

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
AUGUST 25, 2025 @ 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 Willie Skeens.

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

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

None.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

August 11, 2025, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID**01 – GENERAL FUND**

Airgas USA, LLC	\$1,614.27
Animal Care Center	\$60.00
Brittany Fain	\$40.01
Central Record	\$1,178.00
Central Kentucky Wildlife Hospital	\$60.00
Docubit	\$70.00
Doug's Services Inc	\$236.26
Dr Lacy K. Price	\$630.00
Elan Financial Services	\$775.70
Eso Solutions, Inc	\$2,328.15
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Greenscapes	\$815.60
Performance Feeds LLC	\$54.95
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,009.75
Public Entity Insurance	\$458.10
Quill	\$83.86
Rumpke	\$133.17
Stanford Tire Center	\$933.38
Wanda Shelton	\$121.86

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$314.36
Benge Farm Supply Inc	\$4,317.60
Crawford Asphalt	\$18,978.00
DBM Contracting, LLC	\$1,020.88
Elan Financial Services	\$201.62
Mago Construction Company LLC	\$1,041.90
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$1,302.15
Performance Feeds LLC	\$299.71
Rumpke	\$90.00
Stanford Tire Center	\$542.75
Weldquip	\$15.15

13 – SOLID WASTE

Elan Financial Services	\$17.81
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80 – CSEPP FUND

Central Kentucky Service Co	\$175.00
Huffman's Cleaning Service & Floor	\$1,047.80
Lindsey's Garage Doors	\$8,500.00

86 – ABC FUND

Garrard County Sheriff	\$11,361.88
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A motion was made to approve the bills by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

None.

IN RE: SOLAR ORDINANCE

Judge Executive Elleman read "Following several months of deliberation on solar energy, the Fiscal Court has consulted with various state organizations at the request of the Magistrates. We have spoken with state leaders, including Ag Commissioner Jonathan Shell and David Meade, to understand the state's overall perspective on solar energy. Additionally, our legal counsel at KACO has advised us to keep our current ordinance as is, without any amendments. KACO expressed concerns that the decommissioning process could make landowners and counties responsible for cleanup. This is a common issue for many counties across the Bluegrass region. At the federal level, leadership has halted all tax dollars and funding for solar companies, and there's a push to stop large-scale solar projects on farmland across the United States."

Judge Executive Elleman addressed the court and told them that if no motion was made tonight, the current ordinance, passed on December 27, 2023, will remain in place unchanged. No motion was made. Garrard County's current solar ordinance will stay in place unchanged as was written in December 2023.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore was in attendance. She presented a handout. They now have three full-time trucks that are fully staffed. They've been at ball games, demolition derbies, etc. She included full work schedules. They've currently been on budget with everything. They've increased revenue per run by 15% through improved documentation. They've responded to 244 runs in July. They are currently working on Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) protocols. They've reduced flight calls by 75%. They've attended a couple of free training courses: Field Training Officer (FTO) program and Certified Ambulance Documentation Specialist (CADS) class. The new truck is getting a radio installed. There is an EMT class that starts this week.

Road: Kenny Creech was in attendance. They are working on roads that need to be blacktopped. Doty Ln is almost done. Logan Hubble is done. There's been no update from Enterprise yet on the new trucks. They're hoping to have The Allen Company blacktopping in September. Magistrate Barker expressed appreciation in helping fix an issue that a bus driver was experiencing.

EMA/CSEPP: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. CSEPP will end September 30, 2025. The third garage door has been installed at the EOC. The siren on Fisher Ford Rd should be working. There is a Kentucky Emergency Services Conference next week.

Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. They are working on back scanning of marriage licenses and old deeds. They will have tax rates in to the Sheriff by September 15th. They have a leak that they are working on. They are working on bringing old records up from the basement.

PVA: Brian Swinney was in attendance. They just finished up the 2025 tax roll. They are waiting on KACO to determine what is going on with the water damage from the building next door.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. The vest grant has been fulfilled. Major Excavation and Sammy Marsee's concrete company donated materials and equipment, and the firing range was completed last week. They've seized more than 25 pounds of marijuana and over 15 pounds of marijuana cartridges and other electronic supplies. They've seized several ounces of cocaine, several hundred tablets of ecstasy, several hundred tablets of LSD, and they're nearing over \$100,000 in drug proceeds.

Coroner: Shane Young was in attendance. Due to the efforts of the Sheriff's Office in drug seizures and the crackdown at the border, overdose deaths have gone down substantially. Fentanyl has not been a cause of death in any of the cases.

Judge's Office: The trees have been cut down on 39 and the road has been patched on 753. The fence dump day is September 5, 2025, at the fairgrounds. Judge/Executive Elleman has met with the KACO adjuster and engineer at the PVA office regarding the issues at the building next door. The fire department board meeting went well. The RCUT is completed but needs signage to make sure that people are using it correctly. Logan Hubble repairs are finished. Atmos will be giving \$25,000 for an easement at the park. The RURAL Heart & Lung Study will be taking signups.

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

IN RE: COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET THRESHOLDS

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, furniture and office equipment, building improvements, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure assets (roads and bridges) that have a useful life of more than one reporting period based on the government's capitalization policy, are reported as other information. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost when purchased or construction.

	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Useful Life (Years)</u>
Land Improvements	\$10,000.00	10-60
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$20,000.00	5-75
Machinery and Equipment	\$5,000.00	3-25
Vehicles	\$5,000.00	3-25
Infrastructure	\$20,000.00	10-50

No changes were made since the prior year. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET SPREADSHEET

A capital asset listing was presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: LIBRARY 2025 TAX RATE

Laura McWilliams was in attendance. She presented a handout. They registered 490 Garrard County residents after their summer reading program. They had 1,997 attendees for the summer

programs. They checked out 3,897 books in June and July. Their story time went on the road this year. They are putting together a memory lab, where residents can digitize VHS, records, and cassette tapes onto flash drives, external hard drives, etc.

The real property tax rate is the same at 6.3 and the tangible personal property tax rate is 9.08. A motion was made to accept by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: EMA SURPLUS

Wanda Shelton has some metal and refrigerators that she would like to take to the scrap yard. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: SHERIFF 2024 TAX SETTLEMENT

Sheriff Willie Skeens presented his 2024 tax settlement. Balances range between -\$0.39 and \$0.19. Judge/Executive Elleman needs a motion to allow him to sign the settlement. A motion was made by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY RURAL HERITAGE TOBACCO FESTIVAL

Judge/Executive Elleman is requesting to close the courthouse and the judicial center at noon on Friday during the Rural Heritage Festival. A motion was made to allow 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 Butner.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive