

**Minutes of the January 11, 2018 SPECIAL CALLED
Daviess County Fiscal Court Meeting
Held at the Daviess County, Kentucky Courthouse**

**Present elected court officials included
Judge/Executive Al Mattingly and County Commissioners Mike Koger,
George Wathen and Charlie Castlen**

**DOCUMENTS RELATED TO TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS
ARE FILED IN THE CORRESPONDING FISCAL COURT FILE**

Today's meeting opened in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

By a motion of Commissioner Castlen, seconded by Commissioner Wathen, the court considered for approval the Daviess County Sheriff's 2018 Budget, including the Quietus, Annual Order Setting Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants, and Annual Tax Settlement 2016 Unmined Coal.

Sheriff Cain stated, "This budget totals \$5,250,000. The Sheriff's Office faces great fiscal challenges due to increased health insurance rates and pension fund issues. As a result, we are forced to ask the court for additional funding. While our budget includes pension funding at the current rate (first six months of this year), we are unable to fund pensions (second 6 months of the year) at the increased rate. Therefore, we are requesting \$180,000 of additional funding to cover the pension increase and an added contingency of \$225,000 to \$250,000 in the event our insurance claims warrant that assistance."

Judge Mattingly noted that the \$180,000 is for the second half of this budget year, as the first half will still be at the current rate. Next year, however, that amount will increase to \$360,000. This financial increase effects all government agencies within the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) and the Kentucky Retirement System (KRS), and we must deal with it. Approximately 5 years ago, the rate was 37.6% then the state reduced it by 5%, even during the time during which they were dealing with huge deficits. It just doesn't make any sense. Agencies were fine paying the rate as it was. Why have it reduced? And that is why you have heard me speak a lot about home-rule, including the separation of CERS from the state.

The court expressed great appreciation for the work of the Sheriff, Joe Glenn, Deputy Sheriffs and staff.

The Sheriff particularly thanked Joe Glenn for what he does for this community and the Sheriff's Office.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

By a motion of Commissioner Wathen, seconded by Commissioner Koger, the court considered for approval the Daviess County Clerk's 2018 Budget, including the Annual Order Setting Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants.

Daviess County Clerk David "Oz" Osborne stated, "Our local government listens to the people and knows what is best for this community. I often tell folks that God has something good planned for you. Sometimes we are apprehensive about doing something, much like I was 8 years ago after being elected County Clerk after 24 years in law enforcement. Generally speaking, I walked in the office on the first day as Clerk and pretty much did not know beans about the operation, but as long as we trust in God, believe and depend on what he tells you, he will lead and guide you. During the past 30 years following being shot, God has blessed me beyond my wildest imagination. In hind sight, following being shot, I would never have thought I would be here and elected by the people of Daviess County to be the Daviess County Clerk. As this year will complete my work as Clerk and I look forward to the next phase of life in retirement. Thank you all, the court, for making my job easy. I thank Pam Higdon for her work and assistance in making the wheels turn in the office." He also thanked his staff for their work.





Clerk Osborne stated, "In 2017, our budget was \$1.9 million, of which we spent \$1.7 million. That year we took in almost \$25 million in revenue. We paid the state almost \$15 million, the county over \$2 million, and the special taxing districts \$5.1 million." He stressed to the court that the state knows and is keenly aware of this revenue stream and there has been a lot of talk about the state taking over motor vehicle licensing. If this happens, the state will cut out county clerks, fiscal courts, and a large revenue stream for the county. He also noted that Kentucky and Colorado are the only 2 states in the union still allowed to issue license plates.

Clerk Osborne stated, "Our 2018 budget totals \$2.03 million. This year's budget is made up of \$1.7 million for payroll, \$180,000 for operations, and \$65,000 for equipment.

Again, the court expressed appreciation to the Clerk and his staff for the work they do for the community.

Without further discussion, Judge/Executive Mattingly called for a vote on the motion. All members of the court voted in favor; motion passed.

**Without objection, Judge/Executive Mattingly adjourned the meeting.
SO ORDERED THAT COURT STAND ADJOURNED.**

Judge/Executive:  Commissioner: 
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I, duly appointed Clerk of the Daviess County Fiscal Court, do hereby certify that the above Minutes for the corresponding Order Book were approved by the members of the Daviess County Fiscal Court at the regular session of said Court on this 18th day of January 2018.

Jennifer C. Warren, Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk