

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
MAY 27, 2025 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by Brother Wiggs.

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

Mike Smith and Dennis Smith were in attendance. They have a farm on Fisher Ford Rd. They are planning to put in an RV park. It will start with 30 sites. Judge/Executive Elleman said at this point that it does not need court approval.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Judge/Executive Elleman presented a listing of RS Flex Program Recommendations.

At the April 14, 2025, meeting, Judge/Executive Elleman requested purchasing a used utility truck for the road department. A motion was made to look for a vehicle with a maximum cost of \$15,000.00. At the May 12, 2025, meeting, Judge Executive Elleman requested purchasing a box truck for the solid waste department. A motion was made to allocate \$10,000.00 toward this purchase. There were no vehicles available for this price. A combo deal for the maintenance truck and the box truck was found for a total of \$27,000.00. This will be approved in today's bills to be paid.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

May 12, 2025, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

General Fund
01-5001-543-0
Courthouse License (Emails)

\$815.11

General Fund
01-5001-348-0
Program Support

General Fund
01-5005-573-0
Co Attorney Telephone

\$75.00

General Fund
01-5005-334-0
Co Attorney Maint & Repairs

General Fund
01-5005-581-0
Co Attorney Water & Sewer

\$378.03

General Fund
01-5005-578-0
Co Attorney Utilities

General Fund
01-9200-999-0
Courthouse Reserve

\$1,916.82

General Fund
01-5015-699-0
Sheriff's Debt Service

General Fund
01-9200-9990
Courthouse Reserve

\$243.34

General Fund
01-5030-578-0
PVA Utilities

General Fund
01-9200-999-0
Courthouse Reserve

\$610.75

General Fund
01-5047-569-0
Tax Administrator Refunds

General Fund
01-5010-307-0
Co Clerk Audit

\$463.41

General Fund
01-5065-446-0
Election Equipment

General Fund
01-5010-368-0
Co Clerk Tax Bill Preparation

\$1,831.51

General Fund
01-5065-446-0
Election Equipment

General Fund
01-5010-445-0
Co Clerk Office Supplies

\$4,070.23

General Fund
01-5065-446-0
Election Equipment

General Fund
01-9200-999-0
Courthouse Reserve

\$1,310.53

General Fund
0-5081-333-0
Judicial Maintenance

General Fund
01-5081-581-0
Judicial Water & Sewer

\$1,464.24

General Fund
01-5081-578-0
Judicial Utilities

General Fund
01-5140-340-0
EMS Vehicle Maintenance

\$11,778.71

General Fund
01-5140-303-0
Ambulance Billing Fee

General Fund
01-5140-336-0
EMS Equipment Maintenance

\$380.00

General Fund
01-5140-334-0
Ambulance Building Maintenance

General Fund
01-5140-336-0
EMS Equipment Maintenance

\$27.32

General Fund
01-5140-445-0
Ambulance Office Supplies

General Fund
01-5140-336-0
EMS Equipment Maintenance

\$312.00

General Fund
01-5140-574-0
Ambulance Training

General Fund
01-5102-903-0
Juvenile Costs

\$551.13

General Fund
01-5175-903-0
Office of Public Defender

General Fund
01-5205-385-0
Veterinary Services

\$177.47

General Fund
01-5205-576-0
God Warden Travel Expense

General Fund
01-5205-510-0
Dog Tag Fees

\$131.25

General Fund
01-5205-576-0
Dog Warden Travel Expense

General Fund
01-9200-999-0
Courthouse Reserve

\$55,910.52

General Fund
01-8099-742-0
EMS Building

Road Fund
02-6105-469-0
Road Signs

\$1,797.73

Road Fund
02-6105-699-0
Road Debt Service

Road Fund
02-6105-469-0
Road Signs

\$4,000.00

Road Fund
02-8099-739-0
Road Equipment

Road Fund
02-8001-742-0
Salt House

\$20,000.00

Road Fund
02-8099-739-0
Road Equipment

Solid Waste Fund \$3,000.00
13-5212-999-0
Reserve for Transfer

Solid Waste Fund
13-5212-366-0
Solid Waste

General Fund \$800.00
01-9200-999-0
Courthouse Reserve

General Fund
01-5135-445-0
DES Office 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

911 Billing Services & Consultant	\$20,971.91
Ad-IOS	\$59.99
Airgas USA, LLC	\$2,266.70
Amazon Capital Services	\$607.90
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$200.00
Caltopo LLC	\$800.00
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$100.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$65.27
Elan Financial Services	\$960.42
Garrard Co Attorney	\$5,435.84
Garrard County Clerk	\$15.00
Greenscapes	\$960.80
Harp Enterprises, Inc.	\$6,365.15
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc.	\$30.00
Himes Body Shop	\$1,916.82
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$13,865.61
Johnson Controls Fire Protection	\$600.00
Kentucky County Judge Executive Assoc	\$350.00
Kentucky Coal & Mineral County	\$300.00
KMCA	\$120.00
Knights Technologies	\$79.00
Lexington Brain & Cognition	\$1,260.00
National Band & Tag Company	\$168.75
Lancaster Church of Nazarene	\$610.75
OMNI Commercial, LLC	\$55,910.52
Opengov, Inc.	\$6,400.00
Parshva LLC	\$430.55
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchasing Power	\$941.63
Rumpke	\$129.73
Seybold Electric Contracting LLC	\$155.00
US Bank Ky Pooled Checks	\$6,050.00
Zoll Medical Corporation	\$1,446.75

02 – ROAD FUND

Central Ky Truck and Trailer	\$24,000.00
John Deere Financial	\$244.42
Econo Signs	\$1,513.12
Elan Financial Services	\$556.20
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc.	\$156.00
Josh Cain	\$250.00
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$1,290.15
Performance Feeds	\$286.53
Rumpke	\$90.00

13 – SOLID WASTE

Central Ky Truck and Trailer	\$3,000.00
Elan Financial Services	\$180.10
Lincoln County Fiscal Court	\$37,500.00

80 – CSEPP FUND

Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$150.00
Garrard County Fiscal Court	\$4,350.80

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: NATIONAL TREATMENT COURT MONTH PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was read by Clerk Jennifer Seagraves and Judge/Executive Elleman declared the month of May as Treatment Court Month in Garrard County.

IN RE: SOIL CONSERVATION 2024-2025 DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jamie Barker was in attendance and presented a packet of accomplishments of the Garrard County Conservation District. Some of the highlights include:

- Over 150 landowners came in to update Ag Water Quality Plans.
- The District secured a \$5,000.00 grant to aid in dead animal disposal.
- A \$1,500.00 agricultural scholarship was awarded to graduating senior Gwyn Johnson of Garrard County High School.
- The first Garrard County Electronic Recycling drop-off day was held on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Over eight tons of e-waste was collected.
- A new program called Backyard Conservation was instituted. Citizens of Garrard County were offered a rebate of up to \$200.00 to install raised bed gardens, pollinator/butterfly gardens, insect/bee hotels, bat/bird houses, composters and rainwater harvesting.

Laurel, Wayne and Pulaski Counties suffered damage from devastating tornadoes and severe weather. The Garrard County Conservation District is accepting donations of fencing supplies, including metal posts, clips for posts, barbed wire, post drivers, fencing pliers, work gloves, etc. Donations will be accepted until June 13, 2025, and will be delivered to the affected counties on June 14, 2025.

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the accomplishments by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Judge/Executive Elleman expressed his appreciation for employees who aided in recent tornado relief in Pulaski and Laurel Counties.

Animal Control: Brittany Fain was in attendance. The shelter is still full, and adoptions are slow. They received a grant to spay/neuter dogs. They would like to order an electric pressure washer for the shelter.

Road: Kenny Creech was in attendance. They've been cleaning up damage from the recent storms. Buckeye was hit pretty hard by flooding.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore and Peyton Keene were in attendance. They are changing to more of a full-time consistency with staff. A training officer will be working on protocols. The new ambulance should be here soon. An EMT class just finished.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. They will receive a \$13,500.00 grant from Homeland Security to cover the costs of ballistic vests for all deputies.

EMA/CSEPP: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. Warhead destruction is between 69 – 84%. Closeout is still set for November 2025. All the paperwork is in for real properties. Garrard County was added into the Presidential Declaration due to the third storm in April. FEMA will come in and set up a disaster recovery center at Forks Church. The Fisher Ford siren still needs repairs. Next Saturday there will be siren testing.

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

IN RE: WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (BGADD)

An Interlocal Agreement was presented between the Kentucky Counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lexington-Fayette, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford. A motion was made to enter into the agreement by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: LOGAN HUBBLE GAS EASEMENT

Judge/Executive Elleman presented a Pipeline and Aboveground Facilities Easement from Lincoln County, Kentucky and Garrard County, Kentucky to Atmos Energy Corporation. A motion was made to accept to review by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: EMS NEW AMBULANCE

The prior two ambulances have been paid in full. The new ambulance will be financed. Whitaker Bank presented two quotes for rates and terms: 5.05% fixed interest rate for a 60-month term and 5.15% fixed interest rate for a 72-month term. Judge/Executive Elleman recommended going with the five-year term. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: DISTRICT FIRE ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT

The term of Paula Hatfield as a Fiscal Court appointee to the Board of Trustees of Garrard County Fire District One will end on June 30, 2025, and she is willing to be reappointed. A motion was made to reappoint her by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: 2ND READING OF 2025-2026 BUDGET

No changes were made by the Department of Local Government after review. A motion was made to approve the 2nd reading by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE 2025-2026 EMPLOYEE PAY RATES

A listing of all county positions was presented with pay rates effective July 1, 2025. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. 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 Preston.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive