

**Ohio County Fiscal Court**  
December 16, 2025 5:00 PM  
Ohio County Community Center  
Hartford, KY

**Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:**

Present Board Members:

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

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

**II. Approve November 18, 2025 Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** Approved November 18, 2025 minutes passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**III. Approve November 24, 2025 Special Call Meeting minutes**

**Motion Passed:** Approved November 24, 2025 Special Call Meeting minutes passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Larry Morphew.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**IV. Treasurer's October 2025 Financial Statement**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to acknowledge having received the Treasurer's October 2025 Financial Statement passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**V. Treasurer's November 2025 Financial Report**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to acknowledge having received the Treasurer's November 2025 Financial Statement passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Bo Bennett.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes

Larry Morpew	Yes
Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes

**VI. 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.**

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

**VII. Jerusalem Ridge Report - Dennis Cook**

Discussion: Dennis Cook presented the 2025 Jerusalem Ridge Festival Report. Reported that attendance and revenue was up. 2026 Festival to be September 10-13

**VIII. Resolution 2025-21 - FY26 80/20 Bridge Project**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Resolution 2025-21 - FY26 80/20 Bridge Project for Roby Lane passed with a motion by Larry Morpew and a second by Dale Beavin.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**IX. Clerk's November 2025 Financial Statement**

**Motion Passed:** Acknowledge receipt of Clerk's November 2025 financial statement passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Jason Bullock.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**X. Clerk's 2026 Fee Office Budget**

**Motion Passed:** Approved the Clerks 2026 Fee Office Budget passed with a motion by Larry Morpew and a second by Michael McKenney.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XI. Sheriff's 2024 Franchise Settlement**

**Motion Passed:** Acknowledged having received the Sheriff's 2024 Franchise Settlement (pending audit) passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Jason Bullock.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XII. Sheriff's Department Vehicle**

Discussion: Sheriff spoke to the court, asked to surplus a 2020 Dodge Durango that they had had a lot of trouble with. On Gov Deals with a reserve of 10,000.00, and to take the money from that sale to apply to the purchase of a 2022 Chevy Tahoe with police package.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the 2020 Dodge Durango to go to surplus passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Bo Bennett.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XII.A. 2020 Chevy Tahoe**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to purchase a 2020 Chevy Tahoe, police package vehicle, and to pay the \$36,795.00 with transfer from reserves(01-9200-999-0), money from sale of surplus vehicle to be put back into the reserve and for the treasurer to write the check for purchase of vehicle passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Jason Bullock.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XIII. Tri-Axle Truck Surplus**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to surplus from road department a 2025 Kenworth passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Bo Bennett.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XIV. Tri-Axle Truck Purchase**

**Motion Passed:** Approved to purchase a new 2026 Mack Granite F Tri -Axle Dump Truck VIN#1M2GR4GC6TM052849 from Worldwide Equipment in the amount of \$219,819.00.00, and to authorize county Treasurer to issue check(s) passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Jason Bullock.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XV. Triple Crown Realty Lease**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve signing of lease with Triple Crown Realty for office space on first floor of community center passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Jason Bullock.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XVI. Project Lifesaver - Charlie Shields**

Discussion: Charlie Shields presented to the court Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a non-profit, community-based safety program designed to protect and quickly locate individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering or eloping, primarily those with Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome and other cognitive disabilities. He stated he would like to start this program in Ohio County. It has a \$6550 start up cost, \$5000 of which he ask the court to approve from FEMA administrative funds that EMA is going to receive. The remainder from community contributions.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to take \$5000 from General Fund to be reimburse from the FEMA funds when received by EMA, the Remaining \$1550 from community contributions passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XVII. Committee Reports**

Discussion: Judge Johnston presented 2 names for approval for the Extension District Board

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Fred Maden and Sarah Smith for the Extension District Board unanimous with roll call passed with a motion by David Johnston.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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

**XVIII. Magistrate's Comments and Requests**

**XVIII.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney**

Discussion: Asked everyone to be patient with the road department getting gravel where it is needed

**XVIII.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock**

Discussion: Stated he appreciated Dennis Cook bring the Jerusalem Ridge report and spoke a bit about the event.

**XVIII.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett**

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

Discussion: Asked everyone to please be patient with pot hole repairs, we are about 2 months out getting our new pot hole patcher

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

Discussion: Asked some questions on the roads on the CPPP program list, which still has to pass through state budget.

**XIX. County Officials Comments and Requests**

Discussion: Beau Wright, Ohio County Park Director, stated that he had an individual wanting to invest in the golf course for a restaurant. He asked the courts thoughts on the City of Hartford annexing the park and the golf course, said as far as he knew the city council was in favor. County Attorney Justin Keown stated that he would look into it and see what needed to be done.

**XX. Citizen's Comments**

**XXI. Adjournment**

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Judge Executive

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Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk