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Owsley County Fiscal Court Discusses the Veterans Wall and Other Business in the June Fiscal Court Meeting



The Owsley County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2025. County Judge Executive Zeke Little called the meeting to order. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance then an Invocation prayer was offered. A motion was made and carried to suspend the reading of the minutes.

Diane Wilder, County Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund has a cash balance of \$191,016.46, the Road Fund has a cash balance of \$1,366,179.02, the Jail Fund has a cash balance of \$13,818.40 and the LGEA Fund has a cash balance of \$1,775.89. The Solid Waste Fund has a cash balance of \$48,844.26, the Parks & Rec Fund has a cash balance of \$2,317.42, the LGEDF Fund has a cash balance of \$2,859.49 and the Clerk Storage Fund has a cash balance of \$5,973.57. The Opioid Fund has a cash balance of \$129,197.20, the Sheriff Fund has a cash balance of \$48,914.82, the ARPA Fund has a cash balance of \$92,576.94 and the EKYSAFE Fund has a cash balance of \$178,263.57. A motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Judge Little opened the sealed bids that the county had received. A motion was made and carried to award the bid for pipes to the 407 Company. A motion was made and carried to award the bid for fuel to GoTime. A motion was made and carried to award the bid for asphalt to Hinkle. A motion was made and carried to award the bid for rock to the Allen Company.

"The Senior Citizens have an older van that has been sitting for about 6 months. They, also, have a new van. Scott Lockard from the KRD Health Department asked if we

would donate the old van to the health department so they can take meals out and do things to help the health department. I would suggest that we donate the van to the health department and let them pay the insurance and do whatever they want to with it," said Judge Little. A motion was made and carried to donate the van to the health department.

Judge Little informed the court, "we have about \$70,000.00 that was left over from last year that we somehow overlooked for Big Springs Road. We need to pass a Resolution on that so we can go ahead and get the blacktop started on this road." A motion was made and carried to pass the Resolution. A motion was made and carried to approve the MOA with the state for Big Springs Road.

Judge Little reminded the magistrates that he had asked to get an appraisal of the McIntosh Law Office. It was appraised at \$240,000.00 but he has offered it to the county for \$150,000.00. A motion was made and carried to approve purchasing the building. County Attorney Henley McIntosh said "don't worry, I am not closing up shop." Judge Little told the court that Henley is talking about moving into the old jail. Judge Little asked the court for permission to get an appraisal on the Kenny Spencer property next to the old Charles Long Garage. He also told the court that someone is interested in the old garage/car wash across from Charles Long's garage. A motion was made and carried to approve getting the appraisal. Judge Little said the property could be cleaned up, raised a couple of feet to bring it out of the flood zone and maybe put a building on it.

"We have two garbage trucks that went down this week - one big truck and one small truck. We got the little truck back up and going. We don't know what is wrong with the big one. I have looked at a couple of trucks and one of them was older and priced for \$10,000.00. The newer truck with only a couple thousand miles on it is \$34,000.00. We would be using coal severance money to purchase the truck," stated Judge Little. A motion was made and carried to start the process of getting a new garbage truck.

"Last month we had the first reading concerning a Speed Bump on Booneville Heights. We need a second reading to make this happen," said Judge Little. A motion was made and carried to approve the second reading of the Speed Bump for Booneville Heights.

Road Foreman Willard Thomas said that the road crew is on the second round of cutting the roads off. Judge Little stated that he and Willard had met with FEMA on a couple of roads. We are still waiting to see what they will do.

Solid Waste is doing good. According to the Treasurer's Report, it is positive. A motion was made and carried to do Transfers as needed. A motion was made and carried to pay all legally incurred bills providing funding is available.

The Veterans Wall should be finished this week. We have a couple of granite benches to be placed at the front of the wall and we plan on putting some lights on it as well. A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting.

By:
Lisa Robinson - Editor

SENATE PRESIDENT ROBERT STIVERS TO RECEIVE 2025 CHIEF JUSTICE'S SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Senate President Robert Stivers (pictured), R-Manchester, has been named a recipient of the 2025 Chief Justice's Special Service Award, one of the highest honors presented by the Supreme Court of Kentucky and the state's judicial branch of government.

The Chief Justice's Special Service Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Kentucky's legal system, promoting justice, improving court operations, and advancing the rule of law across the commonwealth.

"As Senate President, it's my responsibility to champion fairness, defend constitutional rights, and ensure Kentucky's justice system serves every citizen," Stivers said. "That work doesn't happen in a vacuum, and it takes collaboration across our co-equal branches of government to deliver real results. I'm honored by this recognition from Chief Justice Debra Lambert and the judicial branch, and I remain committed to building a stronger, more just Kentucky for all."

Stivers represents Kentucky's 25th Senate District, including Clay, Jackson, Knox, McCreary, Owsley, and Whitley Counties. Beginning as the Senate majority floor leader in 2008, he became the Senate president in 2013 and represents the body of the Kentucky Senate. As of Jan. 1, Stivers is in his 13th year of service as Kentucky Senate president. In



September, he will be the longest-serving Senate president in Kentucky history.

Stivers has been honored by Governing Magazine as a Public Official of the Year, is past chair of the Southern Legislative Conference, the largest regional association for legislators in the country, and past chair of the Council of State Governments, the only national organization serving all three branches of state government. Stivers is also past chair of the Senate President's Forum, another national organization, and is still on their Board of Directors.

As a practicing attorney, Stivers passionately upholds the principle that every person is innocent until proven guilty and proudly stands for the inalienable rights enshrined

in the United States Bill of Rights — the foundation of justice and freedom in our democracy.

The Chief Justice's Special Service Award is presented annually by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky to honor individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering Kentucky's courts and the residents they serve.

In addition to Stivers, Senator Brandon Storm and a few Kentucky House of Representatives members have also been named 2025 recipients, recognizing the legislature's collaborative efforts to support Kentucky's judiciary and legal community.

The awards will be presented during the annual Kentucky Bar Association event on Thursday evening in Covington, Kentucky.

OCHS Mini Cheer Camp



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OWSLEY COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD JUNE 19, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE OWSLEY COUNTY RECREATION CENTER.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING.

