

OWENBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2026 | 5:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – City Clerk Beth Davis

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

Unavailable:

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

4. PRESENTATION

4.A. Mark Marsh, President and CEO of Owensboro Health Regional Hospital (OHRH) presented their annual update (attached). Mayor Pro Tem Glenn asked how Healthforce One would be funded after the one-year state funds expired. Mr. Marsh explained that with the board membership of the universities, he feels confident about the future. There are approximately 600 nursing students currently going through some type of schooling at OHRH.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated March 3 and March 17, 2026, were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Maglinger.

5.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn:

- **Housing Authority of Owensboro Board** – Appoint Skyler Stewart to fill the remainder of an unexpired term ending March 20, 2028 (replacing Rita Moorman)
- **Shifley York Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Joshua Marx to a two-year term effective April 7, 2026

- **Audubon-Bon Harbor Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Don Nation to a two-year term effective April 7, 2026
- **Midtown East Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Bobby Patton to a two-year term effective April 7, 2026
- **Citizen’s Advisory Committee on Community Development** – Appoint Sheila Crowe effective April 7, 2026
- **Civil Service Commission** – Reappoint Blake Edge to a three-year term effective April 9, 2026
- **County Board of Assessment Appeals** – Appoint Steve Lewis to a three-year term effective May 1, 2026

6. ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 5-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF DAVIESS ADJOINING THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY, BEING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1205 EWING ROAD CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 10.393 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE REQUEST OF REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY was unanimously approved on second reading by roll call vote with motion by Mayor Watson and second from Commissioner NeSmith.

Regional Water Resource Agency has requested the annexation of 1205 Ewing Road (10.393 acres) for future property consolidation and development.

6.B. Ordinance 6-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 6-2025 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ELEVATOR REPAIR AT THE ALLEN STREET PARKING GARAGE; TO RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE BEN HAWES PICKLEBALL COURTS, POLICE OFFICER TRAINING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY was unanimously approved on second reading by roll call vote with motion by Mayor Watson and second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

Budget amendment to appropriate funds for elevator repair at the Allen Street parking garage; to receive and appropriate funds for the Ben Hawes pickleball courts, police officer training and traffic safety.

7. ORDINANCES – 1st READING

7.A. Ordinance 7-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3 OF THE OWENSBORO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROCUMENT CODE was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The Purchasing Department has requested the code be amended to better align with the Kentucky Model Procurement Code (KRS 45A). By referencing the KRS statutes in the Municipal Code, as opposed to the specific language within each statute, it ensures continued compliance when KRS 45A is revised. Assistant City Manager Lelan Hancock explained the amendments are to better align the ordinance with state statute.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 11-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO ADOPT THE 2025 PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Maglinger.

The City participates in the Community Rating System, a program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the National Flood Insurance Program that provides reductions to flood insurance premiums to residents. The reductions are based on community floodplain management programs, including public information activities. The City of Owensboro previously adopted the Program for Public Information (PPI) which identifies the flood hazard, safety hazards and projects implemented to meet the community's flood preparedness, safety, education and flood insurance promotion. A PPI Committee meets annually to identify ongoing public information activities and recommend new ideas to better inform residents on flood protection and drainage issues and has recommended an updated Program for Public Information that needs to be adopted. City Engineer Kevin Collignon stated the PPI is an education outreach program and part of the Community Rating System. As a participant of the program, the City is required to adopt any changes every five (5) years.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The financial report for the period ending February 28, 2026 was presented by Deputy Director of Finance & Support Services Dane' Galloway (attached). There being no discussion, the report was unanimously approved to file for audit by motion of Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner NeSmith.

9.B. The following personnel appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Maglinger:

NEW HIRE:

- **Michael A. Dilly** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective April 27, 2026

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Paris R. Cameron** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective April 7, 2026

9.C. City Manager Comments – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn thanked the Neighborhood Alliances for hosting Easter events.

Commissioner Maglinger congratulated Alma Randolph Charitable Foundation on upgrading their 100th house for disadvantaged families. He also congratulated Steve Bridgmon on winning the 2026 Inspirational Country Musician Association’s “Entertainer of the Year”.

Commissioner NeSmith promoted *BBQ and Barrels* raffle.

Mayor Watson thanked the Board of Commissioners for filling in for him while he was out after his accident.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Billy McCarthy (9154 Hwy 405 Maceo) complained about various items, including downtown revitalization and a riverfront business swap. City Attorney Mark Pfiefer asked Mr. McCarthy if he also goes by Cliff Carlock, to which he denied.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:00 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk