

Minutes of the August 24, 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.

1. Consideration for Presentation:

A. Proclaim August 26, 2023, as Women's Suffrage Day. Judge/Executive Castlen read the proclamation to the court. Judy Adams spoke about the history of Women's voting rights and the Equal Rights Amendment. Mrs. Adams accepted the proclamation and thanked the court.

B. Proclaim the month of September as Daviess County Preparedness Month. Commissioner Conder read the proclamation to the court. Andy Ball explained the importance of being prepared for emergencies and disasters. Mr. Ball accepted the proclamation and thanked the court.

C. Treasurer's Report for July 2023. County Treasurer Johnson informed the court that as of July 31, 2023, the total cash balance is \$67,392,716 for all funds - General Fund balance is \$27,479,314, minus operating reserve and restricted funds, cash for general fund operations is \$18,731,164.

D. 2023 Daviess County Public Library Tax Rates. Erin Waller from the Daviess County Public Library presented the tax rates. County Treasurer Johnson noted that since the Daviess County Public Library was taking the compensating rate, there was no action for Fiscal Court to take.

2. Consideration for Approval:

A. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Minutes of the August 10, 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 Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, 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.**

C. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Judge/Executive Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Second 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: The first reading was held on August 10, 2023. Daviess County Fiscal Court has carefully reviewed the amendments and found that the amendments have met the requirements of KRS chapter 100. He 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 Judge/Executive Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Second reading of KOC A.105 (2023) 10-2023 – An Ordinance Relating to the Adoption of the 2023 Daviess County Tax Rates.**

County Treasurer Johnson: The first reading was held on August 10, 2023. The Court's proposal is to keep all tax rates the same as last year with no rate increases, with Real Property at 13.00 cents per \$100 of value, Tangible Personal Property at 13.84 cents per \$100 of value, and Motor Vehicles and Watercraft at 17.00 cents per \$100 of value. 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 Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Memorandum of Agreement Concerning The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program with the City of Owensboro.**

County Treasurer Johnson: The City and County alternate yearly applications for the JAG program. It states that the County shall apply for the JAG program funding in odd-numbered years beginning in 2023, and the City shall apply in even-numbered years beginning in 2024. He recommended approval.

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

F. By a motion of Judge/Executive Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Administrative Code Amendment.**

County Treasurer Johnson: This amendment creates additional tiers to the fleet management position for the salary schedule. The employee may move to a new hourly rate upon completion of 10 credit hours with that hourly rate being adjusted by the COLA each year.

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

G. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Amendment to the Salary Schedule for FY 23/24.**

County Treasurer Johnson: In relation to the administrative code amendment, five (5) tiers of the fleet management mechanic position have been added to track the educational incentive, the rates of which will have the COLA applied each year. He recommended approval and for the change to be retroactive to the first pay period in Fiscal Year 23/24.

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

H. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Award Bid No. 2324-17: Kirtley Annex Roof Replacement (County Attorney).**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended award to the best-evaluated bid submitted by **Preferred Construction Services** in the amount of \$279,909.00. He recommended approval.

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

I. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Award Bid No. 2324-18: Three (3) Fenced Play Yards (Animal Control).**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended award to the lowest and best-evaluated bid submitted by **All Around Fencing & Construction** in the amount of \$21,800.00. This project will be expensed from the Carl Henry Animal Shelter Trust. He recommended approval.

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

J. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Award Bid No. 2324-19: HVAC Unit Replacement (Animal Control).**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended award to the lowest and best-evaluated bid submitted by **Henry's Plumbing** in the amount of \$19,206.00. He recommended approval.
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

K. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Promote Ashton Chapman to Fleet Management Mechanic II**
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

L. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Promote Richard Spivey to Fleet Management Mechanic II**
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

M. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Promote David Vanover to Fleet Management Mechanic V**
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

N. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Promote Adam Turner to Fleet Management Mechanic III**
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

O. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Promote Sam Burton to Fleet Management Mechanic IV**
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

P. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Promote Bryan Collins to Fleet Management Mechanic III**
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

Q. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Promote Christopher Leach to Heavy Equipment Operator at the Landfill effective August 25, 2023**
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

R. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Appoint Kevin Dorth (Michelle Drake S2T) to the Daviess County Public Library Board (4 Year term.) effective 9/14/2023 through 9/4/2027**

Commissioner Conder: Asked for clarification on the process of picking a new board member for the Library Board.

Judge/Executive Castlen: The Library board submits two names to the Department of Library Archives and the names are submitted to the Judge/Executive. The law was changed to accept the new approach which says that the Judge/Executive may appoint one of the two names. If the Judge/Executive were to refuse those names, he would get two more names through the same process. If the Judge/Executive does not approve those names, then the Judge/Executive can appoint someone of his choosing.
The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

S. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Appoint Lisa Fulkerson (citizen) (Sue Smiley S3T) to the Daviess County Animal Control Commission (4 year term.) effective 8/8/2023 through 8/8/2027**

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 Daviess County Fiscal Court

B. Public Comments

Jerry Chapman (Chairman of Daviess County Citizens for Decency): Spoke about certain books at the Library and asked that his audit of the books at the library be entered into the record.

Kathy Estes: Spoke about the Public Library's mission and her opposition to the Citizens for Decency.

Brian Lashbrook: Gave some history on the library and its importance to the community.

C. Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court

Commissioner Marksberry: Made comments about some controversial books at the library.

Commissioner Conder: Informed the public that resources should be used elsewhere to protect the children. Requested that our community check on each other due to the heat. Informed the public about the Concert on the Lawn at KWC. He requested the community to help out on the issue of trash in our community.

Commissioner Castlen: Announced that International Overdose Awareness Day is on August 31st. RiverValley will host an event at Moreland Park from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. They encourage people to wear purple on this day to show support.

Judge/Executive Castlen: Informed the public to contact the Library Board for any complaints as the Daviess County Fiscal Court simply appoints members to the board. Thruston Volunteer Fire Department will host its 50th anniversary with an open house at 2592 Reid Road on September 16th (Saturday) 2023 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

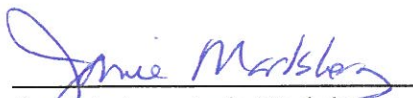
4. Adjournment


Without objection, Judge/Executive Castlen adjourned the meeting.

SO ORDERED THAT COURT STAND ADJOURNED.



Judge-Executive Charlie Castlen


Commissioner Christopher Castlen


Commissioner Janie Marksberry


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 September 7, 2023.


Brooke M. Hagan
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk