

Ohio County Fiscal Court
January 27, 2026 3:30 PM
Ohio County Community Center
Hartford, KY

Attendance Taken at 3:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

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

Discussion: Meeting time changed from 5:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. due to the forecast of extreme cold temperatures. Notices were given to local media outlets, WXMZ and OC Monitor, and were posted on the Fiscal Court Facebook page.

I. Call to Order Judge Executive David Johnston

I.A. Prayer and Pledge to American Flag

II. Approve Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved January 13, 2026 Minutes 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

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 Michael McKenney.

5 Yeas - 1 Nays.

David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	No
Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Yes
Bo Bennett	Yes

IV. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-1

Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-1 passed with a motion by Michael McKenney 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. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 Administrative Code Amendment

Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 Administrative Code Amendment passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Bo Bennett.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VI. Surplus Equipment

Motion Passed: Motion to surplus 2 wrecked Ford Escapes with funds to go into the Emergency Funds passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII. Central Midwest Carpenters

Discussion: Casey Richardson, of Central Midwest Carpenters Council spoke to the court about concerns that they have with contractor practices in the county. They said that in Ohio County and other places that businesses are getting by with unfair wages and treatment of their workers. They want to propose an ordinance to hold contractors accountable and make sure they are fair to their workers. He suggested the court use Bourbon and Mercer counties as examples. The Judge asked Mr. Richardson to contact Charlotte Jones in Occupational Tax and asked Justin Keown to look into what the court can do.

VIII. Shaun Steele

Discussion: Mr. Steele first thanked the court for allowing him to come back and speak concerning Tom's Branch Road and the egg house. He asked several questions to the court, and then voiced the concerns the citizens have about chicken house being located on their road. After being questioned, Bo Bennett stated that he knew an egg house had been proposed but did not know location until he was contacted by Mr. Unsel on Dec. 20. Michael McKenney then spoke and stated that he was not in favor of the proposed ordinance.

IX. Zach Cantu

Discussion: Zach Cantu, thanked the court for allowing him to address the court and talk about the egg house that he is putting in. He then introduced his family, and stated that this is not a commercial Vital Farms operation. It is just his family putting in the house to have the eggs which Vital Farms will purchase from them. He then spoke to and tried to ease the concerns of the citizens.

After Mr. Cantu spoke, Mr. Steele was permitted to respond. He stated that they are not attacking the poultry business, again spoke to the concerns that the citizens have for the situation.

X. Committee Reports

Discussion: Housing Committee to meet on Feb. 1st, contact Michael McKenney if interested in participating.

XI. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XI.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Wanted to speak to all the citizens that had called about their roads, and stated the road department is working hard and doing the best they can.

XI.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

Discussion: Expressed his appreciation to the road department and all they have done trying to get roads better after all the snow and ice.

XI.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

Discussion: Thanked the Road Department for their hard work and stated that bad weather does bring bad times, but it also brings out good neighbors.

XI.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

Discussion: Thanked the Road Department and also citizens in the Fordsville area who got on their tractors to help neighbors.

XI.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew

Discussion: Stated that he had asked County Attorney, Justin Keown, to check on the legality of the Father's House vouchers. He then asked why they had not received the road report on these mornings.

XII. Citizen's Comments


Discussion: Niki Riley stated that she had requested 2025 OCEDA meeting minutes, but has not gotten them yet, asked if someone could help with that.

Mr. Roger Carter of Tom's Branch Road spoke and said no one he knows would be ok with a chicken house 1,000 feet from their front door and they will hold Vital Farms liable for accidents and as the neighbors make sure things are done right. He then asked if planning and zoning was something that could be put on an election ballot, to which the Judge responded that there is something called a referendum and there was a lengthy procedure to get it on one. Dale Beavin spoke up and said he lives near a substation which makes a lot of noise, however is not for county wide planning and zoning.

XIII. Adjournment

Judge Executive

Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk

	Ohio County Fiscal Court Meeting REGULAR Judge Executive - David Johnston				
Michael McKenney Magistrate District 1	Jason Bullock Magistrate District 2	Bo Bennett Magistrate District 3	Dale Beavin Magistrate District 4	Larry Morpew Magistrate District 5	Justin Keown County Attorney
Ohio County Fiscal Court Meeting January 27, 2026 3:30 pm <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call to Order Prayer and Pledge2. Approve January 13, 2026 Minutes3. Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers4. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-1 – Ohio County Public Facilities Corporation5. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 Administrative Code Amendment6. Surplus Equipment7. Central Midwest Carpenters8. Shaun Steele9. Closed Session Under KRS 61.810 Chapter 1 Section C & F Return From Closed Session10. Personnel11. Committee Reports12. Magistrates Comments and Requests13. County Officials Comments and Requests14. Citizens Comments15. Adjournment					

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF OHIO, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION TO TAKE CERTAIN FORMAL ACTIONS AS THE AGENCY AND INSTRUMENTALITY AND AS THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF OHIO, KENTUCKY; SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURED RURAL AMERICA BONDS, SERIES 2026A (TAXABLE) (OHIO COUNTY HOSPITAL PROJECT) OF OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OHIO COUNTY HOSPITAL, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INDENTURE BETWEEN THE OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION AND U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LEASE, BETWEEN THE OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION AND OHIO COUNTY HOSPITAL CORPORATION; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Ohio County Public Facilities Corporation (the "Corporation"), a nonprofit, no-stock corporation, has been duly organized and created pursuant to the provisions of Kentucky law to act as the agency and instrumentality of the County of Ohio, Kentucky (the "County") in the planning, development, construction, installation and financing of public governmental projects, as provided by KRS Chapter 58 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (the "Act");

WHEREAS, at the direction of the County, the Corporation heretofore issued its \$4,275,000 Secured Rural America Bonds, Series 2021A (USDA Guaranteed), \$475,000 Secured Rural America Bonds, Series 2021B (Unguaranteed) and its \$16,750,000 Secured Rural America Bonds, Series 2021C (Interim Financing) (the "2021 Bonds") (the "Prior Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to finance improvements, replacements or additions to the hospital facilities being leased to the County and subleased to the Ohio County Hospital Corporation, a Kentucky nonprofit corporation (the "Hospital Corporation"); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is appropriate at this time that the Corporation act as the County's agency, instrumentality and constituted authority in connection with the issuance of bonds in order to finance further renovations and expansions of the critical access hospital facility, along with the purchase and installation of certain personal property, and the payment of costs and fees related to obtaining and closing the financing for construction of the Project (the "Project") to be leased to the Hospital Corporation, and for the Corporation to formally authorize the issuance of its Secured Rural America Bonds, Series 2026A (Taxable) (Ohio County Hospital Project) in the aggregate original principal amount of \$10,000,000 (the "Bonds").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF OHIO, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DIRECTION TO OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION. The Corporation, acting as the agency and instrumentality and the constituted authority of the County, is hereby directed to forthwith adopt such resolutions and such orders and take such actions as may be necessary for the formal authorization by the Corporation of the Bonds to be dated appropriately in accordance with their date of sale and delivery. The maturity, security provisions, redemption provisions, form of Bonds, conditions of sale and all other terms and provisions incident to the Bonds shall be in accordance with the provisions which are set forth in the Indenture and Lease, as hereinafter defined.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF SERIES 2026 BONDS. The County, hereby directs and approves the issuance, sale and delivery by the Corporation of the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, and the application of the proceeds of the Bonds for the purposes set forth and described in the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation of even date herewith (the "Authorizing Resolution"), and in the Indenture and Lease hereinafter referred to and described. It is hereby acknowledged that the Bonds are to be issued by the Corporation, pursuant to the Authorizing Resolution, acting as the agency and instrumentality of the County, and as the constituted authority thereof, for the purpose of providing funds for the financing of the construction of the Project.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION OF INDENTURE. The County hereby expressly approves and directs the execution and delivery by the Corporation of a certain Indenture (the "Indenture"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, which is hereby approved, with such changes therein not inconsistent with this Ordinance and not substantially adverse to the Corporation as may be permitted by the Act and approved by the Judge/Executive of the County as President of the Corporation and the officers executing the same on behalf of the Corporation. The approval of such changes, and that such are not substantially adverse to the Corporation, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Indenture.

SECTION 4. AUTHORIZATION OF LEASE. The County hereby expressly approves and directs the execution and delivery by the Corporation of a Lease between the Corporation and the Hospital Corporation or an amendment to the Lease Agreement dated January 21, 2022, by and between the Corporation and the Hospital Corporation (as amended, the "Lease"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, providing for the lease of the Project to the Hospital Corporation. The Lease is hereby authorized to be executed by the Corporation as may be permitted by the Act and approved by the Judge/Executive as President of the Corporation. The approval of such changes, and that such are not substantially adverse to the Corporation, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Lease. The Lease as so executed by the Corporation and the Hospital Corporation in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and upon execution thereof by the Corporation and the Hospital Corporation shall be duly recorded in the office of the Ohio County Clerk.

SECTION 5. AUTHORIZATION OF SECURITY DOCUMENTS. The County hereby expressly approves and directs the execution and delivery by the Corporation of one or more security documents, including a Mortgage and a Security Agreement (collectively, the "Security Documents"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C. The Security Documents are hereby authorized to be executed by the Corporation as may be permitted by the Act and approved by the Judge/Executive as President of the Corporation. The approval of such changes, and that

such are not substantially adverse to the Corporation, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Security Documents. The Security Documents as so executed by the Corporation in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and upon execution thereof by the Corporation and the Hospital Corporation, as applicable shall be duly recorded in the office of the Ohio County Clerk.

SECTION 6. FURTHER COUNTY ACTIONS AND INSTRUMENTS. The Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Clerk are each hereby separately authorized to take any and all actions and to execute on behalf of the County such security instruments, financing statements, assignments, certificates and other instruments that may be necessary or appropriate for the formal authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds and the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. FURTHER CORPORATION ACTIONS. In connection with the undertaking and implementation by the Corporation of the financing herein described, the Corporation, its Board of Directors and its officers are hereby authorized and directed to continue to take and carry out any and all necessary, desirable or appropriate actions that may be necessary or appropriate for the formal authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds and the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 9. CONFLICTS. All ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. OPEN MEETINGS LAW. This Fiscal Court hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Fiscal Court, and that all deliberations of this Fiscal Court and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication of a summary thereof as provided by law.

FIRST READING HELD on _____, 2026.

DULY ADOPTED AFTER SECOND READING on _____, 2026.

COUNTY OF OHIO, KENTUCKY

DAVID JOHNSTON
OHIO COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

SONJA DAVIS
FISCAL COURT CLERK/ASSISTANT

Recommendations from the Administrative Code Committee:

Additions per Rich Ornstein

OCFC Administrative Code

Amendment

Ordinance # 2026-2

- a. **Elected Officials (Judge Ex., Sheriff, Clerk, Jailer) may give Recognition time off as they see fit, in the amount of up to one week per year. This can be for things such as, but not limited to, completing required training for the year. RTO must be used within one year of the date it was received or it may be forfeited. RTO is not subject for payout, it must be time taken off.**

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COUNTY OF OHIO, KENTUCKY

DAVID JOHNSTON
OHIO COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

SONJA DAVIS
FISCAL COURT CLERK/ASSISTANT



2006 FORD ESCAPE
VIN.# 1FMCU931X8KB03576
MOTOR IS GOOD BUT WAS TOTAL OUT



2004 FORD ESCAPE
VIN.# 1FMYU02Z85KA78844
BEEN WRECK IT WOULD BE A GOOD PARTS VEHICLE