Ohio County Fiscal Court
October 13, 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. Proclamation - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Discussion: Judge Johnston signed a proclamation for October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The court was joined by (left to right) Brandy Rothgerber, Donna Carter Warner, Lori Daugherty, Sheila Bartlett and Anne Conley

III. Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Discussion: Judge Johnston signed a proclamation for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The court was joined by Jason Tierney, Mary Tierney, Cherie Griffin, Kathy Thomas, Kayla Jo Smith, Tim Smith, Shannon Ross from Agape Love Women's Refuge.

IV. Approve September 22, 2026 Minutes and September 29, 2026 Special Call Minutes

Motion Passed: Approve September 22, 2026 Minutes and September 29, 2026 Special Call Minutes 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

V. 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

VI. Clerk's September 2026 Financial Report

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received the Clerk's September 2026 Financial Report passed with a motion by Larry Morphew 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

VII. No One Fights Alone In Ohio County

Discussion: Brandy Rothgerber, of No One Fights Alone in Ohio County, introduced the court to the ladies that were with her, who were all cancer survivors. She then spoke on what the organization is and does. They provide financial help, but also other support for ones going through cancer treatments, and their caregivers. She then told the court that due to rain outs their main fundraisers didn't happen this year, and they respectfully were asking the court if they could donate. Judge Johnston said he would do $1,000 from his discretionary and the magistrates followed with $500 each from Larry Morphew, Dale Beavin, Michael McKenney, $1000 from Bo Bennett and a commitment from Jason Bullock via text to Magistrate McKenny, amount to be determined.

Motion Passed: Motion to authorize the treasurer to write the checks for the amounts committed from discretionary funds 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

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

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

VIII.A. Return From Closed Session

IX. Committee Reports

Discussion: Michael McKenney stated that the housing committee had a future meeting planned, they're looking into grants and if anyone wanted to help on that committee to reach out to him.

X. Magistrate's Comments and Requests
X.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney
X.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock
X.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett
X.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

X.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew

Discussion: Larry Morphew brought up the resolution that had failed to pass at the previous meeting. He made a motion to pass it. As there was no 2nd to the motion, the motion failed.

XI. County Officials Comments and Requests

XII. Citizen's Comments

Discussion: A young lady addressed several safety concerns that she had and the Judge told her she was welcome to submit in writing so he could get it to the several departments the concerns pertained to. Larry Morphew asked about a potential meeting with the railroad. Another citizen asked if there was a public safety committee, the Judge said yes, the road foreman and our EMA director were on it.

Mr. Hamilton expressed his concerns with the mining companies and Equality Church Lane.

XIII. Adjournment

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Judge Executive

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Ohio County Fiscal Court Clerk

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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	$60,567.91	
Child Victim Fund		
Motor Vehicle Usage Taxes	$179,935.39	
Motor Vehicle Notary Fees	$7.00	
Motor Vehicle Lien Release Fees	$1,570.00	
Motor Vehicle Property Tax - Motax	$176,577.48	
Delinquent Taxes	$35,461.31	
Hunting & Fishing Licenses		
Marriage Licenses	$1,150.00	
Miscellaneous Licenses		
County Stickers	$17,092.50	
Deed Transfer Taxes	$5,988.50	
RECORDING FEES:		
Deeds & Power Of Attorney	$4,227.00	
Real Estate Mortgages/Fixture Filing	$5,660.00	
Chattel Mortgages		
Wills & Estates	$310.00	
Releases	$2,630.00	
Liens	$215.00	
Leases	$143.00	
Election Filing		
Storage Fees	$3,730.00	
Affordable Housing Trust	$2,070.00	
Miscellaneous Recordings	$1,055.00	
Postage & Copy Work	$587.46	
Miscellaneous		
Refunds & Overpayments	$1,121.15	
TOTAL SALES		$500,098.70
MISCELLANEOUS BANK TRANSACTIONS		
Transfer of Funds (earned prev yr)		
Cash Drawer Transactions		
NSF Checks Less Redeposits	($50.00)	
Interest Received on Bank Account	$8.07	
Misc Income/Refunds/Bank Cr Memos		
Accounts Receivable Credit Memos		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS BANK TRANSACTIONS		($41.93)
Outstanding Accounts Receivables		$8.00
TOTAL REVENUES GENERATED		$500,064.77

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EXPENDITURES		
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT		
Motor Vehicle Licenses	$38,802.51	
Motor Vehicle Usage Tax	$174,537.32	
Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax	$169,514.38	
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT TOTALS		$382,854.21
REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAXES		
Deed Transfer Taxes	$5,689.07	
Delinquent Taxes	$32,557.15	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAXES		$38,246.22
COUNTY STICKERS		$16,408.80
Legal Process Taxes		$1,164.92
Misc Licenses/Commissions		
Affordable Housing Trust Fund		$6,168.00
Storage Fees to Fiscal Court		$3,730.00
SALARIES		
Salary, Clerk		
Salary, Deputies		
TOTAL SALARIES		
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		
Health/Life & UnemploymentInsurance		
Employer Match/Soc Sec & Retirement		
Clerk`s Expenses		
Clerk`s Insurance & Bonds		
Clerk`s Dues & Convention Expenses		
Postage		
Operating Expenses & Office Supplies		
Election Reimbursments		
Microfilming & Indexing Records		
Misc Equipment & Maintenance Agmts		
General Repairs & Maintenance		
Candidate Filing Fee		
Refunds		$1,564.70
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		$450,136.85

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TOTAL REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	$49,927.92

I certify that this statement, to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct.

SIGNED: Russ J. Ralph
OHIO COUNTY

DATE: 10/6/24