

Ohio County Fiscal Court  
August 26, 2025 5:00 PM  
Ohio County Community Center  
Hartford, KY

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present Board Members:  
Michael McKenney  
Jason Bullock  
Bo Bennett  
David Johnston  
Dale Beavin  
Larry Morphew

I. Call to Order Judge Executive David Johnston  
I.A. Prayer and Pledge to American Flag

II. Approve August 11, 2025 Minutes

**Motion Passed:** Approve the August 11, 2025 minutes passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

III. Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers

**Motion Passed:** Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers stand approved as presented passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Bo Bennett.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

IV. Treasurer's July 2025 Financial Statement

**Motion Passed:** Acknowledged having received the Treasurers July 2025 Financial Statement passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

V. Sheriff's 2024 Property Tax Settlement

**Motion Passed:** Acknowledged having received the Sheriff's 2024 Property Tax Settlement passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Jason Bullock.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes

David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

VI. Sheriff's 2024 Oil and LSG Settlement

**Motion Passed:** Acknowledged having received the Sheriff's 2024 Oil and LSG Settlement passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

VII. Ohio County Public Library 2025-2026 Tax Rates

**Discussion:** Ohio County Public Library presented their 2025-2026 Tax rates of Real at 8.9% and personal at 8.9%. See attached.

**Motion Passed:** Acknowledged receiving the Ohio County Public Library 2025-2026 Tax Rates of 8.9% for Real and 8.9% for Personal passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Jason Bullock.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

VIII. Ohio County Extension Office 2025-2026 Tax Rates

**Motion Passed:** Approved the Ohio County Extension Office 2025-2026 Tax Rates compensating rates of of .0600% Real Property, .0674% Personal Property, .0180% Motor Vehicle passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Bo Bennett.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

IX. Ohio County Sheriff's Office Surplus K9 Astro

**Motion Passed:** Approve Ohio County Sheriff's Office to Surplus K9 Astro passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

**X. Contract - Ohio County Coroner Bay Floor**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Judge to sign contract for concrete coating of the Ohio County Coroner's bay floor with Icon Concrete Coating passed with a motion by Larry Morphew and a second by Dale Beavin.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

**XI. Phone System Bids**

Discussion: The Phone Committee met and went over the bids received for the for Ohio County Government phone system.

**Motion Passed:** Approve bid from AT&T for new phone system, and for the Judge to sign the 60 Month contract passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Bo Bennett.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

**XII. 7. Closed Session Under KRS 61.810 Chapter 1 Section C & F**

**Motion Passed:** Approved to enter into closed session under KRS 61.810 Chapter 1 Section C & F passed with a motion by Larry Morphew and a second by Dale Beavin.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

**XII.A. Return From Closed Session**

**Motion Passed:** Approved having returned from Closed Session passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

**XIII. Personnel**

**XIII.A. Employee Status Change**

**Motion Passed:** To move Charlie Shields from Salary Exempt to Salary Non-Exempt passed with a motion by David Johnston.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Michael McKenney	Yes
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Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

XIII.B. Road Department Personnel

Motion Passed: Approved Road Department personnel new hire of Tommy Gill, full-time, at a rate of \$21.17 per hour passed with a motion by David Johnston.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

XIII.C. Senior Center Personnel

Motion Passed: Approved Senior Center personnel new hire of Dana Rowland, part-time, at a rate of \$14.40 per hour passed with a motion by David Johnston.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

XIII.D. Custodial Personnel

Motion Passed: Approved Custodial personnel new hire of Lennie Harris, part-time, at a rate of \$14.40 per hour passed with a motion by David Johnston.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes
David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

XIV. Committee Reports

Suicide Prevention Committee will be having their annual event, this year to be called Survive and Thrive at the Ohio County Park, Saturday.

Viewing Committee Report for Tucker Hollow will be discussed at the next court meeting.

XV. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XV.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Reminded everyone about the upcoming Ohio County Fair

XV.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

Discussion: Reminded everyone about Jerusalem Ridge Festival, Thursday is free day for Ohio County citizens.

XV.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

Discussion: Reminded everyone about upcoming Centertown Days

**XV.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin**

Discussion: Dale Beavin stated that he was making a motion to vote on the Biodigester Ordinance.

**Motion Failed:** Motion to vote on the Biodigester Ordinance failed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Larry Morphew.

**2 Yeas - 4 Nays.**

Michael McKenney	No
Jason Bullock	No
Bo Bennett	No
David Johnston	No
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes

**XV.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew**

Discussion: Larry Morphew stated that more people were needed at the road department. Cook Lane residents upset about their road

**XVI. Citizen's Comments**

Discussion: Brandon Thomas stated that KY 1903 was closed back when Armstrong Coal came through, the road is still closed, wanted to know when this was going to be opened back up. Judge stated that the road was never taken in as a county road, it is still a state road, he said follow up calls would be made with the state and the coal company.

Citizen asked if a committee had been formed looking into the Hamilton Community to tap into Rough River intake. Judge stated that this needed to go to the water board.

**XVII. Adjournment**

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Judge Executive

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Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk