Ohio County Fiscal Court
October 27, 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 - Veteran's Day

Discussion: Judge Johnston signed a proclamation for Veterans Day, 2026. The court was joined by Patrick Rowe, Robert Jarboe, David Crumes, Glen Finley, Greg Green, Frank Atkinson, Jim Crews, Mary Casteel, Mark Beard and Roger Himes

III. Approve October 13, 2026 Minutes

Motion Passed: Approved October 13, 2026 Minutes passed with a motion by Bo Bennett 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. 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 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 August Financial Statement

Motion Passed: Acknowledge receiving the Treasurer's August Financial Stmt. passed with a motion by Bo Bennett 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

VI. Treasurer's September Financial Statement

Motion Passed: Acknowledge receiving the Treasurer's September Financial Statement. passed with a motion by Larry Morphew 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

VII. Sheriff's Official Receipt to OC Clerk for 2026 Property Tax Bills

Motion Passed: Acknowledged having received the Sheriff's 2026 Property Tax Receipt to OC Clerk 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

VIII. Resolution 2027-9 - FEMA DR 4937 (June Flooding)

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution 2027-9 - FEMA DR 4937 (June Flooding) passed with a motion by Bo Bennett 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

IX. Dundee Fire Department

Discussion: Brian Daniels, with the Dundee Fire Department, came before the court, to request financial assistance with the purchase of 2 new portable AEDs, price per each is $1411 (total of $2822). As the magistrates were discussing using the discretionary money to help, Bo Bennett asked if the court would have that amount in Community Contributions.

Motion Passed: Motion to find the funds to purchase the AED's for Dundee Fire Department, if not in Community Contributions, take from various magistrate's discretionary fund, and for the treasurer to write the check 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

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, pointed out that Michael McKenney and Dustin Bratcher for the KYASAP board, which will be the organization who will vet and make requests for opioid fund usage. They presented an application form for the court to review. Michael McKenney stated that they had all received a copy of the 12 page document, and he would like to table it until the next meeting so they could all properly review the form.

XI.A. November Fiscal Court Meeting

Motion Passed: Motion to move the meeting from Tuesday, November 17, 2026 to Monday, November 16, 2026 due to a conflict with the KACO conference passed with a motion by David Johnston 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

XI.B. Jail Surplus

Discussion: The Detention Center has a Pull behind, homemade, woodburning BBQ Smoker that they want to surplus, and the money from the sale go back into the commissary account.

Motion Passed: Motion for OC Detention Center to surplus a BBQ smoker, and advertise for sealed bids 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

XII. Magistrate's Comments and Requests

XII.A. District 1 - Magistrate Michael McKenney

Discussion: Michael McKenney thanked Republic Services for the report with the numbers for the landfill for the last month.

XII.B. District 2 - Magistrate Jason Bullock

Discussion: Jason Bullock brought up the extension of 13th street, of 500 feet that he had previously brought up at a court meeting, and asked that the form for doing so be emailed to him.

Motion Passed: Motion to extend 13th street, 500 feet, pending approval of the plat 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

XII.C. District 3 - Magistrate Bo Bennett

XII.D. District 4 - Magistrate Dale Beavin

Discussion: Announced the truck or treat this weekend at North Park

XII.E. District 5 - Magistrate Larry Morphew

Discussion: Larry Morphew brought up the resolution (to go with the data center moratorium already in place) that had failed to pass at the previous 2 meetings. He made a motion to pass it. As there was no 2nd to the motion, the motion failed.

XIII. County Officials Comments and Requests

Discussion: The Sheriff stated that they had taken possession of the new cruisers which were approved for purchase from the Needs assessment, at the July 28, 2026 Fiscal Court Meeting, and as in the motion to purchase did not include "treasurer to write check" he was asking the court to make that motion.

Motion Passed: Motion for Treasurer to write the check for the purchase of the new cruisers, approved on the Needs Assessment list at the July 28, 2026 Fiscal Court Meeting 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

XIV. Citizen's Comments

Discussion: A young lady who had previously addressed the court, spoke with a couple of follow up questions and voiced her concerns on other issues.

XV. Adjournment

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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 District 1	Magistrate District 2	Magistrate District 3	Magistrate District 4	Magistrate District 5	County Attorney

Ohio County Fiscal Court Meeting

October 27, 2026 5:00 pm

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5. Treasurer's August Financial Statement
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7. Sheriff's Official Receipt to OC Clerk for 2026 Property Tax Bills
8. Dundee Fire Department
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 Sheriff's
Official Receipt
For Property Tax Bills For 2026
Totals of Tax Bills Received For Taxes Due Each Taxing District

STATE	
REAL ESTATE @ 0.103	1,018,277.48
TANG.45 @ 0.45	232,389.67
MANUF MACH @ 0.15	135,571.97
INV/FIN GDS @ 0.05	10,379.91
MFG GIP @ 0.05	8,004.48
VEHIC INV @ 0.05	2,673.35
AIR WTR NC @ 0.015	19.95
Telecom @ 0.103	956.32
REC MACH @ 0.45	5,396.34
	1,413,669.47

COUNTY	
REAL ESTATE @ 0.075	741,479.11
TANG.45 @ 0.084	43,379.29
INV/FINGDS @ 0.084	17,438.19
Telecom @ 0.075	696.37
	802,992.96

SCHOOL	
SCHOOL REAL ESTATE @ 0.572	5,654,830.48
TANG.45 @ 0.572	295,393.02
INV/FINGDS @ 0.572	118,745.65
Telecom @ 0.572	5,310.82
	6,074,279.97

LIBRARY	
LIBRARY REAL ESTATE @ 0.085	841,128.34
LIBRARY TANG.45 @ 0.085	43,895.89
LIBRARY INV/FINGDS @ 0.085	17,645.78
LIBRARY INV IN TRANSIT @ 0.085	1,489.34
LIBRARY NC AIR/WTR @ 0.085	113.05
	904,272.40

HEALTH	
HEALTH REAL ESTATE @ 0.045	445,314.36
HEALTH TANG.45 @ 0.045	23,238.94
HEALTH INV/FINGDS @ 0.045	9,341.83
	477,895.13

EXTENSION	
EXT REAL ESTATE @ 0.057	564,041.50
EXT TANG.45 @ 0.0574	29,642.52
EXT INV/FINGDS @ 0.0574	11,916.08
EXTENSION INV IN TRANSIT @ 0.0574	1,005.74
EXT NC AIR/WTR @ 0.0574	76.34
	606,682.18

CONSERVATION	
CONSERVATION REAL ESTATE @ 0.009	89,067.71
	89,067.71

WATERSHED	
WATERSHED @ 0.04	10,793.28
	10,793.28

FIRE ACRES	
FIRE ACRES @ 2	6,503.66
	6,503.66

Grand Total **10,386,156.76**

I, Adam Wright, Sheriff of Ohio County, hereby acknowledge receipt of 15707 tax bills for 2026 State and Local taxes from Bess Ralph, Clerk of Ohio County.

Signed and acknowledged before me this 30 day of September, 2026.

Adam Wright, Sheriff Ohio County

Clerk's Certification

Bess Ralph, Clerk Ohio County

I, Bess Ralph, Clerk of Ohio County, do hereby certify that tax bills have been prepared for all property on the tax roll as finally certified by the Revenue Cabinet for the 2026 tax year. I further certify that the total amount of taxes due each taxing district represented by all bills prepared is as indicated above, and that this receipt is recorded in county order book _____ page _____.

Bess Ralph, Clerk Ohio County

TAB V-3-2
DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

RESOLUTION 2027-9

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Fiscal Court (*Governing Body*) OF Ohio County (*Public Entity*)

THAT David Johnston (*Name of Incumbent*), Judge Executive (*Official Position*)

is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of Ohio County Fiscal Court

_____, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of

Kentucky, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

THAT Ohio County Fiscal Court, a public entity established under the laws of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements printed on the reverse side hereof.

Passed and approved this 27 day of October, 20 26.

_____
(Name and Title)

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(Name and Title)

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(Name and Title)

CERTIFICATION

I, David Johnston, duly appointed and Judge Executive (*Title*) of

Ohio County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a

resolution passed and approved by the Fiscal Court (*Governing Body*) of Ohio County (*Public Entity*)

on the 27 day of October, 20 26.

Date: 10-27-2026

Judge Executive
(Official Position)

_____
(Signature)

KyEM Form 500
Rev. 05/00

APPLICANT ASSURANCES

The applicant hereby assures and certifies that he will comply with the FEMA regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements including OMB's Circulars No. A-95 and A-102, and FMC 74-4, as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this Federally-assisted project. Also, the Applicant gives assurance and certifies with respect to and as a condition for the grant that:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant, and to finance and construct the proposed facilities; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

2. It will comply with the provisions of: Executive Order 11988, relating to Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, relating to Protection of Wetlands.

3. It will have sufficient funds available to meet the non-Federal share of the cost for construction projects. Sufficient funds will be available when construction is completed to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facility for the purpose constructed.

4. It will not enter into a construction contract(s) for the project or undertake other activities until the conditions of the grant program(s) have been met.

5. It will provide and maintain competent and adequate architectural engineering supervision and inspection at the construction site to insure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications; that it will furnish progress reports and such other information as the Federal grantor agency may need.

6. It will operate and maintain the facility in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by the applicable Federal, State and local agencies for the maintenance and operation of such facilities.

7. It will give the grantor agency and the Comptroller General, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.

8. It will require the facility to be designed to comply with the "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by the Physically Handicapped," Number A117.1-1961, as modified (41 CFR 101-17-7031). The applicant will be responsible for conducting inspections to insure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.

9. It will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification from the approving Federal agency that funds have been approved and will see that work on the project will be prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence.

10. It will not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests in the site and facilities during the period of Federal interest or while the Government holds bonds, whichever is the longer.

11. It agrees to comply with Section 311, P.L. 93-288 and with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 83-352) and in accordance with Title VI of the Act, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. If any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.

12. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.

13. It will comply with the requirements of Title II and Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of Federal and Federally assisted programs.

14. It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Federal grantor agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements approved in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, P.L. 93-288 as amended, and applicable Federal Regulations.

15. It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act which limit the political activity of employees.

16. It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, as they apply to hospital and educational institution employees of State and local governments.

17. (To the best of his knowledge and belief) the disaster relief work described on each Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Project Application for which Federal Financial assistance is requested is eligible in accordance with the criteria contained in 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 206, and applicable FEMA Handbooks.

18. The emergency or disaster relief work therein described for which Federal Assistance is requested hereunder does not or will not duplicate benefits received for the same loss from another source.

19. It will (1) provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements and rights-of-way necessary for accomplishments of the approved work; (2) hold and save the United States free from damages due to the approved work or Federal funding.

20. This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, reimbursements, advances, contracts, property, discounts of other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Applicant by FEMA, that such Federal Financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear on the reverse as authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the applicant.

21. It will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234, 87 Stat. 975, approved December 31, 1973. Section 102(a) requires, on and after March 2, 1975, the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area that has been identified by the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency as an area having special flood hazards. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance.

22. It will comply with the insurance requirements of Section 314, PL 93-288, to obtain and maintain any other insurance as may be reasonable, adequate, and necessary to protect against further loss to any property which was replaced, restored, repaired, or constructed with this assistance.

23. It will defer funding of any projects involving flexible funding until FEMA makes a favorable environmental clearance, if this is required.

24. It will assist the Federal grantor agency in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 470), Executive Order 11593, and the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.) by (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Part 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the Federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the Federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.

25. It will, for any repairs or construction financed herewith, comply with applicable standards of safety, decency and sanitation and in conformity with applicable codes, specifications and standards; and, will evaluate the natural hazards in areas in which the proceeds of the grant or loan are to be used and take appropriate action to mitigate such hazards, including safe land use and construction practices.

STATE ASSURANCES

The State agrees to take any necessary action within State capabilities to require compliance with these assurances and agreements by the applicant or to assume responsibility to the Federal government for any deficiencies not resolved to the satisfaction of the Regional Director.