dollar to each misdemeanor conviction that may then be rebated to Crime Stoppers to help pay for tips on crimes in the community. We passed that. There is a provision in the resolution that says that Crime Stoppers Inc. shall provide fiscal court with a report no later than June 30 of each year. I don't know if the Circuit Court Clerk who has a responsibility of collecting it has been collecting that money. I can tell you, I've not been able to find a report. I would like to suggest that we pass this subject to that report being delivered to us so we know what's going on with that money. The County Attorney and I must sign this agreement before it becomes effective, but we simply will not execute it until that report comes in. I'm sure that they're doing everything properly. It's just that it's in the resolution and we need to hold everybody's feet to the fire.

Commissioner Wathen: What will happen if we don't get a report?

Judge Mattingly: I will not sign the agreement.

Commissioner Wathen: It begins January 1.

County Attorney Porter: So in six months you can say look, I didn't receive your report.

Judge Mattingly: I understand what you're saying. What I'm saying is that we have two weeks to find out what's going on.

Commissioner Wathen: Because they can't collect it unless we sign.

Judge Mattingly: They can't collect it unless I sign this agreement.

County Attorney Porter: I sent her a message this afternoon and she said she would send back to me a report sometime tomorrow.

Judge Mattingly: Let me assure everybody, I think it's just an oversight and everything is fine, but as I said, it's in the agreement and we need to make sure that the agreement is lived up to.

County Attorney Porter: I think Crime Stoppers are supposed to provide the report.

Judge Mattingly: That is correct. It is not the clerk. I was thinking that the clerk could have been collecting it anyway.

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 FY 2022/2023 Kentucky Ambulance Block Grant Program.

Judge Mattingly: This is an annual grant of \$10,000 and is paid directly to AMR, the ambulance provider.

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; Apply for a Firefighter Equipment Grant for \$308,000 with a 10% County match.

Judge Mattingly: This grant is asking for mainly a couple of brush fighting firefighting pieces of equipment and some automatic electronic defibrillators. The court's portion would be 10%.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; Hold Harmless Agreements with Daniel Shain, Mark Carter, Jared Bean, and Cody Bean following regarding Underwater Disc Retrieval at Yellow Creek Park.

This keeps the court from being responsible for any accidents that the divers might have; any entanglement that might occur. They will be diving in Yellow Creek Park's lake looking to retrieve golf discs. If the items can be clearly identified, I think it'll be returned to the owner, but if not it will become a possession of the Daviess County Fiscal Court and we will auction said materials off at our next public auction.

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; Award **Bid No. 39-2021**: Landfill Administration Office Renovation as recommended.

Assistant County Treasurer Jordan Johnson: This is for the renovation of the original portion of the landfill administration office and it is to replace the HVAC system and address issues with water damaged areas. The bid options in the order presented on your report are for the additional cost of a heat pump system in lieu of a 10 kw electric heat. The additional cost for a heat pump hybrid heat system and the additional cost for new refrigerant lines on both the first and second floors, we received two bids ranging from a total bid price of \$77,300 to \$78,058 and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by QNS Enterprises, LLC exercising all bid options in the total amount of \$77,300. There were no exceptions to our bid specifications and I recommend approval.

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; Declare Miscellaneous, Obsolete Voting Machines as Surplus.

Mr. Johnson: This is to declare surplus the old voting machines that were replaced in our voting system bid that we conducted this year. Once declared surplus, we will dispose of those items in accordance with our administrative code and respective statutes. I recommend approval.

Judge Mattingly: Jordan, I assume all of the information will be wiped clean?

Mr. Johnson: Yes, sir.

Judge Mattingly: And at one time we talked about donating these to the school systems in order for them to show the kids how voting and all that works what happened to that idea?

Mr. Johnson: Since there's significant costs to getting these operable, even for a mock election, there was no interest in taking them.

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; Surety Bond Releases for Woodland Ridge Subdivision: Units 2 & 3, Sidewalks and Units 6 & 7, Maintenance.

Judge Mattingly: There is nothing left to do in those sections, correct?

County Engineer Brasher: That is correct.

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; Accept the Retirement Resignation of Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Operator Steve Ford eff. Dec. 31, 2021 (27 years of service).

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; Hire Eric Smith as Landfill Mechanic eff. Dec. 20, 2021.

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; Promote Keary Boone to Landfill Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Operator eff. Dec. 20, 2021.

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

Other Business was brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court:

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Contract with Weaver Consultants Group for the Preliminary Design of the Residual Landfill.

David Smith: This contract is a proposal for the first part of the permitting of a new residual/CD&D landfill. We have about 7-years of airspace left in our current area. Our consultants estimate it will take 3-5 years to permit and construct a new residual/CD&D landfill. In the past week, we have learned that there is a potential of 3 local power plants being torn down in the next year, which will take 1 year of life extra off our landfill. In addition, last week's storms show that a natural disaster could cause our residual/CD&D landfill to fill up quicker than expected. Because our next meeting is 4-weeks away, we have decided to place this item under other business and expedite an approval. This first part will cover the preliminary site selection work, which is to include: 1- Perform a topographic survey of the proposed area. 2- Complete a preliminary engineering design and evaluation necessary for permitting. 3- Meet with the Solid Waste Branch of the Kentucky Division of Waste Management to review the preliminary engineering design. Unless the state acts unusually fast, this will probably only amount to about \$12,202 being spent out of this fiscal year's budget, with additional work planned for next fiscal year.

Judge Mattingly: CD&D materials that go into that portion of the landfill, it's less expensive...

Mr. Smith: Yes. We have had discussions and you all are all aware there's no private company who owns a landfill in Kentucky who actually keeps a CD&D landfill as well because if you're in the business to make a lot of money, you don't want a cheaper CD&D alternative, you want everything going in to the contained landfill. I think this court wants to make sure we have low-cost options for our citizens and for our local industry. So, I think this court has decided they want to pursue building another CD&D to give that option to the public.

Commissioner Castlen: What is the total acreage of this part?

Mr. Smith: That is part of what this preliminary investigation will be because there's guidelines as to how far you have to be away from property line boundaries. There's actually a power line that runs through that area, but the estimate is somewhere between 30 and 40 acres, which is about the size that we have now and we estimate it'll last 20 plus years.

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

No Public Comments were received:

Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

All court members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Judge Mattingly: Our thoughts and prayers go out to those in Western Kentucky affected by the deadly tornadoes. We all think back to 2000, when we had that tornado come through our community. The destruction we had wasn't near what they are dealing with and fortunately, we did not have a single death, but with the recent tornadoes, they were not so fortunate. There are many good people in the Commonwealth and surrounding states who are helping. The best thing people wanting to help would be to send money. They have received many donations like water, food, and clothing. What they lack is cash. That would be number one. Number two, if you want to volunteer don't just show up. Call ahead and see where you can best be put to work and when, so they know to expect you and can have a plan. Our local EMA is working with Search and Rescue people. We had debris people to remove debris. The Daviess County Sheriff, the Daviess County Fire Department, Owensboro Police Department, Owensboro Fire Department all went down. We sent crews down. We had GIS people down there. We had people, Billy Higdon from the Daviess County Water District sent two big generators down. Daviess County Fiscal Court and our own Jordan Rowe went down to document and to act as a public information officer in Dawson Springs for a couple days. All the counties, whatever has been asked, there has been no refusal. They have all stepped up and done what needed to help out our sister counties and cities. We want all those folks to remember or to know that we are remembering them in our prayers and you know if they need anything, let us know.

Judge Mattingly: I got a consensus from the court and we are going to move forward with paving an additional \$500,000 of roads in this year's budget. A budget amendment will be forthcoming.

County Engineer Mark Brasher: Those dollars will be spent on paving approximately 6.8 miles of portions of the following roads:

- Kelly Cemetery Road – Approximately .956 miles
- West Harmon's Ferry Road – Approximately 2.924 miles
- All Covington Ridge Subdivision Streets – Approximately .821 miles
- All Roman Meadows Subdivision Streets – Approximately .621 miles
- Lonesome Pine Trail – Approximately 2.96 miles

Judge Mattingly: The County Treasurer has notified the court that he intends to retire at the end of 2022. I'm glad he was here during my tenure.

Commissioner Wathen: We've had almost 3,000 cars go through Christmas at Panther Creek Park and at \$5 each, that is almost \$15,000. That's about half of what we did last year. However, that surpasses what was done in both 2018 and 2019. I think it has been a good year so far. I hope more people visit the park to see the lights and support local non-profits.

Commissioner Castlen: To reiterate the Judge's point earlier, I have been asked to encourage those who wish to give to the Western Kentucky tornado victims, but are unsure of what to give, to please donate money. Giving monetarily is the best thing anybody can do right now so that they don't have to worry about finding places to put what people are sending because some of these places don't have space to store items. The other thing that was on that list was to donate blood.

Commissioner Castlen: I also want to thank everyone who has been and is praying for my grandson.

Judge Mattingly: To go back to what people are doing for the tornado victims, I thought it was thoughtful and considerate that Commissioner Wathen's daughter, Mary, along with some of her friends are volunteering their time and effort to launder clothing and other items for victims who are unable do so.

Judge Mattingly: I spoke with former Messenger-Inquirer report Jacob Mullikan and asked how he and his 91 year old grandfather were doing. He said they suffered some damage and were without power, but made it through the tornado alive. He mentioned the tremendous level of support from people, some from people they know and don't know. He noted how when people know their neighbors are in need, they just show up and offer things. It's been a remarkable thing to witness.

Upcoming 2022 meeting dates: January 13 & 26 (Noon), February 10 & 22, and March 8 & 22. All meeting and event information, including schedule updates, may be found at www.daviessky.org.

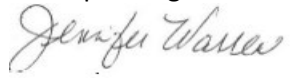
Without objection, Judge/Executive Mattingly adjourned the meeting.

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 January 13, 2022.



Jennifer Warren

Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk