

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 @ 4:00 PM  
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by Leonard Harrison.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Skeens.

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

**IN RE: SHERIFF AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Sheriff Skeens presented James Whitney Parsons with a Citation of Courage award. On February 4, 2025, Deputy Parsons aided in the arrest of a murder suspect. He is committed to protecting and serving others, often at great personal risk.

Sheriff Skeens presented Josh Gibson with a Citation of Life Saving award. On February 2, 2025, Deputy Gibson aided in a suicide prevention with an individual having a mental health crisis. He showed courage, service and compassion.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**IN RE: OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**IN RE: PLATS**

There is an existing lot with two dwellings on Ron Clar. The plat will separate them. The plat needs to state the easement of the driveway. A motion was made to allow Judge/Executive Elleman to sign the updated plat by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

**IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES**

February 10, 2025, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

**IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS**

General Fund 01-5010-307-0 Co Clerk Audit	\$2,340.00	General Fund 01-5010-334-0 Co Clerk Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-9200-9990 Courthouse Reserve	\$9,115.88	General Fund 01-5015-566-0 Sheriff Reimbursement
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$7,000.00	General Fund 01-5140-578-0 Ambulance Utilities
Solid Waste Fund 13-9200-999-0 Reserve For Transfer	\$40.00	Solid Waste Fund 13-5212-366-0 Solid Waste
Clerk Storage Fund 75-5010-446-0 Clerk Equipment & Supplies	\$50,000.00	Clerk Storage Fund 75-9100-741-0 Certificate of Deposit

A motion was made to approve the transfers by Magistrate Butner 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	\$1,692.17
Blade Software Solutions	\$3,000.00
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$200.00
Bob Madison Drywall, Inc	\$2,340.00
Boundtree	\$3,926.56
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$225.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$130.00
Dr Lacey K Price	\$1,890.00
Environmental Waste Systems	\$89.00
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Garrard County Sheriff	\$9,115.88

Greenscapes	\$665.00
Interstate Sign Products, Inc.	\$280.10
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$16,703.03
KMCA	\$375.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,087.31
Quill	\$91.76
Rumpke	\$129.73
Shane Young	\$47.70
Vencill Enterprises, LLC	\$455.78

**02 – ROAD FUND**

Mago Construction Company LLC	\$1,452.60
Performance Feeds LLC	\$93.80
PV Business Solutions Inc	\$298.50
Rumpke	\$90.00
Share Corporation	\$367.89
Stanford Tire Center	\$142.02

**13 – SOLID WASTE**

Bluegrass Area Development District	\$40.00
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**75 – CLERK STORAGE**

Central Kentucky Federal	\$50,000.00
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**80 – CSEPP FUND**

Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$150.00
J&N Electronics Incorporated	\$278.77

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

**IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

None.

**IN RE: BLUEGRASS RECREATION**

Kalin Bottoms was in attendance. She presented two separate quotes for Little Tikes Commercial playground equipment. One quote was for \$144,857.25 and the second quote was for \$118,504.25. Judge/Executive Elleman is interested in purchasing two sets of playground equipment; one for the north end of Garrard County and one for the east end. He is looking into getting land donated for these projects. He would like to do something special for the kids of Garrard County. Further discussion will be held.

## **IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Garrard County Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. He would like to transfer a portion of his Clerk Storage Fees into a Certificate of Deposit. March is farm tag month. You can do a \$10.00 donation to support FFA and 4-H. A drawing will be made for flowers from Shell Greenhouse.

Clerk Montgomery presented a check to the court for \$204,500.00 for 2024 excess fees. A motion was made to accept the check by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. His office has secured a grant for collision reconstruction. Deputy Daniel Napier has completed a 6-week training program that was fully funded. They have secured another grant for equipment that is crucial to reconstruction. They hope to eventually have their own certified team to cut down on time constraints. There will be a DARE graduation with nearly 300 kids soon. Deputy David Amon has helped with this class.

Road: Kenneth Creech was in attendance. They have been cleaning bridges and pushing snow. They have used a lot of salt this winter.

Animal: Brittany Fain was in attendance. The shelter is still full. They've taken in four dogs over the weekend. They have three kennels open. Adoptions are slim to none. Owner surrenders are up. There is an abundance of cats. They'd like to team up with Jessamine Humane Society with their TNR program. Their windows are leaking air as well.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore and Peyton Keene were in attendance. They have ordered the Zoll monitors. They have two ongoing classes – an EMT and an Advanced EMT. They would like to offer some sponsorships for seniors to get involved in the program. They will be holding some mock training around the building soon. The new ambulance is still supposed to be delivered in March. They're working on a solution to combat overtime of full-time employees covering additional shifts of part-time employees.

Coroner: Shane Young was in attendance. We are facing an issue with migrating individuals passing away in the county and having no family contact information. He presented a proposal in hopes of finding an additional revenue source for the fiscal court to help cover the funeral costs of those individuals.

PVA: Brian Swinney was in attendance. Homes are selling about 30% more than this time last year. There are a few House Bills that have been sponsored that will affect taxpayers.

CSEPP/EMA: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. Destruction is at about 60 – 70% and surety is potentially November 2025. There were 32 calls during February. The water has receded at Camp Nelson. Most of the campers have been moved back. They have responded to three fires this month. The Cartersville siren is being worked on.

RGL: Jeff Vanhook was in attendance. They've got about \$50,000,000.00 spent.

Judge's Office: Judge/Executive Elleman and Kenneth Creech met with the State Bridge Inspector. One bridge on Old Railroad Grade Rd may need some work. There's been a meeting with Enterprise on replacing county road trucks. The Transportation Cabinet meeting is upcoming to discuss FLEX/Discretionary/blacktopping issues. We did not receive any Discretionary Funds this year. There was recently a Legislative Day. The blacktopping and rock bid will be at the next meeting. The county budget workshop will be in mid-April. The prior year audit is currently being done. The Judge/Executive and some Magistrates have been attending fire board meetings.

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

#### **IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACT**

The Garrard County Health Department has presented a contract with the Garrard County Fiscal Court which agrees to reimburse them for Adult Tdap vaccinations, TB skin tests, and TB Assessments, with a maximum cost of \$500.00. This contract is effective from July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026. A motion was made to approve the contract by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

#### **IN RE: BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

The Blue Grass Community Action Partnership (BGCAP) is requesting \$1,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) to provide services for individuals in Garrard County/Lancaster that include utility assistance, transportation assistance, educational assistance and rental assistance. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

#### **IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**

The Blue Grass Community Action Partnership (BGCAP) – Garrard County Senior Center is requesting \$5,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) to provide services for the needs of seniors 60 years of age and older. The Senior Center provides nutrition services, transportation assistance, weekly health screenings, exercise classes, benefits counseling, and crafts and games. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

#### **IN RE: JUDICIAL CENTER AND GARRARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

An estimate was presented from Upward Prowash LLC in the amount of \$9,000.00 to caulk all 80 exterior window frames at the Judicial Center. We have obtained a Nonrecurring Project Approval Letter from the AOC Department of Court Facilities to allow and reimburse the cost of the project. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

A second estimate was presented from Upward Prowash LLC in the amount of \$1,200.00 to clean approximately 200 windows and doors at the Judicial Center and \$600.00 to clean approximately 70 windows and doors at the Courthouse. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

#### **IN RE: 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF AN AMENDED BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE**

An Amended version of Garrard County Ordinance No. 0-4-9-18-1 was presented. A motion was made to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

#### **IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING**

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

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**Garrard County Judge/Executive**