

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
JULY 29, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

The meeting was called to order by Judge/Executive Chris Elleman.

Opening prayer by Daryl Hodge.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheriff Willie Skeens.

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

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

An updated balanced budget was submitted by Camp Dick Fire Department. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: PLATS

Holton Howard is breaking up a farm on Bastin Road into ten tracts. They meet the requirements of the road frontage. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

AGE presented a plat for Coppercreek Road. Part of it is in Garrard and part is in Rockcastle. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

July 8, 2024, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

(01) General Fund	\$15,000.00	(80) CSEPP Fund
01-4909		80-4910
Transfer Out		Transfer In

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

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID

01 – GENERAL FUND

Ad-IOS	\$59.99
Airgas USA, LLC	\$964.25
Kaelan Benedict	\$119.99
Bluegrass Emergency Response Team, Inc	\$2,750.00
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$200.00
Bound Tree	\$3,878.43
Central Record	\$931.00
Central Kentucky Service Co	\$125.00
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$5,120.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$600.00
Elan Financial Services	\$4,985.63
Galls	\$194.00
Garrard Quick Lube	\$243.90
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Garrard County PVA	\$50,128.00
H&W Sport Shop Inc	\$4,799.40
Jessamine County Detention Center	16,624.63
Kentucky Emergency Services Conference	\$25.00
Kentucky Emergency Services Conference	\$225.00
KMCA	\$315.00
Knights Technologies	\$200.00
Lexington Brain & Cognition	\$630.00
Lindsey's Garage Doors	\$1,300.00
Performance Feeds	\$97.98
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,009.75
Quill Corporation	\$559.47
Rockcastle County Detention Center	\$459.42
Rumpke	\$129.73
Seybold Electric Contracting LLC	\$300.00
Tammy Burkhart	\$40.00
Teleflex	\$612.50
UK Healthcare Hospitals	\$940.86
USA Signs	\$497.00
Zoll Medical Corporation	\$301.60

02 – ROAD FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$623.69
Napier Brothers Clothing & Shoes	\$357.95
Performance Feeds LLC	\$194.98
Rumpke	\$527.24

The Allen Company	\$2,018.00
Benge Farm Supply	\$3,371.45
John Deere Financial	\$3,012.46
Fall Lick Sawmill LLC	\$128.00
Mago Construction Company LLC	\$1,539.00
Mason Brother's	\$385.94
Moore's Tire & Welding	\$1,000.00
Pats Mowers	\$87.00

80 – CSEPP FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$169.08
Halo	\$1,448.56
Holland RMM of Louisville	\$804.23
Masters Telecom	\$15.89
Vencill Enterprises, LLC	\$316.97
Woodford Oil Company	\$1,337.89

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: NET RECOVERY

Jeff Lott, Director of Communications with NET Recovery, was in attendance. He presented paperwork regarding delivery of NET® services in the SOBER program titled "Social Benefits of Recovery." The SOBER program provides innovative treatment for persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) who wish to be abstinent without medication, using the FDA-cleared NET Device™ from NET Recovery Corp (NRC) in partnership with Isaiah House. The NET Device is a non-invasive, battery-powered, portable, re-usable, prescription device designed to provide bilateral, transcranial, transcutaneous, alternating current stimulation (tACS) to reduce symptoms of opioid withdrawal under the supervision of trained clinical personnel.

The NET Device helps to reduce long-term opioid cravings. They have about an 85% success rate. NET Recovery is seeking sponsorship using Opioid Settlement dollars to support ten to twenty county residents to receive treatment. The charge per resident is around \$5,500.00.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PVA: Brian Swinney was in attendance. He presented the current Garrard County property tax roll totals, which are \$1,014,543,760.00. This is a significant increase over the prior year.

The PVA Office has a Chevy Trailblazer with 75,000 miles on it that they would like to surplus. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

Regarding this Chevy Trailblazer, Judge/Executive Elleman is interested in purchasing it for the Animal Shelter for \$3,000.00. Their current vehicle needs repair. A motion was made to allow the purchase by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

Animal Control: Brittany Fain was in attendance. They are currently at full capacity for dogs and cats. They've had community involvement to aid in cleaning around the building. They've also had security cameras installed.

Road: Kenneth Creech was in attendance. They have responded to calls on Sutton Ln. They've already done the fourth mow of the season. The state road department has closed a portion of 954 but they are still waiting for materials to complete the bridge repair. The county road department is looking into capping the floor inside the maintenance garage.

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CSEPP/EMA: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. CSEPP is still in the destruction phase. Close out is at a standstill. The EMA team have installed 47 address signs. There will be a siren test on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 12:00 pm. The Kirksville siren is still in the process of getting moved. All sirens are operational. They are working on the ramp to obtain river access. They've recently had a search and rescue meeting.

Bluegrass 911: Russ Clark was in attendance. They received a \$33,000 grant for computers, but they cannot start the process until after August 14, 2024.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore and Garry Couch were in attendance. They presented paperwork regarding the introduction of staff members, job duties, changes in billing and Advanced EMT training information. They have had 59 transfers for the month of July, with an additional 3 scheduled. They have had a large turnover in staff. They are looking into requesting a \$0.15 per hour increase in pay for Lieutenants since their responsibilities have increased. They're working on some building repairs, including fixing breakers, a leak in the ceiling, and a blown fan. They are still waiting on the ambulance ordered three years ago, but want to look into getting bids for another ambulance. They currently have five active trucks, but two of them need repair. Each full-time employee will have a \$200 uniform limit. They are interested in teaching CPR classes as well.

EMS is requesting the purchase of training program software called FoamFrat. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

EMS is wanting to host an Advanced EMT class at their new building. They are hoping to have at least twelve participants. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. Next Wednesday they will be having their Delinquent Tax sale. There are currently 137 tax bills due. They were approved for the \$8,300.00 grant to purchase 25 election privacy booths, 10 handicapped privacy booths, and a storage cart. Early voting will take place on October 31st, November 1st and November 2nd from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm at the old courthouse.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. They've been working on the old EMS building in an attempt to transfer their office location. They were considering keeping 2024 tax collections at the courthouse, but due to parking and safety concerns they may go ahead and move tax collections to their new location at 319 Stanford St. He spoke of a solar powered FLOCK camera system that they have installed which helps to read license plates and sends out alerts for wanted individuals or stolen vehicles.

He also spoke of their partnership with Operation Unite. This opens funding to our kids to create Unite Clubs at school.

Judge's Office: The Grand Theater has some upcoming announcements regarding re-opening. The fair was successful. The new Fiscal Soft program is being used. There are new office stickers on the doors and windows of the county offices. The courthouse will need to be pressure washed soon. The new cloud backup system is working. The new GCHS athletic facilities are looking great. RGL has a conference this week in Indiana. IDA is about to list an 11-acre lot. The Garrard County Waste Tire Collection event will be September 26th and 27th from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and the 28th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm at the state garage at 782 Industry Rd. We are working on the 2nd annual employee cookout.

Servpro has done an inspection on the courtroom side of the courthouse regarding water damage. They have presented a bid of \$5,328.00 to seal the windows and cap a pipe. A motion was made to allow the sealing by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: CAMP DICK FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Camp Dick Fire Board would like to reappoint Ms. Megan Jones effective August 1, 2024. Magistrate Barker countered with a motion to appoint Sammy Marsee to the Camp Dick Fire Department Board. Magistrate Preston seconded the motion of Sammy Marsee. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT ONE BOARD APPOINTMENT

The term of Royce Bailey as a Fiscal Court appointee to the Board of Trustees of Garrard County Fire District One expired at the end of June. A request has been submitted asking for his reappointment for the next term of three years. A motion was made to reappoint Royce Bailey by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2023 – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

The Garrard County Conservation District has submitted their Annual Report for 2023 – 2024. The report consists of actions taken during the year, location information, introductions of its board members, future plans, as well as community participation. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2024 TAX RATE

The Conservation District tax rate will remain the same at .000083. A motion was made to acknowledge the rate by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY LIBRARY 2024 – 2025 BUDGET

Laura McWilliams was in attendance. The library presented a balanced budget. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: SET 2024 TAX RATE FOR COUNTY

Judge/Executive Elleman recommends changing the county tax rate from 7.90% down to the compensating rate of 7.50%. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

The tax rate for water craft and motor vehicles will remain at 10.20%. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: 2ND READING OF PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN GARRARD COUNTY

Garrard County is in Region 1 of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Dispensary Licensing Regions, which is considered the Bluegrass Region. The Bluegrass Region includes Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, Scott, and Woodford counties. There will be six dispensary licenses issued for this entire area. Fayette County will automatically receive two of those.

An ordinance and first reading were presented at the July 8, 2024 meeting, that states that a wish is made to prohibit cannabis business operations within Garrard County. A motion was made to approve the second reading by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive