

Minutes of the November 2, 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 Judge Executive Charlie Castlen

1. Consideration for Presentation:

A. Daviess County Fiscal Court Audit Report FYE June 30, 2023

County Treasurer Johnson: The audit states we were in compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. The audit was clean and there were no financial statement findings or questioned costs. All money has been accounted for and was recorded and reported appropriately for all funds.

2. Consideration for Approval:

A. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Minutes of the October 19, 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 Marksberry, 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.**

C. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Interlocal Agreement with Ohio County Regarding McMahan (Moseley) Road.**

County Engineer Brasher: This is about resurfacing Moseley Road in Ohio County. It was discovered that about 690 feet in Ohio County had not been paved. By mistake, Ohio County cut the road short. Ohio County will reimburse Daviess County to complete the paving of Moseley Road. 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 Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Motorola System Upgrade Agreement (SUA) and Maintenance Support Proposal for the P25 Digital Radio System.**

County Treasurer Johnson: This is the continuing maintenance and scheduled hardware/software upgrades agreement with Motorola for the P25 digital radio system. This will cover five years of service after the initial first-year warranty expires. Electing all services for five years, the cost is \$243,651.81 per year. This was within the expected range and Motorola has honored the original pricing presented in

2020 for these services. The radio system consultant, Trott Communications, reviewed the agreement and saw no issues. 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; **Facility Use Agreement with the Owensboro Sportscenter for the November 2023 General Election.**

County Treasurer Johnson: This is the standard use agreement for the Clerk's Office to utilize the Sportscenter for the 2023 General Election per the County Clerk's election plan. They have proposed an estimated total of \$6,100.00. He recommended approval.

County Clerk McCarty: Reported that 2,270 people voted on November 2, 2023.

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; **West County Commissioner's Annual Incentive Payment for CY 2023.**

County Treasurer Johnson: For certain elected officials, upon completion of 40 hours of training, per KRS 64.5275(6), Fiscal Court is required to pay the incentive payment directed by a letter from the Department for Local Government (DLG). This payment is required, but it must still be reviewed and approved by Fiscal Court. He recommended approval.

The vote was called (Commissioner Castlen abstained) with all remaining members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

G. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Award Bid No. 2324-25: One (1) New Hay Tedder (Landfill).**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended award to the lowest and best-evaluated bid submitted by Hopf Equipment for the 2023 Farm King unit in the amount of \$9,400.00.

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 Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Award Bid No. 2324-26: One (1) New Tire Sidewall Remover (Landfill).**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended award to the lowest and best-evaluated bid submitted by Engineering & Equipment Co for the 2023 EECO SR1-1 unit in the amount of \$5,350.00.

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. 2324-29: Four (4) New Solid Rubber Tires with Wheels (Transfer Station).**

County Treasurer Johnson: Recommended award to the lowest and best-evaluated bid submitted by SETCO, Inc, exercising the trade-in option of the existing tires and wheels in the net amount of \$30,573.09.

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

J. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Judge/Executive Castlen, the court considered for approval; **Accept the Resignation of Katie Jones effective 11/3/2023.**

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 Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Promote Jade Garner to Payroll and Benefits Specialist effective 11/12/2023.**

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 Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Reappoint Sunny Patel (S-Partial-T) to the Daviess County Convention Center and Visitor's Bureau (3-year term.) effective 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2026.**

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

M. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Appoint Seth Baker (Jason Baker S3T) to the OMPC Building Code of Appeals Board (4-year term.) Effective 11/2/2023 through 11/1/2027.**

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

3. Consideration for Discussion:

A. First Reading of KOC 310.5 (2023) 12-2023 - An Ordinance Repealing Section 30.31(C) of Daviess County Kentucky Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Membership Fees for Certified Volunteer Fire Departments and Permitting the Sheriff to Charge and Retain a Fee of 1.5% of the Membership Charges or Subscriber Fees Collected, as Amended By KOC 310.2, KOC 310.3 AND KOC 310.4.

County Attorney Burlew: Read whereas clauses for the record.

B. First Reading of KOC 220.37 (2023) 13-2023 - An Ordinance Relating to Imposing and Collecting an Insurance Premium License Fee on Insurance Companies for the Privilege of Doing Business in the County of Daviess Outside of the City of Owensboro and the City of Whitesville Effective July 1, 2024.

County Attorney Burlew: Read whereas clauses for the record.

County Treasurer Johnson: Daviess County Fiscal Court has been analyzing the volunteer fire service funding model and evaluating options for replacing it with a structure that would preserve the volunteer system as it exists today. Preserving that coverage with as little impact as possible to the taxpayer was the Fiscal Court's goal, resulting in the proposed "repeal and replacement plan", whereby the flat rate dues are removed from the property tax bills, and the insurance premium license fee is increased 1.1% from the current rate of 4.9% for a total of 6.0%. The additional 1.1% would fund the volunteer fire system. The mandatory dues currently generate \$720,000 annually. The 1.1% increase to the insurance premium license fee is estimated to generate approximately \$1.2 million annually, resulting in \$480,000 in additional funding that would be used to supplement stations having sustainability issues and provide for capital replacements. The average homeowner will see very little difference in the total amount paid per year with the repeal and replacement in comparison to the mandatory dues.

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

D. No Public Comments

E. Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court

Commissioner Castlen: Reminded everyone that early voting has opened. Anyone can vote at the SportsCenter or at any of the other voting centers on Tuesday, November 7th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Also, Veteran's Day is November 11 and there are several events in which he encourages the public to attend at least one. The Owensboro's Veteran's Day Parade is over 100 years old and the longest-running consecutive Veteran's Day Parade in the United States. He read a proclamation and recognition that was given to him by Lou Drowdy, who is an officer with the Owensboro Daviess County Veteran's Committee. The proclamation is from the Veteran's Day National Committee stating Owensboro Veteran's Day Parade in Owensboro, Kentucky, is a regional site for the observance of Veteran's Day 2023. The proclamation was signed by Dennis McDonna, secretary of Veteran's Affairs and chairman of Veteran's Day National

Committee. Owensboro's Veteran's Day Parade will be on Saturday, November the 11th at 2 p.m. and it goes down Veterans Boulevard to the VFW post 696. James Wimsatt, a 105-year-old veteran, will be in attendance and recommended everyone to attend the Veteran's Day Parade.

Commissioner Marksberry: God is good, all of the time.

Commissioner Conder: Mentioned how efficient the early voting was. The lines were out the door, but moved quickly. The verification of who you were and the voting process went very smoothly. The Harvest Festival that recently occurred at the Daviess County Lions Club Fairgrounds had many people from other surrounding counties and had at least two to three thousand people enjoying the event. He thanked all of the Veterans who fought for our right to vote and encouraged people to exercise their right to vote.

Judge/Executive Castlen: The veterans who have served our country fought for our right to vote. Recommended everyone to exercise their right to vote. He and Commissioner Castlen attended the River Valley Behavior Health ribbon cutting at the Crown. This is a place you may go to request services needed. Next Fiscal Court meeting will be on November 14, 2023 at 4:00 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

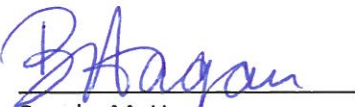


Commissioner Janie Marksberry



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 November 14, 2023.



Brooke M. Hagan
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk