

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 Morphey	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 Morphey 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

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 Morphey	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 Morphey	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/fixed. 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.

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

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

	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 April 14, 2026 5:00 pm <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call to Order Prayer and Pledge2. Proclamation Autism Awareness Month3. Proclamation Library Week4. Approve March 24, 2026 Minutes5. Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers6. Treasurer's March 2026 Financial Statement7. Clerk's March 2026 Financial Report8. OCEDA – Loan: The Cracked Egg9. Resolution 2026-2 RDAAP Authorizing & Designation of SPGE10. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-3 – Responsible Bidder11. Ambulance Service Bids12. Resolution 2026-3 GRITS Contract13. Resolution 2026-4 Housing Development Funding Applications14. Charlie Shields – Ohio County Emergency Management15. Closed Session Under KRS 61.810 Chapter 1 Section C & F Return From Closed Session16. Committee Reports17. Magistrates Comments and Requests18. County Officials Comments and Requests19. Citizens Comments20. Adjournment					

OHIO COUNTY
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
CURRENT

Print Date: 4/6/2026 10:31 am
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Receipt Start: 3/1/2026 Receipts End: 3/31/2026 Period: 3/1/2026 thru 3/31/2026 using expense date for Accounts 26G - 26G

TOTAL REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$92,482.37
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I certify that this statement, to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct.

SIGNED: Bess J. Ralph
OHIO COUNTY

DATE: 4/6/26

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REVENUES	
FROM STATE & COUNTY:	
Registration of Voters	
Prepare Tax Bills	
Board of Supervisors, Appeals	
Grants Library & Archives	
Voter Personnel Reimbursement	
Salary, Clerk of Fiscal Court	
County Reimbursement	
Election Commissioner	
HB537 SPECIAL REVENUE	
FEES FROM TAXES & LICENSES:	
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$249,698.47
Child Victim Fund	
Motor Vehicle Usage Taxes	\$180,449.81
Motor Vehicle Notary Fees	\$2.00
Motor Vehicle Lien Release Fees	\$2,316.00
Motor Vehicle Property Tax - Motax	\$593,657.53
Delinquent Taxes	\$3,375.58
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Marriage Licenses	\$450.00
Miscellaneous Licenses	\$50.00
County Stickers	\$40,224.96
Deed Transfer Taxes	\$9,962.00
RECORDING FEES:	
Deeds & Power Of Attorney	\$3,061.00
Real Estate Mortgages/Fixture Filing	\$6,058.00
Chattel Mortgages	\$5,624.00
Wills & Estates	\$552.00
Releases	\$2,455.00
Liens	\$425.00
Leases	\$132.00
Election Filing	
Storage Fees	\$3,510.00
Affordable Housing Trust	\$1,998.00
Miscellaneous Recordings	\$1,212.00
Postage & Copy Work	\$721.39
Miscellaneous	
Refunds & Overpayments	\$1,864.03
TOTAL SALES	\$1,107,798.77
MISCELLANEOUS BANK TRANSACTIONS	
Transfer of Funds (earned prev yr)	
Cash Drawer Transactions	
NSF Checks Less Redeposits	(\$262.05)
Interest Received on Bank Account	\$14.91
Misc Income/Refunds/Bank Cr Memos	
Accounts Receivable Credit Memos	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS BANK TRANSACTIONS	(\$247.14)
Outstanding Accounts Receivables	\$232.49
TOTAL REVENUES GENERATED	\$1,107,784.12

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EXPENDITURES	
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT	
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$206,672.47
Motor Vehicle Usage Tax	\$175,036.33
Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax	\$569,911.22
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	\$951,620.02
REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAXES	
Deed Transfer Taxes	\$9,463.90
Delinquent Taxes	\$3,067.07
TOTAL REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAXES	\$12,530.97
COUNTY STICKERS	\$38,615.96
Legal Process Taxes	\$1,830.62
Misc Licenses/Commissions	
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$5,226.00
Storage Fees to Fiscal Court	\$3,510.00
SALARIES	
Salary, Clerk	
Salary, Deputies	
TOTAL SALARIES	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	
Health/Life & Unemployment Insurance	
Employer Match/Soc Sec & Retirement	
Clerk's Expenses	
Clerk's Insurance & Bonds	
Clerk's Dues & Convention Expenses	
Postage	
Operating Expenses & Office Supplies	\$107.29
Election Reimbursements	
Microfilming & Indexing Records	
Misc Equipment & Maintenance Agmts	
General Repairs & Maintenance	
Candidate Filing Fee	
Refunds	\$1,860.89
NSF Check Charges	
Grant Library & Archives	
Uncollectible Accounts Receivable	
Outstanding Accounts Receivable	
Clerk's Final Settlement	
BANK CHARGES	
TRANSFER(S) OF FUNDS	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	
MISCELLANEOUS BANK TRANSACTIONS	
SUBTOTAL BANK ACTIVITY	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,015,301.75

Prepared for the
Ohio County Fiscal Court
by OCEDA



Loan Recommendation:

The Cracked Egg, LLC.

Michael Beak and Marty Ralph

Project Summary

The Becks' and the Ralphs' (two husband and wife teams) are requesting funds to purchase a mobile food trailer: **\$42,400.00** (invoice below)

The Cracked Egg project is a business plan for a mobile food trailer serving breakfast only.

Their target market is the local workforce, parents and students on the way to school, and residents of Ohio County who enjoy a homemade, country breakfast. They are focused on providing quick, affordable, and satisfying meals during early morning hours when options are limited, with plans to operate in high traffic areas.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday, 5:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The OCEDA Board of Directors approved a counteroffer to the original loan request. The offer was accepted by the business and is as follows:

- **Loan Purpose:** to fund the purchase of the food trailer
- **Funding Amount Approved:** \$42,400.00
- **Position:** 1st lien; signed personal guarantees for both parties
- **Term:** 7 years with variable interest rate

Community Impact

The Cracked Egg will:

- Create local jobs
- Support local farms and suppliers
- Provide affordable breakfast options
- Strengthen community engagement through events and partnerships

Food Trailer Specifications & Equipment Breakdown

Category	Item Description
Trailer Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8-1/2' X 20' TA Concession trailer. • Poly core Water Blue exterior with B.O.P (Black Out Package). • 60" extended tongue with Generator Platform and Electric Jack. • 7' height with 5200# Axles. • 36" rear door with 15X30 window.
Cooking & Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6' commercial vent hood with Fire suppression. • 4 Burner 24" Range with Space Saver Oven. • 36" Gas Countertop Griddle. • Liquid Propane Split Pot Floor Fryer. • 30 lb. Liquid Propane Flat Bottom Countertop Funnel Cake/Donut Fryer.
Refrigeration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27" Prep Refrigerator. • 18 ft Refrigerator.
Electrical & HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100A electrical package. • 15,000 BTU Roof A.C.. • Predator 9500w Gasoline Generator. • (2) scene lights.
Plumbing & Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full concession water package. • Additional 36" base cabinet with 30G tank. • (2) gas cages with 100# LP tanks, Regulator, and interior piping with (5) shutoff valves.
Interior & Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal walls and ceiling. • Rubber Floor. • 8' O.H. (Overhead) cabinets. • 3X5 concession window with glass and screens. • 5' interior and exterior serving trays.



**FISCAL YEARS 2025/2026
RDAAP AUTHORIZING & DESIGNATION OF SPGE
RESOLUTION # 2026-2**

COUNTY OF OHIO

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE OHIO COUNTY FISCAL COURT DESIGNATING THE (OHIO COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) SPECIAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT ENTITY (SPGE) TO RECEIVE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) FUNDS UNDER THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RDAAP); AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RDAAP) PROPOSAL/GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO **\$80,000** IN RDAAP FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DLG); AND AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATED (OHIO COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) SPECIAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, OHIO County ("County") desires to promote and carry out economic development efforts and job creation activities on behalf of the residents of OHIO County by supporting the RDAAP Project(s); and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that RDAAP funds available to the County, pursuant to KRS Chapter 96, impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the County and will require:

- (1) Approval of a satisfactory application to be transmitted to DLG for approval;
- (2) The designation of a Special Purpose Government Entity (SPGE) as defined in KRS 65A.010(9); and
- (3) Concurrence from the respective State Representative(s) and State Senator(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this **14TH day of April, 2026**, by OHIO County Fiscal Court:

That the following Special Purpose Government Entity is designated to receive Regional Development Agency Assistance Program funds:

Name of SPGE: OHIO COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Contact Person: PAUL SANDEFUR
Address: BEAVER DAM KY
Phone: 270 256 2373

That a RDAAP Project(s) Proposal/Application on behalf of the County for RDAAP monies up to **\$80,000** for:

Debt Service Water Expansion Project **\$ 80,000**
Project Name

Project(s) shall be submitted to DLG; the County shall provide such additional information and furnish such documentation as may be required, and the designated SPGE shall act as the authorized correspondent for this Project.

Done this 14th day of April, 2026. Motion by _____ and

seconded by _____ members present voting unanimously in favor.

By: _____
County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:

By: _____

Title: _____

Detailed Scope of Work

Provide approximately a 3-5 sentence description of the project detailing all relevant project information; including but not limited to, proposed project activities, justification for project funding, and expected results of economic and job creation benefits to be derived from the project. Additional pages may be added if needed.

Funds are to be used for debt service towards the Water Plant Expansion. The expansion was done to add water usage to the Bluegrass Industrial Park located in Ohio County.

Detailed Project Budget

Provide a *DETAILED COST BREAKDOWN* of the amount requested for the project (use and amount).

Use	Amount
1) Ohio County Water District	\$ 80,000.00
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	_____
6) _____	_____
7) _____	_____
8) _____	_____
9) _____	_____
10) _____	_____
Total Amount Requested	\$ 80,000.00

Signature

Please check the box to acknowledge that resolution and concurrence letters are attached and to certify that all information is complete and correct.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information included is true and correct and the proposed use of funds complies with KRS 96.905.

Signature Date

Office of State Grants • Department for Local Government
100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor • Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: 502-573-2382 • Toll Free: 800-346-5806 • Fax: 502-227-8229 • www.kydlgweb.ky.gov

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBLE BIDDER REQUIREMENTS
FOR COUNTY FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN EXCESS OF
FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 67.080 and KRS 424.260, the Ohio County Fiscal Court is authorized to contract for public works and to protect public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court finds that awarding contracts solely based on lowest price without regard to bidder responsibility may increase the risk of project failure, delay, or additional cost; and

WHEREAS, it is the hope and intent of this ordinance to include any bids which are approved through the use of tax incentives and/or county bonds/funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court intends by this ordinance to establish objective standards of bidder responsibility without regulating wages, benefits, or collective bargaining.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that construction contracts funded by Ohio County are awarded to responsible bidders who possess the qualifications, experience, integrity, and financial capacity necessary to successfully perform public construction work.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance shall apply to all construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, or improvement projects funded in whole or in part by Ohio County with an estimated total cost exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) and subject to competitive bidding under KRS 424.260.

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBLE BIDDER DEFINED

A Responsible Bidder is a bidder who demonstrates, at the time of bid submission or upon request, that the bidder:

1. Legal Authority
 - It is legally authorized to do business within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
 - Holds all licenses required for the work to be performed.
2. Compliance With Law
 - Is following applicable federal, state, and local laws, including tax, safety, and employment laws.

- Has not been debarred or suspended from public contracting.
3. Financial Capability
 - Has adequate financial resources to complete the project.
 - Can obtain bonding and insurance as required by law or contract.
 4. Experience and Performance
 - Proven experience performing work of similar type, size, and scope.
 - Has a history of satisfactory completion of prior projects.
 5. Safety Record
 - Maintains a workplace safety record demonstrating compliance with applicable safety regulations.
 6. Subcontractor Responsibility
 - Utilization of subcontractors who meet the requirements of this ordinance when applicable.
 7. Must submit Standard Bid Form
 - Contractor must submit Standard Bid Form

SECTION 4. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

The Fiscal Court or its designee may require bidders to submit documentation sufficient to determine responsibility, including but not limited to:

1. Proof of licensing and registration
2. Proof of insurance and bonding capability
3. References and project history
4. Disclosure of contract defaults, terminations, or litigation related to construction work within the previous five (5) years

Failure to provide requested information may result in a finding of non-responsibility.

SECTION 5. DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The determination of bidder responsibility shall be made by the Fiscal Court or its designated official prior to award.

The County reserves the right to:

1. Reject any bid submitted by a bidder determined to be non-responsible; and

2. Reject all bids as permitted by law.

Award shall be given to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, consistent with KRS 424.260.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

1. False Statements

Any bidder who knowingly submits false or misleading information to establish responsibility may be:

- a. Disqualified from the bid; and/or
- b. Declared non-responsible for a period not to exceed two (2) years; and/or
- c. Referred for civil or criminal action as permitted by law.

2. Contract Remedies

A contractor found to have materially misrepresented responsibility qualifications may be subject to:

- a. Contract termination for cause;
- b. Withholding payment; and/or
- c. Disqualification of future county contracts.

SECTION 7. APPEAL PROCEDURE

A bidder determined to be non-responsible may submit a written appeal to the Fiscal Court within ten (10) calendar days of written notice.

The Fiscal Court shall review the appeal and issue a final written determination. The decision of the Fiscal Court shall be final and conclusive, subject only to remedies available under Kentucky law.

SECTION 8. WAIVER

The Fiscal Court may waive the requirements of this ordinance by majority vote upon a finding that:

1. An emergency exists, or
2. Waivers are in the best interest of Ohio County.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage and publication, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Date of First Reading: March 24, 2026

Motion by: Larry Morphew
Seconded by: Bo Bennett

Vote:	David Johnston	Yes
	Dale Beavin	Yes
	Larry Morphew	Yes
	Michael McKinney	Yes
	Bo Bennett	Yes
	Jason Bullock	Absent

Date of Second Reading and Passage: _____, 2026

Motion by: _____
 Seconded by: _____
 Vote: _____

 DAVID JOHNSTON Date
 OHIO COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTESTED:

 SONJA DAVIS, COURT CLERK

STANDARD BID SPECIFICATION LANGUAGE
(Insert into every Ohio County construction bid packet over \$40,000)

1. Responsible Bidder Requirement

All bidders shall comply with Ohio County Fiscal Court Responsible Bidder Ordinance No.2026-3.

Award of contract shall be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as determined by the Ohio County Fiscal Court pursuant to KRS 424.260.

Submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgment and acceptance of all responsible bidder requirements. Failure to demonstrate responsibility may result in bid rejection.

2. Responsibility Determination

Ohio County reserves the right to investigate the responsibility of any bidder, including but not limited to:

1. Legal authority to do business in Kentucky
2. Licensing and insurance compliance
3. Financial capacity and bonding ability
4. Experience of comparable projects
5. Record of satisfactory past performance
6. The County may require additional documentation prior to award.

3. Right to Reject

Ohio County reserves the right to:

1. Reject any or all bids
2. Waive informalities or minor irregularities
3. Reject bids from bidders determined to be non-responsible

4. REQUIRED BID FORMS

1. Bidder Responsibility Affidavit
 - a. Include an affidavit requiring the bidder to certify:
 - i. Business name and address
 - ii. Kentucky Secretary of State registration
 - iii. Required licenses held
 - iv. Confirmation of compliance with federal/state/local laws

- v. Disclosure of Contract defaults or terminations (past 5 years) and Debarment or suspension
- vi. Acknowledgment of ordinance compliance

2. Failure to submit this affidavit renders the bid non-responsive.

5. SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE FORM

Fiscal Court may require listing of major subcontractors (e.g., over 20% of project value) with a certification that they meet responsibility standards.

1. PROCUREMENT WORKFLOW ALIGNMENT

- a. Step 1: Bid Advertisement
 - i. Advertise per KRS 424.130
 - ii. Include reference to Responsible Bidder Ordinance
- b. Step 2: Bid Opening
 - i. Open bids publicly as usual
 - ii. Do not decide responsibility at opening
- c. Step 3: Responsibility Review
 - i. Review low bid for:
 - 1. Completed affidavit
 - 2. Insurance and bonding ability
 - 3. Past performance (internal records count)
 - ii. If concerns exist, request clarification in writing
- d. Step 4: Fiscal Court Determination
 - i. Make responsibility determination in open meeting
 - ii. Enter finding into minutes (brief, factual basis)

6. RESPONSIBILITY CHECKLIST (INTERNAL USE)

- a. Bid affidavit complete
- b. KY registration verified
- c. Insurance certificates acceptable

- d. Bonding capacity confirmed
- e. No unresolved defaults
- f. Safety or performance issues noted

7. BID SPECIFICATION/CONTRACT CLAUSE

a. Occupational Tax Compliance

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Ohio County and municipal occupational license tax ordinances, including the duty to withhold, report, and remit occupational license taxes for all employees performing work on the project, as required by law.

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for ensuring compliance by its subcontractors and shall require subcontractors to comply with all applicable occupational tax requirements.

Failure to comply with occupational tax obligations may result in withholding payment, termination for cause, or other remedies available to Ohio County under the contract or applicable law.

8. CERTIFIED PAYROLL CLAUSE (NON-PREVAILING WAGE)

a. Certified Payroll and Audit Rights

Where required by federal law, state law, grant conditions, or as otherwise deemed necessary by Ohio County for compliance verification, the Contractor shall submit certified payroll records for work performed on the project.

b. Certified payroll records shall include, at a minimum:

- 1. Employee name and classification
- 2. Hours worked
- 3. Gross wages paid
- 4. Applicable deductions
- 5. Confirmation of occupational tax withholding

Ohio County reserves the right to audit payroll records to verify compliance with applicable tax, employment, and contract requirements.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the payment of a prevailing wage, minimum wage beyond that required by law, or specific employee benefits.



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Dear Judge Johnston

At the last Fiscal Court meeting, bids were opened for the FYE 6/30/2027 Operation of the Ohio County Emergency Ambulance Service. The Judge concluded the bid opening by tabling the bids for further review to ensure that the bids were comparable "Apples to Apples".

Upon review of the proposal submitted by Global Medical Response, AMR/GMR provided a proposal that included "Why AMR?" I would like to take this opportunity to respond with "Why Com-Care?".

- Com-Care is locally owned. 88% of the ownership of Com-Care currently lives in Ohio County. Com-Care was formed in 2009 and provides EMS services to 4 Counties in West Central Kentucky. We have no outside investors, We have a 12% owner in John Holder, Our Executive Director, who resides in Auburn KY.
- Com-Care Inc. is a corporate entity based in Hartford KY. The management staff have operated the Ohio County license for 26 years, first under King Drug, and the last 17 years under Com-Care. During that 26 year period, our annual fee increase has averaged 4.7%.
- Com-Care, doing business as Ohio County EMS, currently has 38 employees, All of the Full-Time employees currently working at Ohio County EMS live, work and vote in Ohio County. We have 3 local residents that currently work in Logan County but will eventually transfer to Hartford when openings come available. This is a huge benefit for the community.
- Com-Care is currently an in-network provider with all major Insurance carriers, Medicare, Medicaid, Anthem, United Healthcare to name a few. Because EMS billing was not a part of the national "No Surprise Act", Ambulance services that are out of network can bill exorbitant rates with no system of checks and balances. The Billing rates for all Kentucky EMS services are by law required to be publicly available, I suggest you compare these rates whenever reviewing EMS providers.

I want to sincerely thank the Fiscal Court for our 27 year relationship that has been mutually beneficial. I look forward to answering any questions you may have at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Jim Duke, President

John Holder
Vice President - Operations

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PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES

To: Ohio County Fiscal Court
Date: 03/20/2026
Subject: Proposal for operation of the Ohio County Emergency Medical Services.

Com-Care Inc. respectfully submits the following proposal for your consideration.

Proposal for EMS Service Management

- **Com-Care Inc., A locally owned and operated company, hereinafter referred to as “ Com-Care “ proposes to provide to the Ohio County Fiscal Court the following services related to the operation of the Ohio County Emergency Medical Services.**
- **Com-Care will operate an Advanced Life Support, Class 1 ground ambulance service as set forth in KRS 311.030 and 202 KAR Chapter 5. The period of this proposal will be from 7/1/26 thru 6/30/27. A base will be maintained at the location of the current EMS building located in Hartford and owned by the Ohio County fiscal court. Com-Care will staff 2- 24 hour ALS coverage units plus additional crews as needed for non-emergency transfers. Additional on-call staff will be scheduled daily to address periods of increased run volume.**
- **Com-Care Inc. is a subchapter “S” Corporation owned by James Duke (52%) Cynthia Adams (36%) and John Holder (12%)**
- **Com-Care will furnish materials, supplies, storage, and any other items necessary or convenient to the operation of a complete emergency and non-emergency Ambulance Service for Ohio County, Kentucky, except as hereinafter provided.**

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- **Com-Care will provide all vehicle maintenance to ambulances provided by the fiscal court and will maintain said vehicles in good operational order.**
- **Com-Care will act as an agent for the county to secure grant funding from state and federal sources as related to Emergency Medical Services. Any equipment or funds secured would be the sole property of the Ohio County Fiscal Court and will be maintained for a period of no less than 7 years. From 2009 until present, Com-Care has secured through Homeland Security and the Hospital preparedness partnership approximately \$200,000 in emergency response supplies.**
- **Com-Care shall be in complete and total control of the management of said Ambulance Service, will have complete and unlimited discretion in the hiring, discharge, payment, and assignment of duties of the employees and personnel of the Ambulance Service; and in the billing and collection of fees and charges generated by such Ambulance Service. All billings and receipts for services which occur during the period contractually agreed upon by both parties shall be the property of Com-Care.**
- **Com-Care will provide professional liability insurance in the amount of no less than 3 million dollars (\$3,000,000.00), in addition to a 5 million dollar (\$5,000,000) Umbrella Policy.**
- **Com-Care will maintain all run records as required through 202 KAR Chapter 7 during the period of any contractual agreement and provide all stored run data to the Ohio County Fiscal Court whenever any agreement terminates.**
- **Com-Care will provide the fiscal court any data related to run volume, response times and demographic information as requested.**
- **Com-Care will implement a plan with the local EMT's, Firefighter's, Law Enforcement and First Responders for consumable supply replenishment at no cost to the responding agencies. Training as requested will be provided in the county for all First Responders.**
- **Any proposal and/or subsequent contract will have an exemption clause for operations during a National, State or locally declared disaster. It would be necessary for said operations to be treated as a supplemental service and be subject to mutually agreed upon reconciliation of disaster related costs or loss of revenue.**

For inclusion in this proposal, Com-Care would request that the following commitment be made by the Ohio County Fiscal Court during the period of any contractual agreement between Com-Care and the Ohio County Fiscal Court regarding EMS management.

- 1) **Building space for EMS stations to include major maintenance, Utilities and Phone service of the station currently located at 500 St Rt 69N.**
- 2) **Emergency Dispatching from the current county 911 center to include any necessary telecommunications infrastructure.**
- 3) **To provide and replace as necessary Six (6) ambulances, in good operating condition and meeting all requirements as set forth by 202 KAR Chap 7. Also all vehicle collision, comprehensive and liability insurance for the county owned ambulances.**
- 4) **Purchase of capital medical equipment necessary for the operation of service. Capital equipment will be defined as Ambulances and one each of a Cardiac monitor, Ambulance stretcher and mobile radio per ambulance. There is a \$20,000 grant that must be spent on equipment before 7/1/27. Also as part of this proposal, Med 5 will need to be contracted for a remount that will need to be ordered by 7/30/26.**
- 5) **Use of up to One (1) Ohio County Ambulance to use during Disaster deployments within the region. Use would not exceed 28 days under this proposal per year.**
- 6) **An annual subsidy of \$204,011.00_ payable in 12 equal monthly payments of \$17,000.92 being paid at the beginning of each month. The amount will not include any needed ambulance vehicles or large capital equipment which would remain sole property of Ohio County Fiscal Court.**
- 7) **If the Court agrees provide fuel for the Ohio County fleet, Com-Care will deduct \$62,000 from the bid total, In addition at the end of the year, Com-Care will reimburse the County at their cost for any related fuel expenses in excess of \$62,000.00.**

In closing Com-Care would like to thank the Fiscal Court, Judge Executive and all those involved in allowing Com-Care to manage your emergency medical services during FYE 2026 and over the previous 17 years.

Respectfully

Jim Duke, President

OHIO COUNTY FISCAL COURT
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The bidder understands that he/she/it will be bound by the prices quoted irregardless of any changes to the cost of materials, supplies, labor, ect, to the bidder and the bidder shall not invoice the County for any additional costs incurred unless agreed by majority of Ohio Fiscal Court.

The bidder agrees that if the bid is accepted within thirty (30) days from date of opening, to furnish any of the aforementioned upon which prices are quoted. The bid, unless stated otherwise therein, are to be effective for one year from the date of bid acceptance by the County and will be accepted considering the lowest responsible bidder (which means the lowest bid may not always be accepted as the County may consider factors other than price).

The County reserves the right (a) to reject all bids or any bids not in compliance with the requirements of the bid sought; (b) to accept the bid or accept multiple bids assuming that all terms are the same and any bidder shall have the right to amend his/her/its bid consistent with the lowest and best bid submitted; (c) or any item of any bid, deemed most advantageous to the County.

Com-Cone Inc
BIDDER

[Handwritten Signature]
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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COUNTY OF OHIO
NON-COLLUSIVE BID STATEMENT

The undersigned Bidder, having fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements made herein, certifies that:

- 1) The bid has been arrived at by the bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with, any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition, and
- 2) The contents of the bid have not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent or its surety on any bond furnished with the bids, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid. The undersigned bidder further certifies that this statement is executed for the purpose of enabling the County of Ohio to consider the bid and make an award in accordance therewith.

Com-Care Inc

BIDDER

Chris Adams

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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DATE

RESOLUTION 2026-3

This contract between:
(First Party) and

Ohio County Fiscal Court
130 E Washington St. #209
Hartford, KY 42347

And (Second Party)

Audubon Area Community Services, Inc.
GRITS Transportation
222 St. Elizabeth St
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

The effective date of this agreement shall be April 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2026

WHEREAS The First Party, in the exercise of its lawful duties has determined the Transportation services are essential to the operation of the First Party fulfilling its legal responsibilities.

WHEREAS The Second Party is available, willing and qualified to perform transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE The Second party agrees to perform the following described services, which are hereinafter described in detail as follows:

- A. Transportation for the senior citizens as prior approved by the County Senior Services Coordinator upon 24 hour advance reservation (no later than 2PM the day before) as deemed necessary by the County Senior Services Coordinator.
- B. Additional special Title III trips may be requested by the County Senior Services Program Coordinator, which are to be prearranged by both parties.
- C. A unit of service shall be a one-way trip within the county of Ohio as per Title III definition. Covered services are limited to medical, groceries, and senior center.
- D. AACS/GRITS will provide door to door service and shall adhere to program regulations as established by Title III GRADD, Ky., and Div. on Aging and the Senior Services Program.
- E. Reimbursement for services shall be \$7.50 per one way trip (unit).

- F. Reimbursement will only be made for actual units provided as to Title III regulations.
- G. AACCS/GRITS records shall be open and available for inspection by the County Senior Services Program, GRADD, Ky Division on Aging and/or auditors.
- H. AACCS/GRITS will ensure qualified staff and safe vehicles to provide safety to the clients being transported.
- I. The Second Party has submitted to the First Party the following:
 - Description of vehicle used.
 - Training Plan for drivers.
 - Copy of insurance coverage on vehicle.
 - Vehicle maintenance plan.
- J. The Second Party holds the First Party harmless of any action or results of action caused by the Second Party or its staff.
- K. The Second Party will be responsible for any and all costs to operate the AACCS/GRITS Transportation program. Second Party will not be responsible for the cost of units of service provided beyond the Title III units allocated.
- L. The Second Party shall allow the First Party staff to monitor service at a minimum of twice during the contract period.
- M. The Second Party hereby certifies that it is legally entitled to enter into subject contract and certifies that they are not and will not be violating either directly or indirectly and conflict of interest, statute or principal by the regulations of the contract performance.
- N. This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notification.

First Party

Authorized Signature

Date

Second Party

Audubon Area Community Services, Inc.

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE FISCAL COURT OF OHIO COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE OHIO COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXECUTING DOCUMENTS RELATED TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Ohio County Housing Development Committee (the "Committee") has been established to support and advance housing development initiatives within Ohio County, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is actively completing all necessary due diligence to ensure readiness to apply for state, federal, and other housing development funding opportunities as such programs become available; and

WHEREAS, participation in such funding programs requires the designation of an authorized representative to execute applications, agreements, contracts, and related documents on behalf of the Committee and/or Ohio County; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed this requirement and, by unanimous agreement, recommends the designation of the Ohio County Judge Executive to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Ohio County to formally authorize such designation to ensure timely and efficient submission of applications and execution of necessary documents.

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

Section 1. The Ohio County Fiscal Court hereby designates the Ohio County Judge Executive as the authorized representative for purposes of executing any and all documents, agreements, contracts, certifications, and applications necessary to pursue housing development funding opportunities on behalf of the Ohio County Housing Development Committee and/or Ohio County.

Section 2. The authorized representative is further empowered to take any additional actions and execute any additional documents as may be required to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Fiscal Court of Ohio County, Kentucky, on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Ohio County Judge Executive

ATTEST:

Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk