

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

The meeting was called to order by Judge/Executive Chris Elleman and a special young guest, Addison Crawford.

Opening prayer by Michael Denney.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheriff Willie Skeens.

MAGISTRATES PRESENT: Glendan Barker, Bobby Preston, Wayne Day, Chris Butner and Chris Davis.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Gruen was in attendance. He spoke about his view on some issues relating to the Cartersville / Paint Lick Fire Department. He expressed concern over the appointment of board members.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

None.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

September 11, 2023, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

(01) General Fund	\$472.36	(01) General Fund
01-5140-3360		01-5140-3340
EMS Equipment Maintenance		Ambulance Building Maintenance

(01) General Fund
01-5205-4030
Animal Food

\$389.00

(01) General Fund
01-5205-1770
Animal Shelter Maintenance

A motion was made to approve the transfers by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID

01 – GENERAL FUND

Airgas	\$933.02
Animal Care Center	\$5.00
Appalachian Plumbing Company, LLC	\$389.00
Bamill, LLC	\$130.59
Bluegrass Portables	\$180.00
Boundtree Medical	\$5,299.33
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal	\$5,120.00
Central Record	\$412.65
Dannys Termite Control	\$350.00
Dustin Gonyer	\$70.23
Elan Financial Services	\$1,527.65
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Garrard Co Fiscal Court	\$1,000.00
Garrard Hardware	\$91.60
J.L. Dearborn P.L.L.C.	\$1,350.00
Johnny Bolton	\$300.00
Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP	\$816.92
Kaco	\$350.00
Lexington Brain And Cognition, PSC	\$1,260.00
Lindseys Garage Doors	\$275.00
Norma Jackson	\$69.69
Patriot Automotive & Off-Road	\$5,740.13
Performance Feeds	\$39.18
Pitney Bowes – Purchase Power	\$66.29
Precision Door Service of Lexington	\$915.00
Quill Corporation	\$130.34
Tforce Freight Inc	\$283.14
Wimax Express	\$43.00
Bob Allen Motor Mall	\$155.00
Ky State Treasurer - A	\$4,180.47

02 – ROAD FUND

Bob Allen Motor Mall	\$155.00
Econo Signs	\$520.84
Elan Financial Services	\$368.14
Garrard County Road Dept	\$2,723.34
Garrard Hardware	\$268.85
Meade	\$148.87
Performance Feeds	\$122.62
Rumpke	\$90.00

The Allen Company	\$2,151.02
Tri-K Landfill, Inc.	\$138.18
Weldquip, Inc	\$13.26

80 – CSEPP FUND

Bamill, LLC	\$192.92
Central Kentucky Service Company	\$8,705.00
Elan Financial Services	\$145.38
Johnson Controls	\$1,218.00
Price, Dustin	\$312.04
Protech	\$5,155.90
Stratus Audio, Inc	\$50.00

84 – AMERICAN RESCUE

IMI Kentucky LLC	\$22,351.35
L&W Supply Corporation	\$7,359.40
Lee Building Products	\$2,910.90
Mitchell Metals LLC	\$3,084.80
Omni Commercial LLC	\$94,976.95
L&W Supply Corporation	\$7,713.15

A motion was made to approve the bills by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH’S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

None.

IN RE: CONSTITUTION PROCLAMATION

A few members of the Daughters of the American Revolution Governor James Garrard Chapter were in attendance. September 17, 2023, marks the two hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention. Judge/Executive Elleman read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week. A motion was made to accept the signing of the Proclamation by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Road: Foreman Kenneth Creech was in attendance. He said they’ve done a log of digging and tree trimming. The mow trim is running well. Magistrate Barker stated that he had received a call from a community member complimenting the work of the Road Department.

EMS: Tim May was in attendance. He said the building is still moving along and some drywalling has been done. They have been attending middle school and high school football and soccer games. They have had an increase of close to 100 runs this year. They are still having issues with repairs on the ambulances. The CSEPP drill went well.

Litter: Darrick Gilbert was in attendance. He's investigated about 25 locations. He is sending out notices for those he can't meet in person. He has attended the Inmate Training Program. He's getting complaints regarding state roads, which we don't handle. Those calls are being forwarded to the state road department.

Bluegrass 911: Russ Clark was in attendance. They had a kickoff meeting for the new CAD system. They are hoping to be in operation by December 1st.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. He did two initial site inspections this week for the ABC license requests. He anticipates the first alcohol sales in the E101 precinct (Paint Lick) will occur by the end of the week. Tax bills will go out this week. The county did not raise taxes this year. Increases in the bills can be attributed to PVA evaluations. Evan Preston has been promoted to Detective, working with DESI in Narcotics. A form has also been created by the Treasurer for the ABC Regulatory Fees.

Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. There will be a special election on November 7th regarding the sale of alcohol in Garrard County. The absentee portal is open now.

CSEPP: The annual exercises for September 19th and 20th were completed. A new Chemical Stockpile Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Incident Specific Plan (ISP) has been presented. A motion was made to allow Judge/Executive Elleman to sign the ISP by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

Judge's Office: The IDA Board went to Frankfort on September 13th to meet with the economic branch on the growth of Garrard County. They also met with the transportation cabinet on the new bypass. There are two ongoing audits, the courthouse and the AOC. A health insurance meeting has taken place and Finance Officer Montgomery is working on that. The County Policy Manual is in the process of being updated. The Wilderness Trace Endowment did their large check presentation to the Garrard County Library for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program. Due to Fall Break the next court meeting may be moved to October 10th instead of October 9th.

An ARMY record has been surplused. Judge/Executive Elleman also suggested surplus all of our old office phones. A motion was made to allow the surplus of the phones by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

A motion was made to accept the Department Updates by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: EMS BUILDING CHANGE ORGERS

A couple of change orders from OMNI were presented. These relate to the hatches and the entry door. A motion was made to accept by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: ROAD DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS

The building damaged by the windstorm is planned to be repaired and a new salt house is planned to be built. A quote from Johnny King was presented in the amount of \$1,450.00 to paint and seal the barn roof. A motion was made to seal the roof by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: CARTERSVILLE / PAINT LICK FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT

The tax rate stayed the same at .06. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the budget and tax rate by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

At the August 28, 2023, meeting, a letter was presented announcing the resignation of Johnetta Rhodus from the board of directors at the Cartersville / Paint Lick Fire and Rescue. A suggestion was made by the board that Charlie Gruen replace Johnetta for her remaining term. A motion was made to table the suggestion for her replacement, pending a follow-up with the Board.

As a follow-up, Judge/Executive Elleman and Magistrate Day did attend a board meeting. The Board gave three replacement names: Mitchell Lamb, Charlie Gruen and Ed Brents. A motion was made to appoint Mitchell Lamb to the board of directors of the Cartersville / Paint Lick Fire and Rescue by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: LIBRARY BUDGET

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the library budget by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: COUNTY NET PROFIT FORMS

Occupational Tax Administrator Kristen Akers has received an estimate from Bluegrass Integrated Communications in the amount of \$2,166.97 to aid her in sending out License Fee Returns. A motion was made to proceed forward by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: RURAL AND MUNICIPAL AID RESOLUTION

At the August 14, 2023, meeting, a motion was made to allow Judge/Executive Elleman to apply for \$100,000.00 in flex funds for 1.2 miles of Dripping Springs. Regarding this project, an Agreement Between Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Rural and Municipal Aid and Garrard County was presented, along with a Resolution. A motion was made to approve and allow Judge/Executive Elleman to sign the Resolution by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Judge/Executive Elleman and Sheriff Skeens have met with the school district regarding the usage of the Opioid Fund. The school has 3 recommendations for use of the funds: (1) pay for .5 of the counselors at GCHS and the counselor at GMS (\$100,000.00 annually), (2) scholarships of \$1,000.00 for a male and female student annually, and (3) an opioid awareness video at a cost of \$3,500.00.

Sheriff Skeens spoke on the specificity of the funds being spent only on opioid related activities. The money can basically only be used for treatment and education. The scholarships must pertain to opioid addicted individuals and treatment, such as counseling or registered nurse, etc. The awareness video should qualify. The counseling services will be harder to track at this point as we have to determine billable hours for opioid treatments.

A motion was made to collaborate with the school systems to do scholarships annually and to do the educational awareness video by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

Continued efforts and research will be made to see if the counseling services qualify for use of the Opioid Fund.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge/Executive Elleman and his special young guest, Addison Crawford, requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. A motion was made by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive