

Minutes of the January 9, 2024, 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 Castlen.

1. Consideration for Approval:

A. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Minutes of the December 21, 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 Judge/Executive Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, 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; **Daviess County Clerk's 2024 Budget.**

Treasurer Johnson: For the calendar year 2024, the total budget request is \$2,503,444.69 utilizing the same COLA of 6.5% adopted by Fiscal Court for FY 23/24. The total budget increased \$130,857.57 from calendar year 2023, which is the result of the COLA and budget requests. The budget requests are within reason and he recommended approval.

Judge/Executive Castlen: Thanked County Clerk Leslie McCarty for the good working relationship that her office and Fiscal Court have. Many across the Commonwealth do not have a good working relationship.

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

D. By a motion of Commissioner Marksberry, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Daviess County Sheriff's 2024 Budget.**

Treasurer Johnson: For the calendar year 2024, the total budget request is \$6,857,829.55 utilizing a 3% COLA. The total budget increased \$212,120.18 from calendar year 2023, which is a result of the COLA and budget requests. The budget requests are within reason and he recommended approval.

Commissioner Conder: Of the revenue that the Sheriff's office made in 2023, what is the amount of grants received?

Sheriff Youngman: In 2023, the revenue was well over \$200,000 in grants received. Some examples of grants that were received was the Homeland Security grant to work on the digital forensics unit, the \$32,000 Highway Safety grant to cover the overtime hours for patrol of traffic offenses, and the \$15,000 Therapy K9 grant. There are several grants that the Sheriff's office will be applying for in 2024. He thanked

the court for all of their financial support and informed them that he has several projects that will be coming in 2024.

Judge/Executive Castlen: Thanked Sheriff Brad Youngman for the good working relationship that his office and Fiscal Court have. Many across the Commonwealth do not have a good working relationship. The vote was called and with all present members voting in favor, **said motion passed.**

E. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Annual Authorization Allowing the Judge/Executive to Execute and Submit Any and All Court Approved Documents.**

Treasurer Johnson: This authorization would allow the Judge/Executive to sign and submit any and all documents that stem from that item as long as the Court's approval is not modified. The item is an annual approval that is simply for efficiency of conducting County business, and only grants the Judge/Executive the authority to sign documents that fulfill the original intent of a Court approved item. 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; **Award RFP 01-2324: Mobile Access Tool System (Sheriff).**

Treasurer Johnson: He recommended award to the only responsive proposal submitted by Magnetic Forensics for the GrayKey License with Grayshift GrayKey Unit in the amount of \$142,048.80. This item is covered in full by Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) grant funds. Fiscal Court approved the application for the grant on 4/20/2023 by resolution 13-2023 and approved the grant contract on 12/7/2023. The expense and corresponding grant revenue are in the FY 23/24 budget and the expense is covered in full by the grant.

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

G. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Conder, the court considered for approval; **Award RFQ 2324-38: One (1) New Plotter Printer/Scanner (Engineering).**

Treasurer Johnson: He recommended award to the lowest and best evaluated quote submitted by Key Blue Prints for the HP DesignJet T-2600 MFP in the net amount of \$9,634.00. Key Blue Prints is a known vendor to the County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer and there were no exceptions to the specifications.

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

H. By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Award RFQ 2324-39: Two (2) Solid Rubber Tires (Transfer Station).**

Treasurer Johnson: He recommended award to the lowest and best evaluated quote submitted by C & M Giant Tire for the two Maxam MS708 L-5 solid rubber tires in the amount of \$14,166.30. There are sufficient funds in the Solid Waste Operating fund to cover the expense. C & M Giant Tire is a known vendor and there were no exceptions to the specifications.

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

I. By a motion of Commissioner Conder, seconded by Commissioner Marksberry, the court considered for approval; **Appoint Fred Coomes to the Steering Committee (Drug/Alcohol) Advisory Board to complete the unexpired term of Jeff Payne effective 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2025.**

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; **Hire McKenzie Eaves as Administrative Assistant effective 1/3/2024.**

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; **Accept the Resignation of Al Wathen effective 1/1/2024.**

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; **Accept the Resignation of Tyler Timmons effective 12/29/2023.**

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

2. Consideration for Discussion:

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

B. Public Comments

Brad Ebelhar: He is a farmer on the west side of the county. He brought up a couple issues. First issue was about the trash on the side of the roads. The trash greatly impacts the farming equipment used on the land. Second issue was about the invasive weed called Poison Hemlock. It is poisonous to people and to the farm animals. Every flower puts off 80,000 seeds and it is spreading fast. He would like the County to spray for this weed to prevent it from spreading any further.

Judge/Executive Castlen: Stated he would contact the University of Kentucky and Conservation District about the weed issue as they are currently fighting insect invasion in the county. He stated he was aware of the trash problem but did not have an answer about the trash issue, but he is open to suggestions. When he began serving as Judge/Executive, he had signs put on all of the county's trailers with a phone number on the back to call and report trash coming from our vehicles. He is unable to enforce the private haulers who contribute to the trash problem.

Brad Ebelhar: He said the trash has gotten worse since the Transfer Station no longer accepts CD&D trash. The private companies are hauling their own CD&D trash to the Landfill and dropping trash on the way to the landfill.

Judge/Executive Castlen: Stated that the Transfer Station is no longer able to accept CD&D as the Transfer Station is at capacity just with regular trash. He is looking at additional options. State law does not allow the county to clean up privately owned property. The Adopt a Highway Program covers very few county roads. The Sterrett Foundation helped clean the trash in the city and county at one point. He actively picks up trash as he walks around his neighborhood but the trash just keeps increasing.

C. Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court

Commissioner Marksberry: The Ag Expo is coming up and maybe they could address the Poison Hemlock issue. She will do some research on this issue as well. Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was that day and she thanked all law enforcement officers for their service to the community. Pickleball could become a destination point for the community and she suggested we build an indoor Pickleball court. She would like a new facility for the seniors in this community as well.

Commissioner Castlen: Thanked Mr. Ebelhar for bringing up the trash issue. He hopes the enforcement by the landfill and the Sheriff's department will decrease the trash issue. He thanked Owensboro Health for donating the trauma packs to the Sheriff's department and for the training they will be providing to the deputies.

Commissioner Conder: Reminded everyone that the bitter winter weather is coming. He recommended for the community to check on pets and neighbors. He informed the public about the Martin Luther King

Jr. Day Community March that will start at Owensboro High School at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 15th and will end at Kentucky Wesleyan College. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

County Attorney Burlew: The County Attorney's office is committed to prosecute individuals who receive a ticket regarding the littering issue. The office is prepared to possibly charge the individual with a misdemeanor and would fine the individual for the offense.

Sheriff Youngman: Informed the public that his office will be more proactive about enforcing the criminal littering and the escaping contents of vehicles. The law allows his deputies to pull over a vehicle that has driven up to a mile and do not have a cover over the trash they are hauling.


Judge/Executive Castlen: There are bitter cold days coming and asked folks to check on their neighbors and the elderly.

4. Adjournment

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



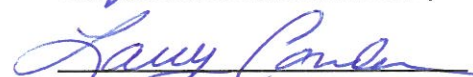
Judge-Executive Charlie Castlen



Commissioner Christopher Castlen

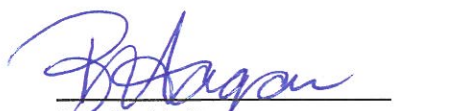


Commissioner Janie Marksberry



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 January 25, 2024.



Brooke M. Hagan
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk