

**Minutes of the August 16, 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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Judge Mattingly Proclaimed August 2022 as the Yelvington Annual Campmeeting's 125th Anniversary.

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County Treasurer Jim Hendrix presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2022.

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the August 4, 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 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.**

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By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; MOA with DC Attorney, Commonwealth's Attorney, and DC Jailer for Mental Health Court

Judge Lisa Jones: Mental Health Court is something we created here in Daviess County. Working alongside of the County Attorney, local law enforcement, our Mental Health Court providers, and other providers, we noticed that law enforcement was getting called over and over and over again to certain residences in the community where there lived people with severe mental illness and so gradually we tried to come up with a plan for how to deal with that. We developed response plans with law enforcement that were kept at those individuals houses so when people came to check on them that they knew how to de-escalate the situation to hopefully avoid an arrest and find a safe place for them because a lot of times these people are not competent to stand trial or to face their criminal charges. If you could de-escalate the situation then you could find a safe way to handle it and could keep the individual, law enforcement, and the community safe, and not cause the person to further spiral downward by putting them in jail where they may not have access to their mental health medications, familiar routines, or to their providers.

Eventually, that resulted in a plan to create a Mental Health Court here in Daviess County that was presented to the Kentucky Department of Corrections. We follow the sequential intercept model as best we could and that model basically states that the earlier you can intervene in the situation involving a person with a severe mental illness then not only can you improve outcomes for them, but you can improve cost savings for your community. You can also improve community safety and we've implemented that plan in coordination with River Valley Behavioral Health, Administrative Office of the Courts, County Attorney's office, Commonwealth Attorney's office, Public Defender's office, Owensboro Health, and several local providers as well as Probation and Parole who have donated a specific probation officer who gets all these cases involving mental health people. We've been able to come up with case plans to identify people upon arrest or as soon as someone is tripped on our radar. A law enforcement officer can do that and has been able to do that simply by calling the Director of Mental Health Services Rachel Pate. They call Ms. Pate anytime, day or night. She helps to address specific situations and answer law enforcement questions because many times they don't want to arrest these individuals and wish to utilize all available tools first and leave arrests as a final option. Mental Health Court was designed to identify these individuals, to help the community work with them, and if they are arrested, to get them out of custody and into a safe placement and get them access to medication, to services, and to some of their basic needs because many of these people are or have been homeless. We've worked with many of them through Mental Health Court. Some of them have been illiterate. Some are in dire financial straits because through incarceration or through a lack of education and ability, they don't have social security. They don't have disability. They don't have insurance and they don't know how to get these things for themselves. We've been able to access for them these services, with our community partners. That has helped improve outcomes for these individuals and has helped us save the county money as well.

County Attorney Claud Porter: I think we've shown over the last three years a savings of around \$2 million. And through case management and monitoring, Mental Health Court has proven successful in reducing the recidivism rate as well.

Judge Jones: Through these programs we've also been able to bring more services to our county. Daviess County has been recognized now as a pilot site throughout the state for Senate Bill 90, which will get people incarcerated immediate access to mental health evaluations to determine right away who has issues. We're also getting an Assisted Outpatient Treatment Court, one of the few of those courts in the state where we can work with individuals who don't have criminal charges, but also have severe mental illness and try and access them with services and hopefully keep them from being involved in the criminal justice program. Through our Mental Health Court involvement, through Ms. Pate's involvement and willingness to work with all of our community partners, we've been able to access additional services and pilot programs from the state. They're looking at Daviess County and what we're doing here and helping us in our goals.

Judge Mattingly: If we can intervene early, we save tons of money. We found that out in teen drug court and adult drug court. It doesn't do any good to send people to jail who are severely mentally ill as Jailer Maglinger is ill-equipped to deal with those issues. That's not where we should be treating folks who are struggling with those issues.

Commissioner Wathen asked about the number of people in the program and the success rate.

Ms. Pate: Last quarter, we were already serving 216 people within Daviess County. Our numbers continue to rise each quarter. We're able to do that because of the collaboration that we have and the early identification with an approximate 90% success rate (individuals not obtaining new criminal charges).

Commissioner Castlen: Thank you to everyone in this room that's had anything to do with bringing us to where we are because the old model wasn't working. To hear the numbers you just gave us is very encouraging.

Commissioner Koger: Thank you and especially Ms. Pate for taking those law enforcement calls at all hours of the day or night. You're seeing the result and great success. Stay with it.

Commissioner Wathen: It's really encouraging to me that the program originated here in Daviess County. That says a lot for you folks. So, thank you.

Judge Mattingly: Since being the Judge, when the state faced financial issues, they first cut things like teen drug court, mental health, and social workers. Those are things that have impacts right down where people live, with families. I don't think we've ever been afraid to try pilot programs. We've tried to fund them where they have been successful. This one has been and looks like it will continue to be successful.

**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; Business Associates Agreement with Green River Dist. Health Dept. for the Medical Reserve Corps.

Treasurer Hendrix: This is an annual agreement in which the Medical Reserve Corps provides an organized means for medical, non-medical, and public health volunteers to offer their skills and expertise during a local or regional crisis. The agreement lays out the requirements of what our local EMA will do and what Green River District Health Department will do. Normally, we name them as a business associate because that has to do with the potential transference of sensitive data between the organizations, but this is just in case it's needed, in case there's some kind of crisis so they will know who to call and everybody knows what their responsibilities are. I've reviewed this and it is very similar to the one that you approved last 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 Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; AmeriCorps 2022/2023 Host Agency Agreement (EMA).

**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:

Assistant County Treasurer Jordan Johnson:

No. 2223-04: One (1) New or Used Row-Crop Tractor (Landfill)

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new or used row-crop tractor for the landfarming program at the West Daviess County Landfill. We received six (6) bids, ranging from \$142,000 to \$335,000 and recommend award to the best evaluated bid submitted by Hutson Inc. for the 2021 John Deere 8R250 unit for \$283,376.35. The three bids below this unit have excessive hours, and the recommended unit has 5 years left on its power train warranty, which will transfer with the purchase. This is a budgeted item and there were no exceptions.

Judge Mattingly: I noticed, the one directly below it had 1,200 hours. This one has 127 hours. The one below it was only \$5,000 less. I think it's a good recommendation.

No. 2223-05: One (1) New Trailer-Mounted Trash Pump (Landfill)

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new industrial trailer-mounted 6" diesel trash pump for the West Daviess County Landfill. We received six (6) bids, ranging from \$32,301.10 to \$88,423 and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by Schrecker Supply for the 2022 Multiquip MQ600HTB unit for \$32,301.10. This is a budgeted item and there were no exceptions. (This unit will be used to pump water out of the valleys of the new cell until trash has accumulated, as well as pump water into the tanker truck that waters the Landfill's gravel roads.)

Commissioner Wathen asked what a trash pump is.

Mr. Johnson: Water pumps are made to pump clean water with no material or debris - trash pumps are more robust and made to pump water that contains various materials and small debris without damaging the unit.

Judge Mattingly: This was one of two that had no exceptions. The next one without exceptions was \$20,000 higher.

Commissioner Castlen: Was that question asked of the vendor?

Mr. Johnson: Yes, and they stood by their price. They're located out of Florida so whoever they're procuring it from is likely much higher.

No. 2223-06: One (1) New Trommel Screen (Landfill)

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new trommel screening unit for the composting operation at the West Daviess County Landfill. We received three (3) bids, ranging from \$238,356 to \$274,500 and recommend award to the best evaluated bid submitted by Powerscreen Crushing & Screening for the 2022 Edge 516W unit for \$247,500. The low bid was a smaller unit than specified with exceptions outside of the acceptable range. It should be noted this item is subject to a match composting grant, where the State will pay 75% of the cost. This is a budgeted item and there were no exceptions.

No. 2223-07: One (1) New 3/4 Ton 4WD Extended Cab Pickup Truck (Landfill)

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new 3/4 ton 4WD extended cab pickup truck for the mechanics of the West Daviess County Landfill. We received three (3) bids, ranging from \$45,640 to \$51,388 and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by Pogue Chevrolet for the 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD D-Cab unit for \$45,640. This is a budgeted replacement and there were no exceptions.

No. 2223-08: One (1) New 1/2 Ton 4WD Extended Cab Pickup Truck (Maintenance)

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new 1/2 ton 4WD extended cab pickup truck for the maintenance department of Public Works. We received two (2) bids, ranging from \$42,335 to \$54,158 and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by Pogue Chevrolet for the 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 D-Cab unit for \$42,335. This is a budgeted replacement and there were no exceptions.

Commissioner Wathen asked about delivery of the above two trucks.

Mr. Johnson: They will deliver them by the end of this November.

Judge Mattingly: One of them is a ¾ ton and the other is a ½ ton. There's only about a \$3,000 difference. Since the ¾ ton is a heavier duty truck, and for the small cost difference, would we be better off purchasing a ¾ ton for the (Bid No. 2223-07) Landfill pickup truck instead?

Mr. Johnson: Outside of availability and order slots that the dealer has, I wouldn't know, but I can get you that answer.

Judge Mattingly: We can go ahead and approve this but let's look at that.

No. 2223-11: Twelve (12) New Target Throwing Machines (Gun Club)

This bid is for the provision of twelve (12) new target throwing machines for the Daviess County Gun Club. We received two (2) bids, ranging from \$28,987.64 to \$29,180 and recommend award to the best evaluated bid submitted by MCS Trap, LLC for \$29,180. MCS Trap, LLC is a known vendor, they have provided maintenance, assistance, machines, and parts to the Gun Club since 2019. The difference between the bids is less than \$200 (\$192.36). This is a budgeted item and there were no exceptions.

**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; Reject **Bid No. 2223-10: PVC Pipe for Landfill Cell Construction (Landfill)**

Mr. Johnson: This bid was for the provision of PVC pipe per the bid specifications for cell construction at the West Daviess County Landfill. The single bid we received was in complete exception to our bid specifications and cannot be accepted since it will not meet the requirements of our solid waste permit for the cell. They submitted the bid this way thinking it would save money since drilled pipe is cheaper than slotted, however, we have reached out to them and they now have an understanding of why we need the slotted pipe. The bid has been re-issued and it will be brought to court at a later date. For this item I recommend rejection.

Commissioner Castlen: You've already re-bid it and anticipate getting acceptable bids, correct?

Mr. Johnson: Correct.

**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; **Second Reading of KOC A.103 (2022); 08-2022** – An Ordinance relating to the Adoption of the 2022 Daviess County Tax Rates.

**Comments:**

Treasurer Hendrix: This was for calendar year 2022. The court elected to take the compensating rate, which means that the real property rate decreases from 13.4 cents per hundred dollars of value to 13.0 cents and 16.37 was the prior personal property tax rate and all rates affected by that rate will be reduced to 13.84.

Judge Mattingly: Some people will see an increase in their property tax. That increase is due to PVA and their assessment, which is based on the requirements of the state to reassess property every four years.

Treasurer Hendrix: They typically reassess 25% of the county each year, that's correct.

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

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Other Business brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court:

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; RFQ 2223-17: One (1) New 72" Zero-Turn Mower (Parks) to Hagan's Outdoor Equipment.

Mr. Johnson: This quote is for the provision of one (1) new 72" zero-turn mower for the Daviess County Parks & Recreation Department. We received three quotes ranging from \$13,239 to \$14,066 and recommend pursuing the lowest and best evaluated quote submitted by Hagan's Outdoor Equipment for the Skag Cheetah SCII72V37BVEFI unit for \$13,239. There were no exceptions. You will notice that two of the lowest quotes are for the same amounts, but considering that we have had a great working relationship with Hagan's Outdoor Equipment in terms of parts availability and maintenance and that they are located near Horse Fork Creek Park where this mower will be stationed, they have been selected as the recommended bidder.

Judge Mattingly: Commissioners we try to not bring other business before the court without giving you some time to review and without giving the public time to look at what the court's doing. In this case, it was more or less an emergency. We have three mowers that went down, but we had to move pretty quickly. They have this mower in stock and we can take it and place it in service immediately.

Commissioner Castlen asked what brand of mower it will be replacing.

County Engineer Brasher: It's replacing a 2013 Skag 72" mower.

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

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No Public Comments were received.

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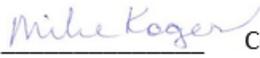
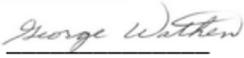
No Comments were made by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

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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 September 1, 2022.



Jennifer Warren  
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk