

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
MARCH 31, 2025 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by J.T. Prewitt.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Skeens.

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

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

The litter signs are up on Fall Lick Rd. New road trucks have been ordered from Enterprise. The side-by-side for Logan Hubble will arrive in May.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

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

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

General Fund
01-5015-573-0
Sheriff Telephone

\$150.38

General Fund
01-5015-334-0
Sheriff Maint & Repairs

General Fund 01-5015-573-0 Sheriff Telephone	\$55.91	General Fund 01-5015-543-0 Sheriff License (Emails)
General Fund 01-9200-9990 Courthouse Reserve	\$73.52	General Fund 01-5047-569-0 Tax Administrator Refunds
General Fund 01-5080-521-0 Courthouse Insurance	\$80.00	General Fund 01-5080-599-0 Courthouse Miscellaneous
General Fund 01-5081-329-0 Judicial Janitorial	\$2,491.23	General Fund 01-5081-333-0 Judicial Maintenance
General Fund 01-5140-336-0 EMS Equipment Maintenance	\$345.75	General Fund 01-5140-334-0 Ambulance Building Maintenance
General Fund 01-5140-336-0 EMS Equipment Maintenance	\$267.00	General Fund 01-5140-411-0 Ambulance Custodial
General Fund 01-5140-699-0 Ambulance Motor Vehicle Debt Service	\$1,978.02	General Fund 01-5140-574-0 Ambulance Training
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$10,699.00	General Fund 01-5401-446-0 Rec Park Logan Hubble
Road Fund 02-6105-340-0 Maint & Repairs - Vehicle	\$3,500.00	Road Fund 02-6105-336-0 Maint & Repairs - Equipment
LGEA Fund 04-9200-999-0 Reserve for Transfer	\$27,619.49	LGEA Fund 04-5140-550-0 Ambulance Medical Supplies

A motion was made to approve the transfers by Magistrate Barker 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	\$1,271.05
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$200.00
Bound Tree	\$4,985.12
Brittany Fain	\$64.00
Chris Elleman	\$200.35
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc	\$5,120.00
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$500.00
Elan Financial Services	\$1,194.16
Environmental Waste Systems	\$89.00
Ephraim McDowell Regional Hospital	\$60.00
Floyd's Cycle Inc.	\$10,499.00
Garrard Quick Lube	\$90.97
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$18,997.90
Kentucky Association of Counties	\$163.90
Kentucky Ambulance Providers Assoc	\$500.00
Kentucky Uniform, Inc.	\$498.36
Performance Feeds LLC	\$10.99
Pike Electric LLC	\$73.52
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Service	\$169.29
Platinum Educational Group	\$500.00
Quill	\$297.88
Reliable Fire Protection Service	\$2,264.00
Garrard County Road Fund	\$1,092.41
Rumpke	\$129.73
Stanford Vet Hospital	\$1,483.41
Upward Prowash LLC	\$1,800.00
Whitney Pinkney	\$178.00
Zoll Medical Corporation	\$432.75

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$753.23
Bob Sumerel Tire Company	\$3,731.40
John Deere Financial	\$257.50
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$527.52
Garrard County Clerk	\$46.00
Mago Construction Company LLC	\$1,379.70
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$1,314.15
Performance Feeds LLC	\$11.99
Reliable Fire Protection Service	\$779.25
Rumpke	\$90.00
Stanford Tire Center	\$406.74
Weldquip	\$14.07

13 – LGEA

Zoll Medical Corporation	\$27,619.49
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80 – CSEPP FUND

Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$818.00
Quill	\$207.96
Reliable Fire Protection Service	\$525.25

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

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

None.

IN RE: KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET (FLEX/RS)

Casey Smith, Francis McDonnell and Clyde Newcomer from District 7 were in attendance. The Rural Secondary (RS) Program allocates 22.2% of motor fuel taxes toward maintenance of rural secondary roadways. Garrard County has 67.185 RS Miles and is in the 15% category (Level C) for FLEX Funds.

FY24 Authorized RS Projects involved 3.393 miles on KY 1355 (Sugar Creek Rd). More specifically, BMP 4.696 (KY 1971); EMP 8.089 (Jim Clark Rd). Also, 0.75 miles on KY 1355 (Mount Hebron Rd). More specifically, BMP 0.0 (US 27); EMP 0.75 (Burdette Knob Rd).

FY25 Authorized RS Projects involved 3.314 miles on KY 563 (Wolf Trail). More specifically, BMP 9.553 (KY 1971); EMP 12.867 (KY 39).

FY26 Recommended RS Projects involve 2.775 miles on KY 1355 (Sugar Creek). More specifically, BMP 8.089 (Jim Clark Rd); EMP 10.864 (US 27), for a total of \$400,000.00. Also, 1.314 miles on KY 1845 (Rodgers Rd). More specifically, BMP 0.0 (US 27); EMP 1.314 (Ridge Runner Rd), for a total of \$188,682. Garrard County has \$588,642 in RS Project Funds available for FY 2026.

A motion was made to accept the FY26 Recommended RS Projects by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

FY26 Recommended RS Projects using FLEX Funds involve 2.602 miles on KY 563 (Poor Ridge Pike). More specifically, BMP 6.951 (Jack Turner Branch Rd); EMP 9.553 (KY 1971). The cost of this project is \$365,000. Garrard County has \$488,775 in RS/CR Bituminous Resurfacing FLEX Funds available for FY 2026.

A motion was made to maintain the \$488,775 in County FLEX Funds for use on county roadways and not RS roadways by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

District 7 also gave some general updates on current road projects.

IN RE: GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S UPDATE

David Meade, Speaker Pro Tempore, was in attendance. He gave an update on the following:

- HB 10 – relates to the rights of real property owners against squatters
- HB 15 – relates to lowering the instruction permit age to 15 years of age
- HB 152 – relates to Medicaid supplemental payments to ambulance providers

- HB 6 – relates to The Reins Act
- HJR 30 – relates to funding of water projects
- Increased SRO protection in schools
- HJR 46 – relates to road projects
- Senate Bill 63 – relates to street-legal special purpose vehicles

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance.

Sheriff Skeens would like to surplus two vehicles: a 2012 Mazda CX-9 and a 2022 Mitsubishi Outlander. The first vehicle was purchased two years ago from Jameson Flynn for around \$3,000 for the purpose of instituting a narcotics detective program. The vehicle was later turned over to EMA and has close to 200,000 miles. The second vehicle has about 63,000 miles on it. This was an abandoned vehicle through the impound program and has body damage. This vehicle was also used for law enforcement. A motion was made to declare these two vehicles as surplus by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

With the changes in the side-by-side ordinance, the OHV Ordinance (Off-Highway Vehicle) that was presented at the June 10, 2024, meeting, will need to be revisited.

Garrard County Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. He also mentioned Senate Bill 63 and the license plate fees related to off-highway vehicles. His office is still doing farm tags and will be preparing for delinquent taxes in April.

Road: Kenneth Creech was in attendance. They're working on ditching, filling potholes, and the mow trim is currently on Burdette Knob.

Animal: Brittany Fain was in attendance. The shelter is still full. They've taken in sixteen dogs over the last two weeks. They have five kennels open. Adoptions are slow. They've spayed over 120 cats this year.

EMA/CSEPP: Dustin Price was in attendance. They've sold 25 more address signs. The Fisher Ford siren is not working. Richmond Fire donated a mobile command post. The last storm caused damage to the city garage and some barns. They've responded to two structure fires and have helped two families with housing assistance. They purchased a mapping software. The monthly search and rescue training is tonight at the EOC. There's been no update on the Camp Nelson boat dock. Destruction is at about 60 – 74% on the warheads.

PVA: Brian Swinney was in attendance. They're wrapping up reassessments.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore and Peyton Keene were in attendance. They also mentioned HB 152. They've had 854 runs year-to-date. Last year they had 806. Transfers are up. The Zoll monitors are in. 31% of current staff are now Paramedics, 50% are EMTs and 18% are AEMTs. 25% of current staff are local, 72% come from bordering counties, and 2.8% are not from nearby. They have about a 90% pass rate on the AEMT class. They hosted a community CPR class with 33 participants. The new ambulance may be here in June. They're having electricity issues in the new building. The flag dedication date still needs to be set.

An estimate was presented from Central Kentucky Service Co in the amount of \$2,903 for additional interior security cameras at the new EMS building. A motion was made to approve the purchase by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

Judge's Office: The budget is almost complete. There will be a special-called meeting on April 24th at 9:00 a.m. for the budget workshop. The road aid and LGEA fund will be discussed then. The conference went well. The Allen Company is working on drainage issues at the spot where the new RCUT will be.

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

IN RE: ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Judge/Executive Elleman has proclaimed April 4, 2025, as Arbor Day in Garrard County and urges all citizens to participate in the observance of this day by planting a tree. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2025-2026 BUDGET

Billy C. Doolin was in attendance. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the budget by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2025-2026 PLAN OF WORK

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the plan of work by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: LITTER CLEAN UP

Darrick Gilbert was in attendance. He presented a listing of 100.13 miles of county roads that need to be cleaned up. He is in contact with Swartz to do an April cleanup before the county road crew starts mowing. A motion was made to move forward with the clean up by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: JAIL CONTRACT

An Agreement with the Jessamine County Detention Center Adult Detention was presented. Inmate costs are going from \$34/day to \$40/day. Before an inmate is hospitalized, the Jailer or the Judge/Executive needs to be notified. The contract will take effect July 1, 2025, and the terms can be reevaluated every two years. A motion was made to allow Judge/Executive Elleman to sign the contract by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD – LINCOLN SOLID WASTE

Judge/Executive Elleman met with Judge/Executive Adams of Lincoln. They are interested in purchasing a conveyor system for the recycling center and want to obtain a grant. A motion was made to allow the support of Garrard County for the joint effort by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY EXTENSION DISTRICT BOARD FY 25-26 BUDGET

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

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Executive/Elleman needed a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation and property matters. A motion was made by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Day.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Barker.

IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION

Per the recommendation from Levin Law regarding opioid funds, government entities with populations of less than 50,000 should consider withdrawing themselves from the pending motions for leave to amend and add the PBMs as defendants. A motion was made to withdraw from the amendment process by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

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

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Garrard County Judge/Executive