

**Minutes of the November 3, 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.

By a motion of Commissioner Koger, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the October 20, 2022 Court Meeting.

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; 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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval; Interlocal Agreement with McLean Co. regarding Hall School Road Bridge Replacement.

Judge Mattingly: The state inspected Hall School Road Bridge and deemed it unsafe, but it is no longer under the state's list of maintained bridges. The bridge is in an area where McLean County and Daviess County have some claim so both counties will split the cost to replace and maintain the bridge. As the specific location of the county line has been an issue of disagreement, this agreement includes language, which states, in no way does this define that county line. McLean County will do the necessary work and when complete, Daviess County will reimburse them, per the agreement.

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 20-2022** regarding Treasury Services at Independence Bank.

Assistant County Treasurer Jordan Johnson: This is a security procedures update for our public fund account with Independence Bank. This agreement adds the positive pay service to all of our accounts, which is simply a best practices solution for detecting fraudulent checks as early as possible. Treasurer Hendricks, legal, and I reviewed it and found no issues. There are no service fees.

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; Award **Bid No. 2223-26**: Limestone Replacement & Sealing Project to Midwest Maintenance Inc.

Judge Mattingly: At the exterior entrances of the courthouse, in particular along the base, the limestone is deteriorating. We've looked at it and feel it was urgent to get started and try to get this accomplished before winter. If we don't, it's going to continue to deteriorate as the Limestone facing on the building was never sealed, which means it absorbs water and will freeze and cause further damage.

Assistant County Treasurer Jordan Johnson: This bid is to repair/replace and seal the exterior damaged Limestone of the Daviess County Courthouse. We received four bids ranging from \$119,500 to \$299,300 and recommend the best evaluated bid submitted by Midwest Maintenance Inc. for \$138,000. We are not recommending the low bid. The recommendation is a company that specializes in restoration work with numerous past courthouses and state buildings projects from across the country, including the Kentucky State Capitol that has a limestone exterior akin to ours.

Commissioner Wathen: Are they going to treat the limestone by the porches and steps so that when we salt there, it will be protected?

Mr. Jonson: Yes, all unsealed limestone will be sealed.

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; Promote Gavin Cecil to Heavy Equipment Operator eff. Nov. 4, 2022.

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; Promote Kelci Calhoun to Animal Control Coordinator eff. Nov. 4, 2022.

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; Hire Chris Cunningham as EMA Deputy Director eff. Nov. 14, 2022.

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; Hire Jessica Ritter as Animal Control Officer eff. Nov. 14, 2022.

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

No other business was brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court.

Public comments:

Cheryl Burks-McCarthy, Shannon McGinnis, and Josh Kelly introduced themselves to the court as members of the 2023 class of Leadership Owensboro.

Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

Commissioner Wathen noted that applications are still being accepted for the Trash-For-Cash program. He also mentioned that the Christmas at Panther Creek Lights will begin the Friday following Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Koger wished all election participants good luck.

Commissioner Castlen noted the upcoming Veterans Day events, including the parade. He encouraged all to participate an event or at least thank a veteran for their service.

Judge Mattingly: The DC Detention Center graduated a class of five today from their Reentry Success Program. These inmates have earned their Enhanced Operator I and Workforce Readiness Certificate through the online FlexTrain platform at Owensboro Community & Technical College. The program is intended to provide a pathway to gaining employment in manufacturing and skilled trades. This was the second graduating class of five and a third class of five is currently enrolled in the program.

Judge Mattingly: The next court meeting is scheduled for Tue., Nov. 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm. The First Reading of an Ordinance regarding an appeal for a rezoning of property on Highway 144 is set for Nov. 15. The court members, if not already, will be provided records from the related OMPC meeting. From that record the court shall take a vote on the Ordinance at its Second Reading on Dec. 1. The court will not receive testimony by either side.

Judge Mattingly took exception with recent Messenger-Inquirer letters to the editor regarding the Oct. 20 court meeting. One letter said that recycling would prolong the life of the landfill. That is not true. Most of what the public believes they are recycling does not get recycled. Sadly, it gets thrown away and ends up in the landfill. The other said the court was raising the room tax. That is also not true. We changed two ordinances and amended a third to include all lodging accommodations like Airbnbs.

Commissioner Wathen noted, with the amount of landfill acreage we currently have, there is more than a lifetime worth of storage and we are attempting to purchase more for even further growth.

Without objection, Judge/Executive Mattingly adjourned the meeting.

SO ORDERED THAT COURT STAND ADJOURNED.

Judge-Executive Al Mattingly *Al Mattingly* Commissioner Charlie Castlen *Charlie Castlen*

Commissioner Mike Koger *Mike Koger* Commissioner George Wathen *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 November 15, 2022.

Jennifer Warren

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