

Ohio County Fiscal Court
August 11, 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
Bo Bennett

Absent Board Members:
Jason Bullock

I. Call to Order Judge Executive David Johnston
I.A. Prayer and Pledge to American Flag

II. Approve July 28, 2026 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved July 28, 2026 Minutes passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Michael McKenney.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

David Johnston	Yes
Dale Beavin	Yes
Larry Morphew	Yes
Michael McKenney	Yes
Jason Bullock	Absent
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 Dale Beavin and a second by Bo Bennett.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

IV. Clerk's July 2026 Financial Report

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received the Clerk's July 2026 Financial Report passed with a motion by Michael McKenney and a second by Dale Beavin.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

V. Health Department 2026/2027 Tax Rates

Motion Passed: Approved having received the Ohio County Public Health Department 2026/2027 Tax rates of .045% passed with a motion by Larry Morphew and a second by Dale Beavin.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VI. Landon Spurlock - Ohio County Detention Food Service Bids

Discussion: Landon Spurlock, Ohio County Jailer, spoke about the bids that were received and carefully reviewed. One from Trinity Service Group, which is a national company, and one from a Kentucky based company named Kellwell Food Management. He stated that basically what they are offering is the buying power, training, then to have a dietician plan the menus for the inmates. Both would be a savings over what they currently have, which is budgeted for \$140,000. Trinity came in at \$62,000 with a 15% service fee; Kellwell at \$52,597, with a \$35,000 annual fee, which is broke down to about \$2,400 a pay period. He then stated that he would like to recommend to go with Kellwell, based on it being a Kentucky based company, he felt customer service would be better, and the total amount would be \$89,054 and that's food, supplies and training.

Motion Passed: Approved to accept the recommendation of Jailer Landon Spurlock and the bid from Kellwell Food Management, and authorize the proper authority to sign the contract passed with a motion by Bo Bennett and a second by Michael McKenney.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII. Ohio County Sheriff Adam Wright

Discussion: Sheriff Adam Wright thanked the court for the opportunity to come and speak to them and tell a bit about what the Sheriff's Department is doing. He spoked about the body cameras which they were able to purchase with the help from a grant and has become a huge asset to the department. He spoke about the issue of illegal drug sales and use in the county and how they work hard with the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement Section and they have multiple personnel working together to fight this ongoing issue. He spoke about the recent program they held to help parents protect their children online, and also about getting the 911 department in as part the Sheriff's Department with helps all involved.

VIII. Personnel

VIII.A. Solid Waste

Motion Passed: Motion to approve hire of Steve Epley, Level 1, \$14.79 per hour, part-time passed with a motion by David Johnston.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VIII.B. Ohio County Park

Motion Passed: Motion to approve hire of Jaxon Barrett, Level 1, Seasonal, \$14.79 per hour passed with a motion by David Johnston.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

IX. McBrayer Firm

Discussion: The Judge stated he had been given a proposal from Justin Keown from the McBrayer Firm, which will represent the Fiscal Court in the landfill franchise procurement process

Motion Passed: Motion to accept the proposal from McBrayer Firm passed with a motion by Larry Morphew and a second by Michael McKenney.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

X. 7. Closed Session Under KRS 61.810 Chapter 1 Section C & F

Discussion: There was no need of a closed session at this meeting.

X.A. Return From Closed Session

XI. Committee Reports

Discussion: Judge Johnston asked Michael McKenney about housing committee, who stated that there wasn't a meeting planned at this time, however, there had been several interested in

XI.A. Waterline Committee Meeting

Motion Passed: Motion to approve Fire Hydrant on 8987 St. Rt. 1414 for \$12,950 and one at Hwy 69 and Hwy 878 for \$12,400 to be paid from the Rural Waterline Fund passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Larry Morphew.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XII. GRADD Agreement for Homebound Meals

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Judge to sign the GRADD agreement for the homebound meals, FY2027 Contract #Ohio-725-2600000107 passed with a motion by Dale Beavin and a second by Larry Morphew.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

XIII. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XIII.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Michael McKenney stated that he had a question for the Sheriff, and asked how the fleet was doing after losing a couple of cruisers, and the Sheriff stated that they had possession of the pick up now, and that the other 2 vehicles, the Durangos, were ordered and it would take about 12 weeks or more to get those. Magistrate McKenney then said if anyone was interested in attending a Housing Committee Meeting to reach out to him.

XIII.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

XIII.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

XIII.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

XIII.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morpew

Discussion: Larry Morpew asked about how 911 addressing was doing getting everything "up to par", the Judge stated that anytime there was a discrepancy or problem found, Charlie Shields' office handles it.

XIV. County Officials Comments and Requests

XV. Citizen's Comments

Discussion: Carla Wallace, with the Ohio County AARP and the Kentucky AARP board of directors, stated she was there to on behalf of Ohio County AARP to request the use of a closet at the senior center. She then spoke on the reason for the request and of the activities that they have at the Senior Center. The Judge then suggested, that the new local president of AARP set up a meeting with the senior center staff out to discuss the issue. She then spoke on the meeting and invited the court members to the Annual AARP picnic on August 25th.

The Court then heard from Dennis Seitz, General Manager, Republic Services, he talked about some July figures from the landfill. 54,272.41 tons with a host fee of \$81,231.75 to Ohio County. He invited the court to come out and see the operation and take a tour sometime.

XVI. Adjournment

Judge Executive

Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk

	Ohio County Fiscal Court Meeting REGULAR Judge Executive - David Johnston				
Michael McKenney	Jason Bullock	Bo Bennett	Dale Beavin	Larry Morphew	Justin Keown
Magistrate	Magistrate	Magistrate	Magistrate	Magistrate	County
District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Attorney
Ohio County Fiscal Court Meeting August 11, 2026 5:00 pm 1. Call to Order Prayer and Pledge 2. Approve July 28, 2026 Minutes 3. Bills, Claims, Payments and Transfers 4. Clerk's July 2026 Financial Report 5. Health Department 2026/2027 Tax Rates 6. Landon Spurlock – Ohio County Detention Food Service Bids 7. Ohio County Sheriff Adam Wright 8. Personnel 9. Closed Session Under KRS 61.810 Chapter 1 Section C & F Return From Closed Session 10. Committee Reports 11. Magistrates Comments and Requests 12. County Officials Comments and Requests 13. Citizens 14. Adjournment					

OHIO COUNTY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT CURRENT		Print Date: 8/7/2026 Page 3 of 3	9:57 am
Receipt Start: 7/1/2026 Receipts End: 7/31/2026 Period: 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026 using expense date for Accounts 26G - 26G			
TOTAL REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		\$62,800.86	
I certify that this statement, to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct.			
SIGNED: <u>Bert T Ralph by Christina Shepherd CD</u>			
OHIO COUNTY			
DATE: <u>8/7/26</u>			

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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		
FEEES FROM TAXES & LICENSES:		
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$67,073.41	
Child Victim Fund		
Motor Vehicle Usage Taxes	\$203,894.58	
Motor Vehicle Notary Fees	\$17.00	
Motor Vehicle Lien Release Fees	\$2,106.00	
Motor Vehicle Property Tax - Motax	\$227,570.19	
Delinquent Taxes	\$27,792.10	
Hunting & Fishing Licenses		
Marriage Licenses	\$400.00	
Miscellaneous Licenses		
County Stickers	\$20,320.00	
Deed Transfer Taxes	\$7,665.00	
RECORDING FEES:		
Deeds & Power Of Attorney	\$3,618.00	
Real Estate Mortgages/Fixture Filing	\$6,226.00	
Chattel Mortgages	\$5,380.00	
Wills & Estates	\$352.00	
Releases	\$2,360.00	
Liens	\$1,115.00	
Leases	\$124.00	
Election Filing		
Storage Fees	\$3,540.00	
Affordable Housing Trust	\$2,052.00	
Miscellaneous Recordings	\$771.00	
Postage & Copy Work	\$563.51	
Miscellaneous		
Refunds & Overpayments	\$1,204.78	
TOTAL SALES		\$584,144.57
MISCELLANEOUS BANK TRANSACTIONS		
Transfer of Funds (earned prev yr)		
Cash Drawer Transactions		
NSF Checks Less Redeposits		
Interest Received on Bank Account	\$10.54	
Misc Income/Refunds/Bank Cr Memos		
Accounts Receivable Credit Memos		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS BANK TRANSACTIONS		\$10.54
Outstanding Accounts Receivables		(\$2,774.50)
TOTAL REVENUES GENERATED		\$581,380.61

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EXPENDITURES		
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT		
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$44,346.66	
Motor Vehicle Usage Tax	\$197,768.51	
Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax	\$218,467.38	
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT TOTALS		\$460,582.55
REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAXES		
Deed Transfer Taxes	\$7,281.75	
Delinquent Taxes	\$25,139.31	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAXES		\$32,421.06
COUNTY STICKERS		\$19,507.20
Legal Process Taxes		\$1,331.20
Misc Licenses/Commissions		
Affordable Housing Trust Fund		
Storage Fees to Fiscal Court		\$3,540.00
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		
Election Reimbursements		
Microfilming & Indexing Records		
Misc Equipment & Maintenance Agmts		
General Repairs & Maintenance		
Candidate Filing Fee		
Refunds		\$1,197.74
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		\$518,579.75

Green River District

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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July 31, 2026

David Johnston
130 East Washington Street
Hartford, KY 42347

Judge/Executive Johnson:

Enclosed you will find the Ohio County Public Health Taxing District Resolution for 2026. This resolution was passed by the public health taxing district board at its July 22, 2026 meeting. The tax rate has been approved in accordance with provisions of KRS 212.720 – 212.755.

On behalf of the board, I'm submitting the enclosed resolution to the Ohio County Fiscal Court so the Fiscal Court may impose the special ad valorem public health tax.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton Horton".

Clayton Horton
Public Health Director

Enclosure

"Protecting, Promoting, and Enhancing the health and well-being of the public since 1974"

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RESOLUTION OF OHIO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEALTH TAX RATE IN THE YEAR OF 2026
FOR OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TAXING DISTRICT
CREATED BY KRS 212.750

The Ohio County Board of Health met on the 22nd day of July 2026 at Hartford, Kentucky.

MEMBERS PRESENT:				
David Johnston	Kevin Gregory	Lance Smith	Robert Cox	Mallory Roberts
Athena Minor	Larry Morpew	Darby Cole		

On motion by Mallory Roberts duly seconded by Larry Morpew and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, a public health taxing district for Ohio County, Kentucky, was established pursuant to the provisions of KRS 212.750 and;

WHEREAS, the members of the county or city-county board of health are by virtue of their office the governing body of the public health taxing district and are authorized to perform all duties attendant thereto in addition to their duties as members of the county or city-county board of health; and

WHEREAS, the other tax levying authorities within the taxing district have not in the opinion of this Board of Health appropriated an amount sufficient to meet the public health needs of the Ohio County Health Department nor an amount sufficient to meet the standards prescribed by the Cabinet for Health Services,

WHEREAS, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services summarily approves all instances where the amount of local appropriation support for the Ohio County Health Department meets the standards prescribed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services pursuant to the provisions of 902 KAR 8:170 (3)(3),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is hereby levied a special ad valorem tax upon all property subject to taxation in Ohio County, Kentucky as provided by KRS 212.755 at the rate of 4.5 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all real property and at the rate of 4.5 cents assessed valuation of all personal property; and at the rate of 4.5 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all motor vehicles in Ohio County as of January 1, 2027. The motor vehicle tax rate will be applicable to calendar year beginning January 1, 2027.

The fiscal court of Ohio County, Kentucky, is hereby requested to levy such tax as set forth in the resolution which shall be in addition to all other county ad valorem taxes and to cause the same to be properly placed upon the tax bills of all taxpayers liable therefore by the proper county officers and to direct the sheriff of Ohio County, Kentucky, to collect, receive and remit the proceeds of this levy to the Ohio County Board of Health and to do any and all other things necessary, requisite and proper in the premises.

The secretary is directed to deliver a duly certified copy of this resolution to the fiscal court of Ohio County.
Done at Hartford Kentucky, on the 22nd day of July 2026.

I, Clayton Horton, Secretary of the Ohio County Board of Health, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by said Board members whose names appear thereon at a meeting of said Board of Health at Hartford Kentucky, on the 22nd day of July 2026.



The Secretary Ohio County Board of Health

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Commissioner for Public Health signature is only required when the requested tax rates listed herein are less than the minimum annual contribution rate set pursuant to 902 KAR 8:170(3)(3).

Commissioner, KY Department for Public Health	Date
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Kellwell Food Management
in County (KY): Kellwell Express

156 Frankfort Street, Versailles, KY 40383 | (606) 464-9596

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