

**Minutes of the July 12, 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.**

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

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The court proclaimed July 19-23, 2022 as Dust Bowl Basketball Tournament Week.

Byron Owen thanked the court for the proclamation and invited all to this year's week-long event.

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the June 30, 2022 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 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.**

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Fund Transfers.

County Treasurer Jim Hendrix: I request authority to make the following budget fund transfers from the:

- General Fund \$592,300 to the Bond Fund for the public safety radio system
- General Fund \$2,000,000 to the Road Fund
- General Fund \$2,000,000 to the Jail Fund
- General Fund \$116,800 to the Bond Fund – Operation Center
- Jail Fund \$369,845 to the Bond Fund – Detention Center
- General Fund \$400,000 to the Convention Center

Treasurer Hendrix: This will be the final transfer payment for the convention center. All of these transfers were 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 Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Revised Salary Schedule for FY 2023.

Treasurer Hendrix: The salary schedule is the one you approved last month. The salaries in it are unchanged. There are just a couple of footnotes that we are providing to clarify what we're doing on a couple of employees that we just noticed in case of audit purposes. There's a change on the front page regarding seasonal park employees. Their salary is \$13, plus they will receive the COLA - that's a clarification. And then under 4a, we want to clarify that if the solid waste laborer has a CDL or if they're trained to operate the scales they qualify for that 4a. Those are the only changes. The other numbers remain the same as what you approved last month.

**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 with DC Emergency Management Agency and Owensboro Community and Technical College for an Alternate Emergency Operations Center.

Daviess County Emergency Management Agency Deputy Director John Clouse: Our current emergency operations center resides on Allen Street. In the event that we should have to vacate that office for whatever emergency reason, we need a secondary county location from which to operate. OCTC has graciously offered a computer lab for us to use if such an occasion were to arise, for example, if an earthquake were to hit downtown Owensboro. Seismically, OCTC is logically a safe location. The computer lab is established and ready to go.

Commissioner Wathen: You all aren't moving out there, correct?

Mr. Clouse: No, it is just to have an alternate location as a backup.

Dr. Williams: We are glad that we could accommodate this request.

**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; Contract with Weaver Consultants Group for Geosynthetic CQA Services for 16.6 Acre Contained Landfill Cell.

David Smith: As you all recall, a couple of months ago, I brought you a CQA agreement regarding the subgrade and the dirt work from Specialty Inspection Services and at the time, I mentioned that we were going to be having one for the geosynthetic liner. This is the plastic liner that is put down on top of the dirt. This process requires them to not only test the liner when it comes in to make sure it meets standards, but as it's laid it has to meet standards. They check the welds. They (the installers) weld the plastic because it comes in sheets. They've got to not only weld it to the existing liner, but they have the

welds that are internal so there's quite a bit of testing and construction progress reports that has to be done.

**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; Lease Agreement with Hurricane Marina, LLC.

Judge Mattingly: We have a lease agreement with Hurricane Marina, LLC in return for them leasing that 20+ acres, they are to maintain it, which they have done. This agreement renews that lease for another year.

**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; Fee for Service Agreement with Western Kentucky University to Conduct an Archaeological Literature Search and Assessment of Potential for the Jack Hinton Road Waterline Replacement Project Area.

Judge Mattingly: We received \$3.7 million in Senate Bill 36 funds for water and wastewater infrastructure. We met with all the water purveyors in Daviess County as well as wastewater. The East Daviess County Water Association was one of those purveyors. They propose upgrading the water line along Jack Hinton Road to six inch pipe. I think it's probably three inch or four inch - not sufficient to support fire hydrants. To make a long story short, we got a note back from KYTC that said we needed to do an archaeological study along that 33,000 feet of highway before we could dig and put the water line in. I made a call to KYTC, DLG, and anybody else that cared to listen and told them how stupid it was that we would do that on an existing state highway right-of-way that has been paved over forever, which has telephone cable, gas line, water line, and everything else buried alongside and the state ditches it every year, but it fell on deaf ears. They did come back and say, if we find an archaeologist who will come in and do a spot survey and then tell us that he sees no reason to survey the entire 33,000 feet, that would be sufficient. This is going to cost \$2,500 and may take up to 4 weeks to complete, which will delay the project that much longer. Anybody that's in construction knows we're looking at about a two percent construction inflation every month, so we already have a water project that there's not sufficient money to complete. We are hoping to get more Senate Bill 36 money - enough to complete it, but in the end, the people who have the money say we have to do this and we want that money. That's what this contract is all about. We did find an archaeologist out of Western Kentucky University and he agreed to do this. Once we sign the contract we'll send it on and hopefully get it started.

**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; Reappoint Nick Hetman (S1T) #17.2022 to the Owensboro Health Board (3-Yr. Term) Eff. 10/31/22.

**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 Castlen, the court considered for approval; Promote Barry Dennis as Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator eff. June 27, 2022.

**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; Promote Jerry Martin as Landfill Scale Operator eff. June 27, 2022.

**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; Hire Tyler Timmons as Solid Waste Laborer eff. June 27, 2022.

**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; Hire Jason Filback as Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Operator eff. June 27, 2022.

**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; Hire Kya Severs as part-time Animal Control Attendant eff. upon successful completion of pre-employment screening.

**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; Hire Christopher Leach as Solid Waste Laborer eff. upon successful completion of pre-employment screening.

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

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**No Other Business was brought before the court.**

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**No Public Comments were received.**

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**Comments by the Daviess County Fiscal Court:**

Commissioner Castlen encouraged all to come out and enjoy this year's Dust Bowl events.

Commissioner Wathen announced and congratulated his son and daughter-in-law on yesterday's birth of their newest child and his 15<sup>th</sup> grandchild.

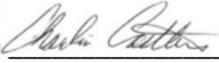
Commissioner Koger invited the public to attend the grand opening of the new Daviess County Spay/Neuter Clinic located in the Operations Center Complex near the Animal Shelter this Thursday at 11:00 am.

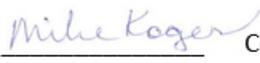
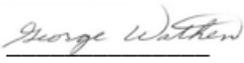
Judge Mattingly is looking forward to the completion of the new Radio Tower project. He noted that the county is preparing roads for paving season. He also reminded the public that Frederica Street is a US Highway and not a locally maintained road, but added that it is scheduled to be blacktopped by the end of this year.

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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 July 21, 2022.



Jennifer Warren  
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk