

Ohio County Fiscal Court
August 11, 2025 3:30 PM
Ohio County Community Center
Hartford, KY

Attendance Taken at 3:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Larry Morpew
Michael McKenney
Jason Bullock
Bo Bennett
David Johnston
Dale Beavin

I. Public Hearing of Ohio County Tax Rates

II. Call to Order Judge Executive David Johnston

II.A. Prayer and Pledge to American Flag

III. Approve July 22, 2025 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved July 22, 2025 Minutes passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Jason Bullock.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

IV. Approve August 4, 2025 Special Call Minutes

Motion Passed: Motion to approve August 4, 2025 Special Call minutes passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

V. Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers

Discussion:

Michael McKenney asked about the higher amount on the water bill for OC Park, was told that they are actively looking for a leak, which is the cause of the higher amount.

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

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VI. Clerk's July 2025 Financial Statement

Motion Passed: Acknowledge receipt of Treasurer's June 2025 financial statement passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII. Bill Monroe Museum Report

Discussion:

This agenda item is tabled for a future meeting, due to Jody Flener being unable to attend this meeting.

VIII. Amended Receipt for Oil Property Tax Bill Transfer to County Clerk

Motion Passed: Motion to acknowledge receiving the Amended Receipt for Oil Property Tax Bill Transfer to Clerk passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

IX. County 2025/2026 Real Estate Tax Rates

Motion Passed: Approved the 2025/2026 Ohio County Real Estate tax rate at .00076 passed with a motion by David Johnston and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

X. County 2025/2026 Tangible Tax Rate

Motion Passed: Approved the Ohio County Tangible Personal Tax rate at .00084 passed with a motion by David Johnston and a second by Jason Bullock.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XI. County 2025/2026 Motor Vehicle Tax Rate

Motion Passed: Approved the 2025/2026 Ohio County Motor Vehicle tax rate of 6.3 passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Bo Bennett.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XII. County 2025/2026 Watercraft Tax Rate

Motion Passed: Approved the 2025/2026 Ohio County Watercraft tax rate of 6.3 passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XIII. Health Department 2025/2026 Tax Rates

Motion Passed: Approved having received the Ohio County Public Health Department 2025/2026 Tax rates of .045% passed with a motion by Larry Morpew and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XIV. Perdue Settlement

Motion Passed: Motion to approve any and all bankruptcy plans involving the Purdue/Slackler and the Purdue/Slacker settlement and authorize the Judge Executive to sign paperwork pertaining to this settlement passed with a motion by Larry Morpew and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XV. Ohio County Airport Apron Expansion Grants

Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2 airport grants for Ohio County Airport Apron Expansion and for the Judge Executive to sign the needed paperwork for receiving the grants passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Jason Bullock.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XVI. Resolution 2025-19 - Black Lung Benefits

Motion Passed: Motion to proceed with Resolution 2025-19 concerning how black lung benefits are handled passed with a motion by Larry Morpew and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XVII. 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 Jason Bullock.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XVII.A. Return From Closed Session

Motion Passed: Approved having returned from Closed Session passed with a motion by Larry Morphew and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XVIII. Personnel

Discussion:

There were no personnel to present at this time.

XIX. Surplus Vehicle

Motion Passed: Approve to surplus a 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan, Vin: 2D8HN54P98R136364, with proceeds going to the Ohio County Senior Center passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Jason Bullock.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XX. Tucker Hollow Road and Tucker Hollow Lane

Discussion:

Appoint a viewing committee for Tucker Hollow Road and Tucker Hollow Lane to be taken into the County Road system. Committee to consist of Nick Woolen, Charlie Shields and Beau Wright.

XXI. Committee Reports

Discussion:

Bo Bennett proposed that a public committee meeting be held on August 26 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the Biodigester Ordinance. All were in agreement and a meeting was set, to be advertised prior to meeting.

David Johnston stated that he was appointing Michael McKenney to the Finance Committee

XXII. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XXII.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

XXII.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

XXII.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

XXII.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

Discussion:

Getting calls about roads needing mowing.

XXII.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morpew

Discussion:

There was discussion to the fact, there had just been a meeting set for August 26 at 4:00 p.m., to discuss and go over the questions on the draft ordinance which had been previously drawn up by Justin Keown. Mr. Keown asked if Mr. Morpew was requesting that one be voted on, or if he was suggesting a new draft. Mr. Morpew stated that something needed to be in place.

Motion Failed: Motion to have the court consider passing a previously prepared ordinance for the biodigester failed with a motion by Larry Morpew and a second by Dale Beavin.

1 Yeas - 4 Nays - 1 Abstained.

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

XXIII. County Officials Comments and Requests

Discussion:

Sheriff Adam Wright spoke and asked the court to consider purchasing a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Currently they have 19 cruisers, with 9 of them having over 100,000 miles. He had just got a call that the K9 cruiser was down and being towed. Question was asked about how many SRO vehicles there were, he stated 5 at this time. Judge Johnston stated that while at this time they could not approve a purchase, asked the sheriff to get an estimate on a new and a used vehicle, and the Finance Committee would meet to discuss.

XXIV. Citizen's Comments

Discussion:

Several citizens who live on Cook Road were present, and several spoke to the fact that although they had brought up the condition of their road previously, it still was in disrepair. They stated that they want their road fixed, back to the condition it was in before log trucks tore it up.

XXV. Adjournment

Judge Executive

Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk