

Minutes of the August 10, 2023, Daviess County Fiscal Court Meeting
Held at the Daviess County, Kentucky Courthouse
Present elected court officials: Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen and County Commissioners
Janie Marksberry, Christopher Castlen, and Larry Conder

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 led by
Commissioner Chris Castlen

Judge Castlen opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2023 Proposed Tax Rate.
County Treasurer Johnson gave a brief explanation of the proposed tax rate.
No comments were received and said hearing was adjourned.

Judge/Executive Castlen opened the regular Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting.

1. Consideration for Presentation:

A. Judge/Executive Castlen proclaimed **September 8, 2023 as Theatre Workshop of Owensboro Day**. Todd Reynolds, Executive Director of Theatre Workshop of Owensboro, spoke about his history of working with the Theatre Workshop of Owensboro and thanked the court for the proclamation.

2. Consideration for Approval:

A. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Minutes of the July 27, 2023, Daviess County Fiscal Court Meeting**. The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed**.

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

Commissioner Conder: Asked County Treasurer Johnson about Fiscal Court debt.

County Treasurer Johnson: Fiscal Court started the year with \$8.8 million in outstanding principal. After the payment (if approved) is made, that will drop Fiscal Court to \$8.26 million, and projected to end the year with \$6.6 million.

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

C. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Second reading of KOC 111.5 (2023) 08-2023 – An Ordinance Relating to the Establishment of Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner Districts in Daviess County, Kentucky.**

County Attorney Burlew: Informed the court that this is in accordance with KRS 67.045 and recommended approval.

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

D. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Resolution 22-2023 and Agreement regarding Rural Secondary FLEX Program Funds (Graves Lane, Hayden Bridge Road, Sawmill Road & Stillhouse Road).**

County Engineer Brasher: Informed the court that this is an annual resolution and agreement and the project is in the budget. He recommended approval.

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

E. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Green River District Health Department's Resolution establishing 2023 Tax Rates.**

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

F. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Hire Kya Severs as Part-Time Animal Control Attendant effective August 7, 2023.**

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

G. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Hire Katherine Lawless as Part-Time Animal Control Attendant effective August 17, 2023.**

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

H. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Hire Logan Willis as Seasonal Park Attendant effective August 11, 2023.**

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

I. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Promote Jerome Hernandez to Heavy Equipment Operator effective August 11, 2023.**

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

J. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Award RFQ No. 2324-05: Tree Removal Project (Road)**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended the only responsive quote submitted by The Halter Group in the amount of \$11,163.34. He noted that Public Works management believes this amount to be reasonable based on past projects. He recommended approval.

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

K. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Award Bid No. 2324-16: One (1) New Physio-Control Lifepak 15 Unit (Fire Rescue).**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended the award to the best-evaluated bid submitted by Stryker Corporation in the amount of \$42,059.06. He recommended approval.

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

3. Consideration for Discussion:

A. No other business was brought before the DCFC

B. First Reading of KOC 921.682 (2023) 09-2023 – An Ordinance Amending Text in Articles 3, 8, 10 and 17 of the Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance

County Attorney Burlew: Spoke about the history of this ordinance and was in agreement with the recommended amendments.

Melissa Evans: Provided overviews for each of the text amendments.

Commissioner Conder: Asked a question about section 8 regarding commercial property with residential dwellings.

Commissioner Marksberry: Asked a question about ADA compliance with the B zone category regarding commercial property with residential dwellings.

C. First Reading of KOC A.105 (2023) 10-2023 - An Ordinance Relating to the Adoption of the 2023 Daviess County Tax Rates

County Treasurer Johnson: Informed the court that he reviewed the 2023 tax assessment information from the Department for Local Government (DLG). The preference indicated to him by the court was to leave all of the ad valorem rates the same as last year with no rate increases. After examining the County's current financial position, he stated that keeping the rates the same would generate sufficient revenue to manage the fiscal year 23/24 budget. All rates are the same as the prior year: Real Property at 13.00 cents per \$100 of value; Tangible personal property at 13.84 cents per \$100 of value; Motor vehicles and watercraft at 17.00 cents per \$100 of value. County Treasurer Johnson informed the court this is the first reading.

D. There were no Public Comments

E. Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court

Commissioner Marksberry: Spoke about the closing of Towne Square Mall.

Commissioner Conder: Announced his 21st marriage anniversary with his wife. He asked the public to slow down near schools and take extra care around school buses.

Judge/Executive Castlen: Spoke about his memories with the Towne Square Mall. Informed the public about the signs placed on the Fiscal Court truck and trailers that give Fiscal Court's phone and truck numbers for the public to report trash coming out of the trucks.

4. Adjournment

Without objection, Judge/Executive Castlen adjourned the meeting.
SO ORDERED THAT COURT STAND ADJOURNED.



Judge-Executive Charlie Castlen



Commissioner Janie Marksberry

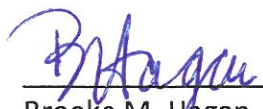


Commissioner Christopher Castlen



Commissioner Larry Conder

I, duly appointed Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk Brooke M. Hagan, hereby certify that the above corresponding Order Book minutes were approved by the court on August 24, 2023.



Brooke M. Hagan
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk