

Ohio County Fiscal Court
May 26, 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. Approve May 12, 2026 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved May 12, 2026 Minutes passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Michael McKenney.

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 Michael McKenney 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

IV. Ordinance 2026-4 First Reading Budget FY 2026-2027

Discussion: The question was asked if after 1st reading was approved if changes could be made, and it was stated that minor changes could be done before the 2nd reading.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-4 First Reading Budge FY2026-2027 passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

V. Treasurer's Standing Orders for FY 2026-2027

Discussion: It was explained that "Standing Orders" are bills such as electric, phone, payroll, etc.

Motion Passed: Approved Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Standing Order for Pre-Approved Expenses passed with a motion by Jason Bullock and a second by Larry Morphey.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VI. 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 Larry Morphey.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VI.A. Return from Closed Session

Motion Passed: Approved having returned from Closed Session passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Dale Beavin.

Discussion: Judge Johnston stated that no business was conducted in the closed session, 2 items were discussed that could involve litigation and one motion to come from it, which he asked for at that time. Michael McKenney then made a motion on behalf of the Landfill Committee (see next item).

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII. Consulting Agreement

Motion Passed: Motion to approve a consulting agreement with SMR Environmental for the re-bid of a possible landfill franchise agreement, and to authorize the Judge Executive to sign the agreement 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

VIII. Committee Reports

Discussion: Judge Johnston stated that the Budget Committee had met at 3:30 p.m. and that the first reading of the budget was discussed.

IX. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

IX.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Michael McKenney presented a letter from Audubon Area Community Services which requested funding from the court which would be used for the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and RSVP volunteer expenses. He then asked the magistrates if they would be willing to contribute from their discretionary monies, and he stated that he would start by committing to \$200. The other magistrates and Judge Johnston then followed with all of them committing to \$200, except Dale Beavin who did \$300. Michael McKenney then made a motion for the court to take \$700 from reserves to make the total commitment of \$2,000. Jason Bullock seconded, motion carried.

Motion Passed: Motion to take \$700 from reserves to make the amount \$2000, with that and the magistrates discretionary contributions, Audubon Area Community Services passed with a motion by Michael McKenney 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

IX.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

IX.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

IX.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

Discussion: Announced Freedom Fest in Fordsville on July 11, 4 to 10 pm, and invited all to attend. He also thanked all in for 4th district who voted.

IX.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew

Discussion: Larry Morphew made the motion for the increase on the shoe allowance for the Road Department, as they are mandated to wear steel toed boots, and stated that prices had increased on those significantly. He asked everyone to be patient with the pot hole patching and thanked everyone in the 5th district for coming out to vote.

Motion Passed: Motion to add \$50 to the shoe allowance for Road Department employees increasing the amount from \$150 to \$200, and for the increase to take affect at the new budget year passed with a motion by Larry Morphew and a second by Michael McKenney.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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


X. County Officials Comments and Requests

XI. Citizen's Comments

XII. 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
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