

**Minutes of the May 5, 2022, 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.**

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.

Broadband Fiber Project presentation:

Assistant County Treasurer Jordan Johnson: In October 2021, the RFP for fiber construction was released. We asked for the required subsidy for a company to develop a plan for the construction of an expanded network to provide connections in all areas within the county. In December of 2021, the court selected Conexon as our successful respondent. In January of 2022, Morley and Associates was selected as the consultant firm to prepare and negotiate the contract with Conexon. Negotiations spanned through February of 2022, with the final agreement completed in March of 2022, and signed by Conexon on April 1, 2022. In this contract, the county will provide \$10 million of ARPA funds to Conexon to make available fiber internet service to 100% of Kenergy's Electric Membership, which falls outside of the service area of OMU in Daviess County, Kentucky. The project will be completed within 18 months and paid out on a percentage of completion basis. The project area encompasses 15,000 to 20,000 household and business locations.

Conexon Broadband Fiber Project Representative Jonathan Chambers presented an explanation of the Daviess County Conexon Connect project.

Mr. Chambers: Conexon was formed about 7-years ago by Randy Clint in Rural Missouri. Mr. Clint was previously a software developer and I was the head of the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Strategic Planning. The company is dedicated to serving areas otherwise unlikely to be served due to their rural locations. Conexon now works with many electrical co-ops and utilizes their electrical routes to run fiber lines to provide broadband to those rural and often underserved and/or unserved areas of the country. Once the fiber lines are installed and connected, the fiber becomes the property of member-owned electric co-ops. Conexon's job then becomes operational, support, and service for their broadband customers. When Mr. Clint worked as a software developer in rural Missouri he found it difficult to get his businesses off the ground due to his location's lack of internet access. In order to work, he would have to go into town where access and speeds were at much greater levels for him to be able to work. This started him on his mission to provide broadband access to the unserved and underserved rural locations. He found a couple of co-ops that were willing to work with him and together they were successful. With that success, he has taken that same blueprint to other co-ops and he hasn't stopped. Randy and I shared in the same vision and mission and joined together to continue to build Conexon to now work with over 200 electric co-ops in the country, including Kenergy in Daviess County. Today, we do several things. We manage construction of fiber networks and we have a construction company ourselves. We assist electric co-ops in setting up internet businesses - that is we teach them how to set up an internet business. We provide support to companies across the country - electric co-ops who run their own internet businesses.

We operate tech support, and marketing support centers, plus, other pieces necessary to run an internet business. We are today building and managing the construction of over a thousand miles of fiber optic networks each and every week. We have under contract to build out about 10% of the country with fiber optic networks. We are in over half the country today, but this is our first project in Kentucky and we couldn't be happier to be here in part because of what we intend to do rapidly here in Daviess County. This in part because one of our principal partners in constructing networks is a company that's located in Union County, Kentucky called Ervin Cable Construction, and I can't sing their praises enough. They were with Randy over a decade ago building fiber networks. They will be here with us in Daviess County building out the network here. They are far and away the best construction firm when it comes to building fiber optic networks. They have worked for Google and Charter. If you ask them what they prefer doing, they will tell you that they prefer working in rural America - working with rural electric co-ops, building fiber networks to people that don't have service, and that is our preference, too. Their ability to start a project here in their home state is enthusiastically met within the Ervin family.

Judge Mattingly: Conexon knows what they are doing. They have the materials and labor ready to go and they can get boots on the ground immediately and that is why we chose them to contract with. I think you told us the day after we signed the contracts, you started working on the project and that's pretty important particularly as more and more money hits the market and more people want to start these kinds of projects. I am pretty proud of the fact that we're going to be your first customer in Kentucky.

Mr. Chambers: As far as materials, we are a high volume buyer. Last year, we purchased over 50,000 miles of fiber optic cable. This year, we will be closer to 60,000 miles. Before too long, we will be at 100,000 miles a year. The labor is a market that will continue to tighten as the federal government spends money either through the American Rescue Plan Act or the Infrastructure Act - having a home base for one of the great construction companies (Union County) gives you all an advantage that very few have. Those guys can go home at night. I say that because maybe they're listening in. I expect you know because they don't have to pay for hotels or apartments for their workers. They don't have to pay the same gas prices for travel. They don't have to reimburse people for their restaurant bills. They are at home. We ought to get a better price from them.

Judge Mattingly: And so should we.

Mr. Chambers: They will tell you that that's the reason they will be able to build fast. They also have a training facility in Sturgis, Kentucky. That facility is what allows them to train the current and next groups out that we'll be constructing these networks, so part of the reason I am confident in the pace we have described to you is because I believe Ervin will be able to continue to train folks from here to work here in jobs that will allow them to be in the fiber construction business, which is and will be a great business for years and years to come. There's going to be that much construction going on. I think there will be ancillary economic benefits to the entire region because the country needs more trained construction workers in this type of business. They will be able to be trained here (in Sturgis, KY) and they will be able to work here and across the country.

Mr. Chambers: We are going to build throughout the entirety of the county (Daviess County's Kenergy service area), but we are going to first build where people don't have service. That is what we do. That is what we believe to be most important. Regarding pricing, we have set prices that haven't changed in many years. We don't have gimmicks or offer promotions. We believe our prices are fair and reasonable. We offer three tiers for internet service:

- 100 megabit symmetrical service for \$49.99/mo.
- 1 gigabit symmetrical service for \$79.99/mo.
- 2 gigabit symmetrical service for \$99.99/mo.

(Statistically, 1/3 of Conexon's customers subscribe equally to each of the three tiers.)

To meet federal funding regulations, Conexon offers a telephone landline service for \$29.95/mo., plus applicable taxes and fees.

Mr. Chambers: Conexon participates and aids those qualifying for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which is a federally funded program that reduces the cost of broadband by \$30/mo. to those that meet certain low income qualifications. Some of the poorest parts of the country live in rural areas and this subsidy helps a large portion of our customer base, which is between 50% and 70%. We are required to let people know about the program. We want people to know that this is available and if they qualify are glad to help them understand what they need to do in order to get approved for the subsidy.

Mr. Chambers: (Referring to a displayed map) Based on data from the Federal Communications Commission, NTIA which is an agency in the Department of Commerce that is going to be administering the \$42.5 billion infrastructure money for rural broadband, and the state of Kentucky's crowdsourcing information, I can't attest to the accuracy of the data, but we used several data sources in order to identify where in the county was the most unserved. It's probably difficult to see all of the keys on this map, but in red and purple/pink colors, those "census tract" polygons reflect the most unserved parts of the county. In these census blocks, there may be some homes or businesses that are being served, but this is a general guide – a starting point.

Judge Mattingly: The thing we should let people know is that it is just all over the board. It is very confusing as different groups of folks including the state and federal governments have different data information. The state tried to do a speed check throughout all 120 counties, but this is taking the current data at hand, distilling it down, and this is the best map that you could come up with.

Mr. Chambers: It is. We also have applied for state funding in the state broadband program and we just found out yesterday that a couple of our applications for funding in Daviess County were challenged by a service provider saying there was broadband service there. What we used to determine where to apply, was we used the Kentucky Broadband Map for served/unserved locations. We got a notification back from the state saying your areas have been challenged, and would you please demonstrate to us that these are really unserved? Again, this is us using the state information and the state coming back to us asking us to prove to them their own information. It's not an exact science. I am showing this really to make one point, which is you can tell and you might know this even if you didn't look at a map that the most unserved and the greater parts of unserved territories in the county are around the border of the county. This gets my point across about where we are going to start. Our commitment to you is to build a network in 18 months and we are going to start in the areas that don't have service. We are going to start in the southeast and southwestern sides of the county. Unlike other providers, citizens in Daviess County will not have to wait years and years. We are coming. We will be there.

Judge Mattingly: When will people see work being done?

Mr. Chambers: We will start with Kenergy's poles and transformers. Some may need to be fixed or replaced. Then Ervin Cable Construction trucks will come in and Ervin will begin to construct and install

the fiber lines along the current Kenergy electric lines. Most will be done on Kenergy poles, but some may be done on Kenergy's underground electric lines. We will be using the Kenergy's Smart Electric Grid lines for laying this fiber system. Wherever Kenergy's electric lines run, fiber lines will follow. Once the fiber lines have been constructed and installed, Kenergy, its co-op members, will own the fiber. We will then lease the fiber from Kenergy and make the service available to the members. We will own the electronics. We will install the service in people's homes. It will be our call and tech support center. It will be our billing system and service provision. We are a certified provider in Kentucky. We are a certified provider before the FCC. We are the ones that process the payments from the low-income program. We think it's better for the people who live in an area to own the network. They will own the network for as long as that electric network is around. The co-op owns the fiber so it can use the communications network for electric purposes to manage the communications Electric Smart Grid network - think of it as "control of the network". Control of the electric devices on the network. Someday the electric devices both on the network, on the electric utility side of the meter, and people's devices on their side of the meter, to better manage energy resources. Kenergy has a real need for the use of the fiber network. That's not only why Kenergy is going to own the network, they are going to make use of the network and that goes along with the question of rights-of-way. This is fiber that is built in the electric space for electric purposes so when I said before we follow the electric network, I mean that absolutely. We build, starting at substations, and we build down electric circuits or electric feeders. We build to every meter location that is on an electric system and so that service then, fiber service, internet service, is available anywhere there's an electric meter. That's so the electric co-op has use of the fiber and it's so that we can also make internet service available.

Judge Mattingly: When will we start to see services turning on?

Mr. Chambers: Before you leave office, I publicly promise you that we will have service turned on in Daviess County. We do try to keep people abreast of our progress in their area so they can sign up for service, if they are interested.

Judge Mattingly: When connecting a house to a line, is there a one-time connection fee?

Mr. Chambers: While crews are working in an area, hookups will be available free of charge. Once our crews are finished work in that area and leave, there will be a \$100, one-time fee for us to return for that individual hookups. We always explain this to electric co-ops that are building and operating their own network, it's the members' network. The members own the network and they get paid by us. We share revenue with the electric co-op so that the members of the co-op benefit from their fellow members also signing up for service because they get paid by us and they get a piece of the revenue that we earn from selling internet service. We try to encourage the co-op to think of this network in a similar way that they thought of the electric network. This is a one-for-all and all-for-one proposition.

Judge Mattingly: I want folks to absolutely understand, if they are happy with their current internet provider, there will not be any push back for them to change providers. No one is going to turn your power off. Nothing like that.

Mr. Chambers: This is a competitive business. It's always going to be because there's always going to be satellites or fixed wireless or whatever somebody dreams up. We like the business because we have a superior product. Where we build, we provide a product that is revolutionary to people.

We know that members of an electric co-op expect a different level and quality of service than members of other utilities or those that subscribe to cable or other services like AT&T. That's the way we have built these networks. We are not a monopoly and hope to earn people's business. We start every project with zero market shares by definition. Where we provide service, we found that we get 30% to 50% subscription within a few months. That should tell you how hungry people are for something that's better.

Judge Mattingly: I think it's a pretty smart business model and I want to thank the Commissioners for being prescient enough to take this once in a lifetime opportunity to utilize a goodly portion of these ARPA funds to provide this service to those people who otherwise would not have gotten it or certainly wouldn't get it as quickly as other areas.

Commissioner Castlen: If you're starting in the outskirts of the county, where they're totally unserved, how do you get your connection to the internet?

Mr. Chambers: In the initial stage, we look for all of the ways we can get to an internet exchange point and we will lease that exchange point from that provider, such as AT&T. And there could be more than one exchange point. I understand a little bit about the politics of this thing. There may be Kentucky Wired facilities for us to connect. Kentucky Wired is a backbone, a middle mile network.

Commissioner Castlen: And I was wondering if that was part of what we were connecting to, but that's been a boondoggle at some level.

Mr. Chambers: We're trying to deliver affordable prices, which means we search for an affordable connection back to an internet exchange point. We have never failed to find multiple providers who will take us back to an internet exchange point. We will find duplicate routes, that is a diversity of routes, in case fiber gets cut, not our fiber, but if their fiber gets cut, you want to be able to route traffic back to an exchange point in more than one way. Eventually, we're just going to ride our own network because the network that is Kenergy's network is connected to each other. I mean, we will have connectivity between the furthest part over in like Sturgis and here riding all on the network that we will build.

Commissioner Castlen: Following the completion of this build in 18 months, as Kenergy continues to grow with new homes and businesses, will Conexon follow that growth?

Mr. Chambers: Yes, we know electric co-ops are not static. They continue to build electric services. When they install a new electric line trench, we will also install new fiber. It makes the ongoing construction easier.

Judge Mattingly: What is the website for people to go to in order to sign up for service when it becomes available?

Mr. Chambers: Conexon.com or Conexon.us.

Judge Mattingly: What sort of latency would we expect?

Mr. Chambers: It's fiber. The latency is as close to single digit milliseconds as you can get – speed of light fast. It's as good as can be done today.

Judge Mattingly: What is Daviess County paying Jonathan's company? We are paying \$10 million, which was part of the agreement and that's coming out of our ARPA funds. For that, we are going to be providing broadband to the unserved county areas and then to other areas within Daviess County's Kenergy service territory. With this \$10 million, we will now be able to provide all citizens with affordable, high speed broadband.

Mr. Chambers: On a side note, it is possible to offer 10 gigabit per second symmetrical service, but at this time, even I don't see a need for that, yet. However, it was less than a decade ago that people were making fun of 1 gigabit service that Google was talking about at the time. I think that's going to become our lowest service tier in a couple of years. The reason is it's not that there's a single application, single device, some fancy new game, or even 8K streaming, which takes a lot of bandwidth. It's the multiple and numerous devices in every household which are adding every day that are requiring the needed gigabits.

Commissioner Castlen: When do you expect that consumers will consider 1 or 2 gigabits to be "lower internet options"?

Mr. Chambers: With more people working from home, it could be that we are reaching that threshold now and by the end of this decade, it may not even be viewed as "broadband" anymore. When we started offering the 2 gigabit service, I estimated we would have a 2% to 5% subscription rate. I was way off, as 1/3 of our customers now subscribe to that service. When the Infrastructure Act monies become available, Kentucky, will get \$300M to \$500M and fiber broadband networks will go nationwide. Fiber is the future. Fiber equals faster speeds and will boost the need for additional gigabit offerings. When the capacity is offered to people, they will build things that can and will use that capacity. This will send the need for additional capacity higher and higher.

Judge Mattingly: Regarding Kenergy's written easements in order to limit the number of cables and wires crossing a property... Understand, we are not crossing. This is in partnership with Kenergy and we're (Conexon) going to be following or going down those easements and Conexon already has those contracts and agreements in place.

Mr. Chambers: We follow the law.

The court expressed great appreciation towards Conexon and their willingness to partner with the court and this community to accomplish this important initiative.

Judge Mattingly: Other administrations have attempted this, but this is the first time that we have had the opportunity and money to partner with a private business and a customer-owned utility group to provide this service. It really pleases me that Daviess County is one of the first and your first customer in Kentucky.

Commissioner Castlen: I am looking forward to being a customer reference for you for future clients.

Mr. Chambers thanked the court for their faith and belief in Conexon and assured the court that their 18 month completion commitment will be met as promised.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the April 21, 2022 Court Meeting.

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; 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; Annual Standing Orders for FY 2022/2023:

- Pre-approve Certain Recurring Expenses
- Authorize the Judge/Executive to Execute and Submit Any and All Court Approved Documents

Treasurer Hendrix: Before we are allowed to pay anyone, we must have the claims approved by fiscal court. However, certain payments do not lend themselves to the scheduled fiscal court meeting dates. We file this with DLG and it gives us permission to proceed with payments such as payroll and utility expenses when they are due, without regard to the court. They will still show up in the claims, we can just go ahead and make those payments without waiting on the court's approval beforehand. The second part of the standing order is to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign and submit any and all court approved documents, as long as the court's intent within those documents is not modified.

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 Calculation of Motor Vehicle and Boat Bills for 2022.

Treasurer Hendricks: This is one of the mechanisms the County Clerk is legally allowed to use to help fund their office. In this instance, they have billed us 0.15 cents for each tax bill for the motor vehicles and boats. It's 132,589 bills. I have reviewed it and compared it to last year. It appears to me to be in order.

Commissioner Wathen: How long has that 0.15 cents been there?

Treasurer Hendricks: As long as I can remember.

Commissioner Castlen: The thing that frustrates me is why the state has yet to develop an electronic tax billing system just like most other invoicing businesses in the country. They need to create and incentivize customers to do things electronically. I don't understand it and it's not just Daviess County. It's every county in the Commonwealth.

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; MidAmerica Airpark Development Review Board Resolution and Agreement.

Judge Mattingly: The City of Owensboro, Daviess County Fiscal Court, and the Industrial Foundation owned property jointly in the Mid-America Air Park. There was a request to change some of the wording in the resolution. County Attorney has reviewed it and found it all to be in order.

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; **Resolution 11-2022** and Agreement regarding the 2023 County Road Aid.

Treasurer Hendrix: This agreement is with the state. As far as the County Road Aid money this year, we will get the part that's allocated to Daviess County, which is \$1,664,888.63. They keep a holdback of 3% for the Emergency Fund. Our first installment, which we will get in July or August will be 60% of the total, minus the 3% or \$968,965. The remaining payments will be subject to the actual revenue collected.

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; Amendment to Food Service Partnership Agreement for the Daviess County Detention Center.

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; Commercial License Agreement with AT&T for Structure Access.

This agreement is to attach HAM radio equipment to the existing AT&T pole in front of the Schertzinger facility for the Daviess County Emergency Management Agency. This equipment was previously housed at the courthouse when EMA was located here. However, now that they have relocated, the antennas must be near their facility and hooked directly into their equipment on site. The agreement is for a five-year term with a one-time installation fee of \$500. Legal has reviewed the agreement and found no issues.

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; Roadway Resurfacing List for FY 2022/2023.

Road	Begin Location	End Location	Length (miles)	FUNDING
<i>East District</i>				
Woodlands Subdivision	KY 54	ALL COUNTY STREETS	0.908	DCFC
Barclay Avenue	Smit Drive	#1661	0.123	DCFC
Daniels Lane	KY 144	Hayden Road	1.288	KYTC FLEX
Wrights Landing Road	US 60	KY 2830	0.441	DCFC
Brent Gray Trace	Thruston Dermont Road	Cul-de-sac	0.152	DCFC
Grandview Road	KY 334	Upper River Road	2.131	DCFC
Iceland Road	Iceland Spur	Cul-de-sac	0.701	DCFC
Free Silver Road	KY 144	Pence Road	1.326	DCFC
Alsop Lane	4th Street	Railroad Tracks	0.421	DCFC

TOTAL = 7.491

<i>Central District</i>				
Nalley Road	KY 140	Greenbriar Road	1.549	DCFC
Burton Road	KY 298	US 231	2.215	DCFC
Sands Road	US 431	Browns Valley Red Hill Road	0.251	DCFC

TOTAL = 4.015

<i>West District</i>				
W. 5th Street Road	Worthington Road	City Limits	0.814	DCFC
Laketown Road	Keene Road	County Line	3.157	KYTC FLEX
Windy Hollow Road	KY 1514	Lonesome Pine Trail	0.601	DCFC
Windy Hollow Road	Old Highway 81	#4325	0.706	DCFC
Fern Hill Woods Subdivision	Medley Road	ALL COUNTY ROADS	0.744	DCFC

TOTAL = 6.022

TOTAL MILES = 17.528

EASTERN DIST. (46%) = 48% of the budgeted amount
CENTRAL DIST. (20%) = 19% of the budgeted amount
WESTERN DIST. (33%) = 33% of the budgeted amount

County Engineer Mark Brasher: This is \$1.38 million worth of projects.

Each Commissioner said they were in agreement with their respecting road resurfacing recommendation.

Judge Mattingly: Of the above budgeted amounts, we try to balance it out between the districts. Some years, if there needed to be more paving in the central and less in the west, that happened. Some years, it went the other way. It balances out. Mark, I have noticed that we are down a little bit on the amount

of roads that we are paving. I would assume part of that is because we are doing some subdivisions where there's curbs, gutters, milling, etc... Plus the cost of oil has gone up.

Judge Mattingly: At some point, toward the end of the year, we will do like we have done in the past, and come back and maybe doing another \$500,000 worth of paving. It will just depend on our budget and what may happen this year.

Commissioner Wathen: We're way ahead of this number right now. How many roads are we doing this year?

Mr. Brasher: It's about 38 miles in this current fiscal year.

Judge Mattingly: Commissioner, we've averaged 35-36 miles a year over the last 12 years. That's what people pay taxes for and we give them what they need.

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 the following Bids:

No. 17-2022: One (1) New Boom Mower to Tiger Corporation.

Daviess County Fiscal Court received one (1) bid for the provision of one (1) new boom mower for the Daviess County Road Department. Tiger Corporation is the only bid received, having no exceptions to the bid specifications. It is our recommendation to award Bid No. 17-2022 to Tiger Corporation for the 2022 Tiger Bengal unit in the amount of \$76,002.40.

No. 18-2022: One (1) New 4WD Utility Cab Tractor to Deere & Company.

Daviess County Fiscal Court received two (2) bids for the provision of one (1) new utility cab tractor for the Daviess County Road Department. Deere & Company is the lowest and best evaluated bid received, having no exceptions to the bid specifications. It is our recommendation to award Bid No. 18-2022 to Deere & Company for the 2022 John Deere 6110M unit in the amount of \$90,740.20.

No. 31-2022: One (1) New Flatbed Equipment Trailer to Stephan L. Green Trailers.

Daviess County Fiscal Court received three (3) bids for the provision of one (1) new flatbed equipment trailer for the Daviess County Road Department. Stephan L Green Trailers is the lowest and best evaluated bid received, having no exceptions to the bid specifications. It is our recommendation to award Bid No. 31-2022 to Stephan L. Green Trailers for the 2022 Green Trailers SLG-12 Ton unit in the amount of \$18,765.

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; Hire Travis Bartley as Seasonal Park Attendant 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; Hire Bryant Taylor as Utility Laborer 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 Koger, the court considered for approval; Promote Colton Lanham to Public Works Senior Heavy Equipment Operator eff. 5/6/2022.

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

Treasurer Jim Hendrix presented the **First Reading of KOC A.102 (2022) 07-2022** – Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget.

Comments:

Treasurer Hendrix: The assumptions are that there were no new taxes, no additional taxes, and no additional debt. I'll read the appropriation for each fund, and also know that there's a revenue amount of exactly the same amount as the budget is balanced. All budgeted appropriations total \$121,700,021 and include:

General Fund: \$49,691,163	Road Fund: \$6,633,713	Jail Fund: \$10,157,695
LGEA Fund: \$841,000	Bond Fund: \$5,431,550	Total Solid Waste Funds: \$27,450,900
Economic Development Fund: \$1,344,000	American Rescue Plan Act Fund: \$19,900,000	
New County Clerk Permanent Storage Fund: \$250,000		

Judge Mattingly: I know that 12 years ago, when some of us came into office, we were left with \$46 million in debt. This term, we will go out leaving \$8 to \$10 million in debt. That's not too bad - reducing that debt load in that period of time.

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

No Public Comments were received.

Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

Commissioner Castlen: I want to thank the people who put together Owensboro's part of the National Day of prayer. It's always very well done, and today's service was very powerful. I also want to congratulate and wish the Owensboro Innovation Academy's Robotics team well as they compete in the Robotics World Championship.

Commissioner Koger: I'd like to thank Mr. Brasher for getting the spray park parking lot at Horse Fork Creek Park striped and operational.

Judge Mattingly: I want to send condolences to the first lady of the City of Owensboro Barbara Watson as she lost her mom last week. I also send condolences to the family of Jerry Fischer as his father, Sylvester Fischer passed away recently. Mr. Fischer was a wonderful man and a great agricultural a farmer in Daviess County.

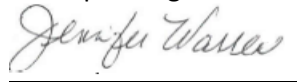
Without objection, Judge/Executive Mattingly adjourned the meeting.

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 May 19, 2022.



Jennifer Warren

Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk