

Ohio County Fiscal Court
April 14, 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. Proclamation Autism Awareness Month

Discussion: Judge Johnston signed a proclamation proclaiming April, 2026 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Ohio County. The court was joined by Olivia, Baylor, Hayes and Magan Millsaps and Charlie Shields.

III. Proclamation Library Week

Discussion: Judge Johnston signed a proclamation proclaiming April 19-25, 2026 as Library Week in Ohio County. The court was joined by representative of the Ohio County Public Library: John Cashion, Julie Francis, Jennifer Porter, Jean Westerfield, Jennifer Baird, and Melanie Warga.

IV. Approve March 24, 2026 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved March 24, 2026 Minutes passed with a motion by Larry Morphew 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. 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

VI. Treasurer's March 2026 Financial Statement

Motion Passed: Acknowledge receiving March 2026 Financial Statement passed with a motion by Jason Bullock 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

VII. Clerk's March 2026 Financial Report

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received the Clerk's March 2026 Financial Report passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Larry Morpew.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VIII. OCEDA - Loan: The Cracked Egg

Motion Passed: Motion to accept the project from OCEDA and approve loan to The Cracked Egg, with fiscal court being first lien holder, and authorize Treasurer to write the check 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

IX. Resolution 2026-2 RDAAP Authorizing & Designation of SPGE

Discussion: Judge Johnston stated that this is something that is done every year, it is TVA funds to pay annual water debt payment

Motion Passed: Motion to pass Resolution 2026-2 RDAAP Authorizing & Designation of SPGE 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

X. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-3 - Responsible Bidder

Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-3 Responsible Bidder 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. Ambulance Service Bids

Discussion: Jim Duke of Com-Care spoke about truck replacement; they have only replaced 2 since 2019, he said that there was money in the account that had to be used by July 1 from this fiscal year and he asked the court for a motion to advertise for remount of an ambulance.

Motion Passed: Motion to accept the bid from Com-Care for the Ohio County Ambulance service contract 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

XI.A. Ambulance Remount

Discussion: Jim Duke addressed the court concerning the fleet of ambulances. They have gotten somewhat behind on truck replacement, have only replaced 2 since 2019 and only have 2 under 200,000 miles. There is money in the account which needs to be used by July 1 for the purpose of a remount. Mr. Duke then asked the court if it would entertain a motion to advertise bids for the remount.

Motion Passed: Motion for Com-Care to advertise for an ambulance remount passed with a motion by Larry Morpew 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

XII. Resolution 2026-3 GRITS Contract

Motion Passed: Motion to accept Resolution 2026-3 GRITS contract with Ohio County 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

XIII. Resolution 2026-4 Housing Development Funding Applications

Motion Passed: Motion to pass Resolution 2026-4 which authorizes the designation of a representative, which will be the Judge Executive, for the Ohio County Housing Development Committee for the purpose of executing documents related to housing development funding applications passed with a motion by Michael McKenney 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

XIV. Charlie Shields - Ohio County Emergency Management

Discussion: Charlie Shields, Ohio County Emergency Management Director started by thanking everyone who helped during the last snow storm of the year. He then updated on FEMA funds that have come in and the approximate 300,000 left to come in, which is on hold right now due to the partial government shut down. He then spoke about the 19 outdoor warning sirens in the county. Every year they contract out to have them served/fixes. There are at least 3 down right now, and is \$450 each for the 19 to be serviced. He is going to look into seeing if they will come for the just the 3.

Motion Passed: Motion to table discussion and/or decision on outdoor warning sirens and put on the agenda for the next fiscal court meeting passed with a motion by Michael McKenney 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

XV. Committee Reports

Discussion: Michael McKenney, in reference to the Internet Service Committee, said calls about needing better internet is down. He then thanked Christina for all her work with the Housing committee and invited anyone interested in being involved with the housing committee to give him a call.

XV.A. Elected Officials Wage Committee

Discussion: The committee had a meeting to revisit the Coroner's salary due to getting some numbers that were not available to them at the previous meeting.

Motion Passed: Motion to raise coroner's salary from 20,000 to 26,000, beginning in 2027 when the new coroner is brought into office passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Larry Morpew.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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XVI. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XVI.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

XVI.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

XVI.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

XVI.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

Discussion: Dale Beavin thanked the Fordsville Park Committee for the egg hunt and announced July 11 Fireworks.

XVI.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morpew

XVII. OCHS Senior Sunset

Discussion: Judge Johnston spoke about a letter received from Ohio County High School asking for donations for the senior class of 2026 for their senior sunset activity it was discussed that last year funds came from the community funds which are not available at this time. He then asked the magistrates if they would be willing to donate from their discretionary funds, all the magistrates and Judge Johnston agreed to do \$200 each

XVIII. Citizen's Comments

Discussion: Brandon Thomas spoke about costs of taking debris to the Ohio County landfill, him comparing to Daviess County. He urged the court to consider the cost to Ohio County residents when negotiating a new contract.

XIX. Adjournment

Judge Executive

Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk