

Ohio County Fiscal Court
January 13, 2026 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 December 16, 2025 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved December 16, 2025 Minutes passed with a motion by Jason Bullock 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. 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 Morphew	Yes
Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes

IV. Treasurer's December 2025 Financial Statement

Motion Passed: Acknowledge December 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 Morphew	Yes
Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes

V. Sheriff's Revenue Bond Renewal

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Sheriff's Bond Renewal passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VI. Clerk's December 2025 Financial Report

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received the Clerk's December 2025 Financial Report 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

VII. Clerk's 4th Quarter Report

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received the Clerk's 4th Quarter Report 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

VIII. Surplus Equipment

Discussion: The surplus equipment list was not ready for this meeting, it will happen in a future meeting.

IX. Ohio County Hospital/Public Facilities Corporation

IX.A. Public Meeting of Ohio County Public Services Corporation and Fiscal Court Dual Meeting

Discussion: Justin Keown called to order a dual meeting of the Ohio County Public Services Corporation and the Ohio County Fiscal Court in regard to certain rural American bonds involving the Ohio County Hospital. As it relates to the Public Services Corporation the Judge Executive will serve as the Chairman and Sonja Davis as Secretary. The first order of business would be the Ohio County Fiscal Court's motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-1 as it relates to the Ohio County Public Services Corporation and the issuance of bonds as provided there in. Jason Bullock motion to approve, with a second by Bo Bennett, motion passed with a unanimous roll call. Mr. Keown then asked the court as the Ohio County Public Services Corporation to approve Resolution 2026-1 as tendered to them. Motion was made by Jason Bullock and second by Bo Bennett to approve said resolution, motion passed.

X. Return to Open Court Ending Public Hearing

XI. Personnel

XI.A. Road Department

Motion Passed: Motion to hire Drake Burden for operator, multiple equipment at the Road Department at the rate of \$20.57 per hour 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

XII. Shaun Steele

Discussion: Mr. Roger Carter spoke first. He stated that he is a resident of Tom's Branch Road and wanted to make everyone aware that the chicken houses

going up have nothing to do with Perdue Farms, it is Vital Farms. He is representing residents on that road. He stated they had no forewarning that it was happening and he asked the question "how long has the court known?". The judge answered that he did not know until he received a call from Shawn Steele. Mr. Carter then spoke of their concerns with property values, the creek that floods, air pollution and the narrow road. Mr. Shaun Steele then spoke to the court saying he wanted to follow up on what Mr. Carter had said and reiterate the concerns that the citizens of that road have, property values, the creek that floods, run off into the creek, and the narrow road.

XIII. Committee Reports

Discussion: Prior to the committee reports, the Judge shared that the court had received a thank you letter from the Appalachians Citizens' Law Center, thanking the court for approving the recent black lung resolution. After the appointment of the America 250th Committee, Judge Johnston stated that a committee, made up of the magistrates needed to meet soon to set salaries for elected officials, which has to be done before the primary election. The meeting will be held on January 27th at 4:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled fiscal court meeting at 5:00 p.m. Said meeting will be advertised as a special call meeting.

XIII.A. Administrative Code Committee

Motion Passed: Motion to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2026-2, Administrative Code Amendment passed with a motion by David Johnston 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.B. America 250th Celebration Committee

Discussion: The Judge told everyone that if they didn't know, that 2026 is America's 250th Anniversary. He appointed a committee to do a celebration in the county of America's birthday. Committee to be made up of Dale Beavin, Jerry Bailey, Sonja Davis and citizen at large, Ryan Childers.

XIV. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XIV.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Stated he just wanted to make everyone aware, that we as a court, did not know about the chicken houses prior to the call from Shaun Steele.

XIV.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

XIV.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

Discussion: Stated he has, and will continue to make sure they're putting permits and requirements and make things as safe as possible.

XIV.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

Discussion: Stated he had no prior knowledge of the chicken house, he found out when Larry Morphew called him.

XIV.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew

Discussion: Stated that when something like the chicken house comes up, the whole court needs to know.

XV. Citizen's Comments

Discussion: Jackie Brown, founder of Broken Pieces Recovery Center, co-owner of The Mission Center and first lady of Last Days motorcycle ministry talked about their mission to help families affected by addiction. She gave some highlights of their goals and announced they are trying to raise funds and she had handouts with information if anyone wanted one.

XVI. Adjournment

Judge Executive

Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk