

Ohio County Fiscal Court
March 10, 2026 5:00 PM
Ohio County Community Center
Hartford, KY

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

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

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

II. Approve February 24, 2026 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved Minutes 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

III. Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers

Motion Passed: Bills, Claims, Payments, Transfers and late list stand approved as presented passed with a motion by Jason Bullock 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

IV. Deputy Coroner Bond

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received a copy of the new Deputy Coroner Bond. passed with a motion by Dale Beavin 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

V. Clerk's February 2026 Financial Report

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received the Clerk's February 2026 Financial Report passed with a motion by Bo Bennett 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

VI. Ohio County Hospital Annual Hazardous Waste Report

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received Ohio county Hospital Annual Hazardous Waste 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

VII. Denetra Henderson - Hwy. 1903

Discussion: Denetra Henderson of the Kentucky Transportation Department District 2 gave an update on the situation with Hwy 1903. They are trying to work with the mining company to get this resolved, if the company is not cooperative and is not actively mining, she stated then the KYTC legal team will get involved. Brandon Thomas asked if there was anything that the citizens could do, such as phone calls, she stated that not really as they are working with the legalities of the permits, bonds, etc. There was more discussion with citizens concerning how the bonds and mines work. Citizens voiced their concerns with the situation. The judge stated that he would reschedule Ms. Henderson to come back in a couple of months with an update.

VIII. Justin Miller

Discussion: Justin Miller presented a proposed ordinance to the court. The ordinance has to do with making sure contractors who are coming in from out of Ohio County are doing things as they should, i.e. bonds, occupational tax, etc., as it pertains to county funds and county bids.

Motion Passed: Motion to have Justin Keown, Ohio County Attorney, to look over the proposed ordinance, make revisions as needed, and bring back up at the next court meeting, March 24, 2026 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

IX. Arthur Leach - Ohio County PVA

Discussion: Arthur Leach, Ohio County PVA, introduced himself and gave an update on his office. He stated that he feels like all is going very well, he is finally fully staffed. They have been and continue to work on assessments in the county, and that you would see the PVA truck out and about.

X. 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 Dale Beavin 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.A. Return From Closed Session

Motion Passed: Approved having returned from Closed Session 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

XI. Personnel

Discussion: The judge stated he had one personnel to bring to the court, this was in the works already, and will be the last one for a while, as the county is now in a hiring freeze.

Motion Passed: Motion for new hire at the Golf course of Samuel Whitely, seasonal, level 1, at the rate of \$14.40 passed with a motion by David Johnston.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XII. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XII.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Gave a shout out to the road department for all they do and are doing, and that they have dealt with and are still dealing with storm damages and doing the best they can.

XII.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

Discussion: Told the court that he would be out at the next meeting due to his grandson having surgery that day in Columbus Ohio.

XII.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

XII.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

XII.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew

XIII. County Officials Comments and Requests

XIV. Citizen's Comments

Discussion: Mr. Hamilton asked if there was an update on the situation with the cemetery he had brought up and was told that so far no progress because getting hold of anyone with the coal company is hard to do. The judge assured him that it would not be forgotten and he would persist in trying to get answers.

XV. Adjournment

Judge Executive

Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk