

**Minutes of the February 7, 2023 Daviess County Fiscal Court Meeting
Held at the Daviess County, Kentucky Courthouse
elected court officials: Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen, Commissioners Larry Conder and
Christopher Castlen, and Attending via Zoom, Commissioner Janie Marksberry**

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.

Blake Edge of GRADD presented the FEMA Kentucky Hazardous Mitigation Generators Grant Project, which was submitted to aid the Masonville Volunteer Fire Station obtain a backup Generator.

Blake Edge of GRADD: When a Presidential disaster is declared, FEMA makes 5% of the total disaster declaration available for certain projects. In Kentucky, every county is eligible to apply for these grant initiatives. This COVID-related FEMA grant was submitted for review to the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency in February of 2022 for \$30,000. They returned it to us about a week ago requiring an expedited signature and return, which did not allow the court time to have it on tonight's court meeting agenda. With the assistance of the County Treasurer, the necessary authorities and a signature were obtained to ensure the proper processing of this grant, and the document was returned. This grant includes a county contribution of about \$4,000, the state about \$3,000, and the remaining balance paid with federal funds.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Court Meeting.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; All Claims for All Departments.

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

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

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

By a motion of Judge-Executive Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; Amended Sheriff's Department 2023 Budget.

County Treasurer Jordan Johnson: This amendment request results in a total increase in our annual subsidy of \$125,524.30, and is comprised of a 1.5% increase for all salaries to adjust for the published COLA of 6.5%, an adjustment to the Sheriff's salary as mandated by the State, a part-time forensics officer, and minor salary adjustments for promotions.

Sheriff Youngman: Thank you for your commitment to public safety. In this amendment, I appreciate your understanding the importance of and the need for digital forensics. This field has rapidly become the expectation of criminal prosecutions and is a necessary tool for our detectives when building cases of today.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Resolution 2-2023** Affirming Support by Endorsing and Assisting in the Advancement of Owensboro, Kentucky being Declared the "Quintessential Bluegrass Music Capital of the World".

International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum Executive Director Chris Joslin: The museum's intent is to drive cultural tourism to Owensboro-Daviess County and to create economic development activity through something unique, Bluegrass music, which no other community in our nation can boast.

Bluegrass Music Initiative Director Steve Johnson: Bluegrass music is an internationally recognized original art form attributed to Kentuckian, Bill Monroe, and the Bluegrass Boys - a band named after the Bluegrass region of Kentucky. In 1985, the International Bluegrass Music Association was founded in Owensboro to promote Bluegrass music and was home to the World of Bluegrass. Today, that event is found in Raleigh North Carolina and has become a combination Bluegrass Street Festival/Trade Show venue and generates, in less than a week, over \$18 million in economic revenue. Owensboro, in 2018, opened the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum and is surrounded by strong, supportive businesses who together thrive from high tourism rates. The strength and backing of the International Bluegrass music industry and their visitor based economy has a direct financial benefit. Based on its history, commitment, and demonstrated desire, Owensboro, Kentucky is the preeminent location to honor, celebrate, and grow the entire Bluegrass music industry, its artists, and musicians. Thank you for supporting this resolution, as we forge ahead on this claim.

By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Kentucky Pride Fund Household Hazardous Waste Management Grant.

Mr. Smith: This is one of four different Kentucky Pride grants that we apply for annually. This is also known as Tox-Away Day, a day where people can drop off their household hazardous waste – waste that should not get disposed of in the landfill. This event has been highly successful. Last year, we collected about 30,000 pounds of material, including kerosene, fuels, acids, chemicals, and florescent light bulbs.

This year's grant request is for \$30,000 with a county in-kind or cash match of \$10,000. This year's event will be at the Operations Center on October 7th.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; Kentucky Pride Fund Recycling Grant.

Mr. Smith: This is also one of the four annual Kentucky Pride grants, which was just mentioned. This one is funded by the \$1.75 landfill state tax paid by each landfill customer. This year grant is for \$55,000 and will be used for six, 40-yard, open-top containers. The county has a 25% in-kind match.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Daviess Co. Youth Soccer Assoc. Sports Facility License Agreement at Horse Fork Creek Park.

Parks Director Ross Leigh: This agreement is similar to the prior agreement, but allows for an auto renewal and details certain responsibilities.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; Contract with Noles Homes Maintenance for Holbrook Judicial Center Office Painting.

Treasurer Johnson: This is for office painting in the Judicial Center, and the Administrative Office of the Courts will reimburse the project cost.

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

By a motion of Judge-Executive Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; Declare the following as Surplus Inventory and Transfer as follows:

- Police Interceptor Unit to Estill County Fiscal Court
- Metal Halide Light Ballasts to Daviess County Public Schools

Treasurer Johnson: The Sheriff's Department has retired one of their police interceptor units, and rather than let it sit at the Operations Center until our next county auction (which will likely be mid-late 2024), they would like to transfer it to Estill County Sheriff's Office. Since all county assets are titled to Fiscal Court (including those of the Sheriff's Office), this would require the court to declare the item surplus and transfer it to Estill County Fiscal Court. Additionally, as we replaced light fixtures at ballfields 1, 2 and 3 at

Panther Creek Park, during 2016 and 2018, all of the replaced metal halide lights were placed in storage. Public Works has determined that there is no use for these items by the county. Daviess County Public Schools have shown interest in the lights and have requested that we transfer them. This again requires the court to declare the items surplus and transfer them to the Daviess County Public Schools. Both transfers are to other governmental agencies in accordance with KRS 67.0802(4) and I recommend approval to declare all scheduled items surplus and transfer to the respective government agencies.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Award the following as recommended:

Award Bid No. 2223-35: One (1) New Chassis Cab (Road Department)

This bid is for the provision of one (1) new 1-ton chassis cab and steel flatbed unit for the Road Department. We received two bids, ranging from \$62,833 to \$67,144.50, and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by Whiteside of St. Clairsville for the 2024 GMC Sierra 3500 HD unit for \$62,833. We have utilized Whiteside of St. Clairsville in the past with no issues. This is a budgeted item, and there are no exceptions to our bid specifications. It should be noted this item came in slightly over budget (by approximately \$5,000). However, sufficient unspent funds remain in the Road Department's capital account to cover the differential.

Award Bid No. 2223-40: D8T Dozer Undercarriage Replacement (Landfill)

This bid is for the replacement of the undercarriage of the 2013 CAT D8T Dozer located at the Landfill. We received two bids, ranging from \$40,770.28 to \$42,420.80, and recommend award to the lowest and best evaluated bid submitted by IMPCO, Inc. for \$40,770.28. This is standard budgeted maintenance. The amount was within our expected range, and there were no exceptions to our bid specifications.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; Hire Austin Fuqua as a Road Dept. Mechanic Eff. 2/13/2023.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Promote Bryant Taylor to Service Technician-Building and Grounds Eff. 2/8/2023.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Promote Michael Reed to Service Technician-Building and Grounds Eff. 2/8/2023.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; Appoint Captain Jeff Payne (Sheriff's Dept.) to the O-DC Drug/Alcohol Steering Committee (3-Yr. Term) Eff. 1/1/2023.

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

By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; Appoint Nathan Berry (FUET of Angela Thompson S1.5T) to the Owensboro Reg. Hospital Bd. Eff. Immediately - 10/31/2023.

The vote was called and with all members voting in favor, except for Commissioner Castlen as he abstained, said motion passed.

The **First Reading of KOC 621.22 (2023) #01-2023** – An Ordinance Relating to the Daviess County Road, Bridge and Street System was read in summary.

Comments:

County Engineer Mark Brasher: The Road, Bridge, and Street System is updated by ordinance annually. This update includes a road name change and new subdivision street names.

No Other Business considered.

Public Comments:

The Daviess County Parks Department is hiring parks attendants. If interested, Parks Director Ross Leigh invites people to review additional information on the Daviess County Fiscal Court website.

Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

Judge Castlen: The next court meeting will be February 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Without objection, Judge/Executive Castlen adjourned the meeting.

SO ORDERED THAT COURT STAND ADJOURNED.

Judge-Executive Charlie Castlen

Commissioner Janie Marksberry

Commissioner Christopher Castlen

Commissioner Larry Conder

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 February 23, 2023.



Jennifer Warren
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk