

Ohio County Fiscal Court
July 28, 2026 5:00 PM CT (6:00 ET)
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 - Eye Exam Month

III. Approve July 14, 2026 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved July 14, 2026 Minutes 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

IV. 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 Dale Beavin.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

V. Second Reading Ordinance 2027-1 FY 26-27 Budget Amendment

Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading Ordinance 2027-1 FY 26-27 Budget Amendment 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

VI. Resolution 2027-4 Authorizing the filing of a Kentucky House Bill ("HB") 900 Project Grant Application

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution 2027-4 Authorizing the filing of a Kentucky House Bill 900 Project Grant Application 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

VII. OC Detention Center Food Service Bids

Discussion: Two bids were received, and this item was tabled for more time to review the bids, as they are very detailed and need to be looked over carefully.

VIII. Jimmy Cantrell - ARCH

Discussion: Jimmy Cantrell, Director of the ARCH department, gave the court an update on what the department was doing, and some statistics of the accomplishments. He brought 2 individuals that ARCH had helped, who gave heart felt testimonies of how the program had changed their lives.

IX. Ohio County Public Library Board Appointment

Motion Passed: Motion to appointment Debora Phelps to the Ohio County Public Library Board Trustees, to a new 4-year term passed with a motion by David Johnston.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

X. Personnel

Motion Passed: Motion to hire Johnnie Bryant, L2, seasonal at 19.74/hr passed with a motion by David Johnston.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XI. 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 Larry Morphew 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

XI.A. Return From Closed Session

Motion Passed: Approved having returned from Closed Session passed with a motion by Larry Morphew 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

XII. Rock Bids

Discussion: Judge Johnston told the court that he had been informed that one of the companies, Caneyville Crushed Stone, that sent a bid for rock for the annual bids, had mailed it and it had gotten lost in the mail, after consulting with County Attorney, Justin Keown, and he was recommending that we accept all bids (2) Martin Marietta and Caneyville Crushed stone

Motion Passed: Motion to accept all bids, Martin Marietta and Caneyville Crushed Stone passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Larry Morphew.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XIII. Committee Reports

Discussion: Judge Johnston appointed a viewing committee for Autry Lane, with Tracy Beatty as the head and other members being Jason Burden and Larry Morphew

XIII.A. Needs Assessment Committee

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Needs Assessment lists as approved, totaling \$325,611.00 with the remainder going to the purchase of a truck and trailer for the Road Department. This includes a raise for the Deputy Coroners from \$555/mo to \$800/mo passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Larry Morphew.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XIII.B. Green River Health

Discussion: Larry Morphew stated that the Green River Health Committee met on July 22nd, and the Health Department is in great shape financially and that the tax rate of 4.5 is not expected to increase.

XIV. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XIV.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Michael McKenney stated that he was excited that the river gauge was back in, it is by Charlie's Market.

- XIV.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock
- XIV.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett
- XIV.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

XIV.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew

Discussion: Larry Morphew asked about complaints about weather sirens not going off, the Judge stated that he would ask Charlie Shields to check on that situation.

XV. County Officials Comments and Requests

XVI. Citizen's Comments

Discussion: Patrick Rowe, Commander Amvets Post 117 thanked the court for their support of the Veterans Building.

Mr. Hamilton expressed concerns over dust hazards on Miller Road due to the large trucks on it, he asked about blacktop. Judge Johnston stated that he was expecting the Landfill Committee would report next month and that would be part of that.

Larry Morphew asked if he should bring up Cook Lane, he stated that there was a company, East Lilly Farms, wanting to sell lots on Cook Lane, they have said they would do the ditching, put in tiles and waterlines and rock the road to extend a couple of miles so the county can take the road in.

Joe Salamone of Republic Services addressed the court, expressing his appreciation of the 20 years of working with Ohio County, and to hopefully many more. He stated that effective August 1st the fee at the landfill will reduce to \$33 to match Daviess Co. Dale Beavin asked him about a dumpster for the North end of the county as it is closer to the North end. Mr. Salamone, stated they would talk to him about it.

Chris Basham spoke on behalf of the Cromwell Ballpark and Cromwell Development Board. He said repairs were needed and they are working to find what information of what went on before they took over. There is an upcoming fundraiser for the park.

XVII. 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 Morphew Magistrate District 5	Justin Keown County Attorney
Ohio County Fiscal Court Meeting July 28, 2026 5:00 pm 1. Call to Order Prayer and Pledge 2. Proclamation – Eye Exam Month 3. Approve July 14, 2026 Minutes 4. Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers 5. Second Reading Ordinance 2027-1 – FY 26-27 Budget Amendment 6. Resolution 2027-4 – Authorizing the filing of a Kentucky House Bill (“HB”) 900 Project Grant Application 7. OC Detention Center Food Service Bids 8. Jimmy Cantrell - ARCH 9. Library Board Appointment 10. Personnel 11. Closed Session Under KRS 61.810 Chapter 1 Section C & F Return From Closed Session 12. Committee Reports 13. Magistrates Comments and Requests 14. County Officials Comments and Requests 15. Citizens 16. Adjournment					

Ordinance: 00000001

OHIO COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Amendment: 00000001

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof. Whereas Ohio County, Kentucky has realized unbudgeted receipts. Be it ordained by Ohio County of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section One: Current Fiscal Year: 2026-2027

The budget for the Current Fiscal Year is amended to:
Increase / Decrease the receipts of the following fund(s)
to include unbudgeted receipts from:

A. Revenues	Fund	Account	Description	Amount
	OCEDA	27-4732- -	O.C.E.D.A. - REVOLVING LOAN PROCEEDS	121,368.65
	General	01-4901- -	GENERAL FUND - SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	1,120,649.92
	General	01-4901- -EMG	GENERAL FUND SURPLUS - EMERGENCY FUND:	674,527.78
	General	01-4901- -FED	GENERAL FUND SURPLUE PRIOR YEAR FEDERA	1,072.68
	General	01-4901- -CC	GENERAL FUND SURPLUS TRANSFER ACCOUNT	102.40
	Road	02-4901- -	ROAD FUND SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	22,177.36
	L.G.E.A.	04-4901- -	L.G.E.A. FUND - SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	213,303.84
	Forest Fire	12-4901- -	FOREST FIRE FUND SURPLUS PRIOR YEAR	6,812.82
	LANDFILL	15-4901- -	LANDFILL FUND - SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	249,651.56
	OPIOID FUND	74-4901- -	OPIOID SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	55,158.40
	EMG SERV	75-4901- -	EMG SERVICES SURPLUS PRIOR YEAR	207,443.71
	ARCH	76-4901- -	ARCH PROGRAM SURPLUS PRIOR YEAR	74,431.48
	CDSF	77-4901- -	CCSF SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	15,543.60
	WATERLINE	95-4901- -	WATERLINE FUND - SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YE/	86,828.24
Total Amended Revenues				2,849,072.44

B. Approp.	Fund	Account	Description	Amount
	CDSF	77-5010-106-0	CO CLERK RECORDING/STORAGE PAYROLL	15,543.60
	Forest Fire	12-5121-548-0	FOREST FIRE SUPP COST	6,812.82
	General	01-9200-999-0	GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	1,120,649.92
	General	01-9200-999-1	GENERAL FUND - EMERGENCY RESERVES	674,527.78
	General	01-9200-999-0	GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	1,072.68
	General	01-9200-999-0	GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	102.40
	Road	02-9200-999-0	ROAD FUND - RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	22,177.36
	L.G.E.A.	04-9200-999-0	L.G.E.A. FUND - RESERVE FOR TRANSERS	213,303.84
	LANDFILL	15-9200-999-0	LANDFILL FUND - RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	249,651.56
	OCEDA	27-9200-999-0	O.C.E.D.A. - RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	121,368.65
	OPIOID FUND	74-9200-999-0	OPIOID RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	55,158.40
	EMG SERV	75-9200-999-0	EMERGENCY SERVICES - RESERVE FOR TRANS	207,443.71
	ARCH	76-9200-999-0	ARCH PROGRAM RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	74,431.48
	WATERLINE	95-9200-999-0	WATERLINEFUND - RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	86,828.24
Total Amended Expenditures				2,849,072.44

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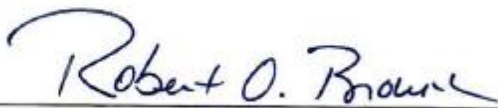
Section Two:

The amounts adjusting the receipt and expenditure accounts in Section One are for governmental purposes.

Approved by the Ohio County Fiscal Court of Kentucky, this day, the 14th day of July, 2026.

Signed 
County Judge/Executive

Approved as to form and classification this the 20th day of July, 2026

Signed 
State Local Finance Officer

This budget ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the Ohio County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky, on this the _____ day of _____

Signed 
County Judge/Executive

RESOLUTION 2027-4
FISCAL YEARS 2026-2028
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
COUNTY OF OHIO

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE OHIO COUNTY FISCAL COURT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A KENTUCKY HOUSE BILL ("HB") 900 PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$500,000 IN HB 900 FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ("DLG"); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OHIO COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY DLG TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE/EXECUTIVE TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Ohio County ("County") desires to promote and carry out community development efforts on behalf of the residents of the County by supporting the HB 900 Project; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that HB 900 monies available to the County for the purposes stated herein, pursuant to 2026 Kentucky General Assembly HB 900 (Appropriations Bill), impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the County and will require among other things:

- (1) Approval of a satisfactory application transmitted to DLG for approval;
- (2) Registration with Finance & Administration Cabinet to do business with the Commonwealth; and,
- (3) Other obligations of the County in connection with receiving the HB 900 grant of monies for the purposes stated herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this ____ day of _____, 2026, by Ohio County Fiscal Court:

That a HB 900 Project Grant Application on behalf of the County for HB 900 monies up to \$500,000 for the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club of Ohio County. Project shall be submitted to DLG; the County shall provide such additional information and furnish such documentation as may be required, and the County Judge/Executive shall act as the authorized correspondent for this Project.

Done this ____ day of _____, 2026. Motion by _____

and seconded by _____, members present voting unanimously in favor.

By: _____
County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:

By: _____

Title: _____



Ohio County Public Library
413 South Main Street
Hartford, KY 42347
270-298-3790
www.ocplibrary.org

July 15, 2026

Honorable David Johnston
County Judge Executive
Ohio County Courthouse
130 East Washington Street
Suite 209
Hartford, KY 42347

Dear Judge Johnston:

The Ohio County Public Library hereby submits the following names for your consideration in filling the expired term (June 30, 2026) of Debora Phelps (218 Mulberry Street, Hartford, KY 42347) to serve this vacancy for a new 4-year term.

Debora Phelps
218 Mulberry Street
Hartford, KY 42347

Sandi Rowe
350 Hill Street
Beaver Dam, KY 42320

As required by KRS 173, this appointment is to be made to you, "with the approval of the Fiscal Court." Please send correspondence and the record of appointment or the approved fiscal court minutes to mwarga@ocplibrary.org.

Sincerely,

Melanie Warga
Director

4/11/26

OHIO COUNTY FISCAL COURT
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

BID LIST NO. 2 - STONE

BID ON INDIVIDUAL STONE SIZES DISCOUNT		BID ON STONE WITH QUANTITY	
\$ _____ per ton	#3	\$ 18.95 per ton	#3 #2
\$ _____ per ton	#4	\$ 20.20 per ton	#4
\$ _____ per ton	#8	\$ 25.25 per ton	#8 #9
\$ _____ per ton	#57	\$ 24.20 per ton	#57
\$ _____ per ton	#610	\$ 15.25 per ton	#610
\$ _____ per ton	Commercial #610	\$ 15.25 per ton	Commercial #610
\$ _____ per ton	DGA	\$ 15.75 per ton	DGA
\$ _____ per ton	Rip Rap	\$ 22.40 per ton	Rip Rap
\$ _____ per ton	Mine Run (waste)	\$ N/A per ton	Mine Run (waste)
\$ _____ per ton	Shotrock	\$ 14.95 per ton	Shotrock
\$ _____ per ton	Surge Rock	\$ 17.00 per ton	Surge Rock

ANY AND ALL BIDDERS MAY BID EACH STONE SIZE INDIVIDUALLY AND MAY ALSO BID STONE AT A RATE REFLECTING QUANTITY DISCOUNT.

SINCE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN THIS CONTRACT FOR BID FOR SERVICES/MATERIALS, IT IS REQUIRED OF EACH BIDDER THAT IN THE EVENT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IS UNABLE TO SUPPLY, PROVIDE FOR, OR PERFORM THAT SERVICE AND/OR MATERIAL CONTRACTED FOR WITHIN THE TIME FRAME NECESSITATED BY THE NATURE OF THE SERVICE AND/OR MATERIAL AND THE PURPOSE ESTABLISHED BY THE COURT FOR ITS USE, THEN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL SIGNIFY SUCH INABILITY AND THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT SUCH INABILITY WILL EXIST, AND WILL WAIVE ITS RIGHTS AS SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THAT PERIOD OF INABILITY IN ORDER THAT THE COURT MAY FREELY CONTRACT FOR THE REQUIRED SERVICE/MATERIAL.

IN ADDITION, THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE LIABLE TO THE COURT FOR THE DIFFERENCE, IF ANY, IN COST INCURRED BY THE COURT DUE TO ORIGINAL BIDDER'S INABILITY TO SUPPLY.

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

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.(d) the County shall not be required to accept the lowest bid as the County reserves the right to consider all circumstances related to the bid and if the lowest bid is not accepting then the Fiscal Court will not give the reason.

Conanville Preschool Store
BIDDER

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
1831 Falls of Logan Rd, Conanville Ky 42221
ADDRESS
240 Mt. 0222
TELEPHONE FAX
99.333 8428
FEDERAL ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO. FOR 1099

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.

Campbell Crested Stone
BIDDER

Chip
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

1831 Wells of Knight Rd, Campbell Ky 42221
ADDRESS

290-149 0222
TELEPHONE FAX

7/28/26
DATE

NEEDS ASSESSMENT LIST

July 1 2026

Needs Assessments are ONE TIME Capital Projects			Surplus Available \$273,858.53
Department	Description of Request	AMT	Committed
All	Kaco-Gen Liability Ins.	\$25,000	\$25,000
Road	Hocker Lane Extension	\$12,410	
Road	Chip n Seal Jerusalem Ridge	\$10,000	
PVA-Pictometry Service	2" - \$106,920 in 3 payments of \$35640.00	\$35,640	
Coroner	Increase general supplies from \$5,000 to \$7,000.	\$2,000	This will be a recurring budget item and will need to be added in future budgets.
Coroner	Uniform and PPE allowance set at \$3000 for the 1st year then \$1500/yr.	\$9,000	This will be a recurring budget item and will need to be added in future budgets.
Coroner	Increase Deputies monthly salary from \$555/m to \$800/m.	\$6,000	This will be a recurring budget item and will need to be added in future budgets.
Coroner/Clerk's Election Room	Backup Generator	\$11,437	
Jail	Backup Generator	\$10,000	
Sheriff	Property Tax Collections Program	\$10,276	
Senior Center	Paint main room, hallway, offices, kitchen, 6 doors and frames(1 side), paint 18 doors & frames-both sides. Paint not included(county to supply paint)	\$4,651	
Tourism	Additional funds for mowing	\$3,000	This will be a recurring budget item and will need to be added in future budgets.
Tourism	Tourism marketing (media ads, social media, print)	\$5,000	This will be a recurring budget item and will need to be added in future budgets.
VFW	Scrape old paint and apply new paint to the Veteran's Bldg. (paint not included)	\$4,800	
OCFC	Judge Executive Discretionary	\$5,000	
OCFC	Magistrate Dist. 1	\$5,000	
OCFC	Magistrate Dist. 2	\$5,000	
OCFC	Magistrate Dist. 3	\$5,000	
OCFC	Magistrate Dist. 4	\$5,000	
OCFC	Magistrate Dist. 5	\$5,000	
	Total Requested		\$154,214
	Total Committed		\$179,214
	Running Balance		\$94,644.88

NEEDS ASSESSMENT LIST

July 1 2026

Needs Assessments are ONE TIME Capital Projects			Surplus Available \$213,303.84
Department	Description of Request	AMT	<i>Committed</i>
Sheriff	2027 Dodge Durango-Equipment and decals	\$45,228	
Sheriff	2027 Dodge Durango-Equipment and decals	\$45,228	
Sheriff	2026 Chevy Silverado- No equipment needed	\$49,549	
Road	Scotty's pave Spenser Lane	\$31,392	
	Total Requests	\$171,397	\$171,397
			\$171,397
Running Balance			\$41,906.84



David Johnston

Judge Executive



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E-mail: OCJudge@OhioCountyKY.gov

EXECUTIVE ORDER

July 27, 2026

WHEREAS, the Ohio County Road Department is in need of addition help to take care of the roads for the citizens in Ohio County KY, and

WHEREAS, this time of year the mowing of all the county roads is difficult to maintain without the seasonal employees,

NOW THEREFORE I, Ohio County Judge Executive David Johnston by the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.100 (2) hire Johnny Bryant as seasonal employee of the Ohio County Road Department effective July 27, 2026.

David Johnston

DAVID JOHNSTON, COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

Sonja Davis

SONJA DAVIS, FISCAL COURT CLERK

