

Minutes of the September 19, 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 by Commissioner Janie Marksberry

1. Consideration for Presentation:

A. Proclaim September 17 through 23, 2023, as Constitution Week. Commissioner Castlen read the proclamation. Mary Coomes is the Chapter Region of the General Evans Shelby Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. They are a service organization and their mission is threefold. Their mission includes historic preservation, education, and patriotism. They help the veterans in many ways.

B. Owensboro Family YMCA Report. John Alexander is the Executive Director of the YMCA. He thanked the court for the support they have given to the YMCA over the past years. They have purchased an extra building for future plans for a childcare center and seeking funding to remodel the building. He announced his retirement and informed the court that the new CEO would be announced on September 20, 2023, at noon. He also provided the court with song lyrics to the song "Higher Ground".

C. Treasurer's Report for August 2023. County Treasurer Jordan Johnson informed the court that as of August 31, 2023, the total cash balance is \$70,157,332.00 for all funds. The General Fund balance is \$28,621,376.00 minus operating reserve and restricted funds cash for general fund operations is \$19,792,620.00. All funds are operating within the expected ranges.

2. Consideration for Approval:

A. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Minutes of the September 7, 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 Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Resolution 23-2023** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Owensboro Regional Recovery (ORR) Application and any other related documents.

County Treasurer Johnson: This is a yearly request from ORR that applies for \$200,000.00 through Community Development Block Grant funds. \$190,000.00 is for salaries and \$10,000.00 is for GRADD to administer the grant. The resolution is a requirement of the application. He reviewed it and saw no issues.

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; Amendment No. 4 to Procurement and Service Agreement with International Paper Company.

David Smith: This Amendment will extend the contract date that currently ends on December 31, 2023 and it will move it to September 30, 2025, which also includes a rate increase.

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; Re-appoint Erica Wade (S1T) to the Steering Committee (Drug/Alcohol) Advisory Board - Alliance for a Drug-Free Owensboro and Daviess County (3-year term.) effective 9/1/2023 through 8/31/2026.

Judge/Executive Castlen: This is a joint appointment with the city.

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

F. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; Hire Dirk Dooper as Assistant County Engineer effective September 25, 2023.

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; Promote Austin Fuqua to Fleet Management Mechanic II.

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. No Public Comments were made

C. Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court:

Commissioner Castlen: Saturday, October 7, 2023, is Free Tox-Away Day. Bring approved items to the Daviess County Operations Center on Highway 81 between the hours of 8 a.m. to noon. A complete list of approved items may be found on the daviessky.org website. He thanked everyone who made the air show outstanding this past weekend. He attended the ORR Alumni Day on Saturday and was amazed with the people who help and work the programs and the people who have graduated from the program. He also attended the Thruston Fire Department 50th Year Anniversary open house. He thanked the Thruston Fire Department and remarked on how efficient their facility is.

Commissioner Marksberry: Commented on how much she enjoyed the airshow and the Thruston Fire Department open house.

Commissioner Conder: Commented on how well the transportation department has been doing with keeping the roads clean. Mentioned that his 17-year-old granddaughter became a Marine. He thanked all who protect our freedoms.

Judge/Executive Castlen: Thanked the city and the airport for doing the airshow. He attended the ORR Alumni Day event and heard some very powerful testimony about the power of addiction and the recovery accomplishments. He thanked all those who work in the recovery system. He mentioned that the Dental Clinic will be managed by the University of Louisville, School of Dentistry, starting in January 2024.

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 October 5, 2023.



Brooke M. Hagan
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk