

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Katie Farthing with State Farm Insurance was in attendance. For the past several years, State Farm has partnered with the National Fire Prevention Association to provide local fire departments with a National Fire Prevention Week educational kit. This year's theme is "Charge into Fire Safety" and emphasizes lithium-ion batteries in the home. The kits include stickers, activity books, magnets, fact sheets for families, and large and small posters promoting fire safety. Fire Prevention Week is October 5 - 11, 2025. Each county fire department was given a kit. She expressed appreciation to the fire departments.

Babette Overman was in attendance. She shared that the RURAL Heart and Lung Study is having an open house at Millennium Park on Thursday, October 2, 2025.

Judge/Executive Elleman read a couple notes of thanks from the Nature's Trace HOA and the Soil Conservation District.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Magistrate Barker has a constituent requesting an update on Windstream internet. Judge/Executive Elleman said Phase 3 is in process, but the money has not been awarded yet.

The bridge information on Old Railroad Grade Rd has been submitted. The CCBIP (County/City Bridge Improvement Program) grant process should be opening in October.

Atmos Energy has paid \$25,000 for an easement for Logan Hubble Park. The full Garrard/Lincoln funding has gone to Lincoln County to be spent on improvements to the park.

IN RE: PLATS

Countryside Dr/Danville Rd (Holbrook/May) – they are going to add to the corner lot to have access to a garage. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

Judge/Executive Elleman also included a drawing of an RV park proposed on 152 next to Sunset Marina, for informational purposes only.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

September 8, 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

From:		To:
General Fund	\$538.75	General Fund
01-5140-320-A		01-5140-521-0
APAP Billing Fee		Ambulance Insurance
General Fund	\$99.00	General Fund
01-9200-9990		01-5150-513-0
Courthouse Reserve		Forest Resource Services
Road Fund	\$7,500.00	Road Fund
02-9200-999-0		02-8099-739-0
Reserve for Transfer		Road Equipment

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	\$1,430.68
Animal Care Center	\$65.00
Chris Elleman	\$282.78
Connecta Satellite Solutions LLC	\$1,208.48
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$50.00
Docubit	\$70.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$155.72
Dr Lacy K. Price	\$630.00
Dustin Price	\$248.02
Elan Financial Services	\$1,295.10

Environmental Waste Systems	\$89.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$827.00
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Garrard County Clerk	\$15.00
Greenscapes	\$1,050.60
Healthcare Providers Service Organization	\$538.75
Highbridge Springs Water Co., Inc.	\$19.00
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$25,769.32
Johnson Controls Fire Protection	\$477.00
Kentucky Association of Counties	\$399.00
Kentucky Uniform, Inc	\$1,142.37
Lexington Brain & Cognition	\$1,260.00
Performance Feeds LLC	\$109.90
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	\$169.29
Quill	\$514.91
Rumpke	\$133.17
Shelton's Plumbing	\$375.00
Smith's Tire Center	\$711.97
Stanford Tire Center	\$302.00

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$1,302.52
Bruce Potter's Excavating	\$7,500.00
Cammle Ford	\$6,900.00
Elan Financial Services	\$615.45
Glendan Barker	\$107.50
Mason Brothers	\$458.95
Meade Tractor	\$1,054.29
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$1,302.15
Optic Engineering and Surveying	\$2,000.00
Performance Feeds LLC	\$508.62
Rumpke	\$90.00
Stanford Automotive LLC	\$451.15
Tri K Landfill	\$22.35
Weldquip	\$248.15

13 – SOLID WASTE

Denson's Auto & Towing	\$628.22
Elan Financial Services	\$17.81
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$4.99

80 – CSEPP FUND

Amerigas	\$1,578.00
Bob Allen	\$315.09
Danville Office Equipment	\$25.00
Elan Financial Services	\$711.98
Halo	\$1,043.87
Quill	\$845.06
Rebecca Moore	\$500.00
Seybold Electric Contracting LLC	\$3,200.00
Southern Communications	\$1,703.80

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

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

None.

IN RE: KENTUCKY HOMEMAKERS PROCLAMATION

Clerk Jennifer Seagraves read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of October 12 - 18, 2025 as Kentucky Extension Homemakers' Week. Judge/Executive Elleman urges all citizens to participate in Extension Homemakers activities in their communities. A motion was made to accept the Proclamation by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: CONSTITUTION PROCLAMATION

Clerk Jennifer Seagraves read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 - 23, 2025 as Constitution Week. Judge/Executive Elleman asks all citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties. A motion was made to accept the Proclamation by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: DAR REQUEST

Sherrie Johnson was in attendance. The Governor James Garrard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) proposes the Garrard County Fiscal Court and Lancaster City Council vote to officially create an America 250th Celebration Commission to celebrate Kentucky, Garrard County, and Lancaster history. They are asking that a committee be formed, consisting of local organizations, businesses, non-profit or government agencies, or individuals interested in sponsoring events anytime through July 2026. They are also asking that there be a dedicated webpage to list and describe any local events related to Kentucky, Garrard County, and Lancaster history through July 2026. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

The Community Veteran's Day Program will be held at the Lancaster Baptist Church Family Life Center on November 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. All county veterans are invited to the program. Brigadier General Ronnie Barnes will be speaking.

IN RE: SOIL CONSERVATION

Billy C. Doolin was in attendance. He presented the court with a \$5,000 check for dead animal disposal. A motion was made to accept the check by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis.

On September 5, 2025, they held a "farm safety day" at the fairgrounds, which accepted metal fence, barbed wire, woven wire, etc. They had 12,360 pounds of recycling. He thanked the road department for their help with operating an excavator.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. On August 6, 2025, they had a delinquent tax sale from the 2024 tax bills. They had 115 bills. They sold 37 bills during the sale and 18 after the sale. 2026 election filing will be November 5th for re-election and November 5, 2025 – January 9, 2026, for filing for election. The last day to change your party is December 31, 2025.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore was in attendance. They had a cardiac arrest survivor this past month. They have a full staff, with four Paramedics and four in paramedic school right now. Some of the ambulances need some repairs.

Road: Kenny Creech was in attendance. They have been preparing for The Allen Company to do blacktopping. Both mow trims are running.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. Since the construction of the RCUT on the north end, they have not worked any accidents in that area. They located a missing individual in the Tom Dorman Nature Preserve who was having a mental health crisis. Tax bill collection will begin October 1, 2025. The drive-through will be in operation.

EMA/CSEPP: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. A 25-year lease is being requested at the boat ramp. Three sirens didn't work on the September testing date: City South, Kirksville Rd and Buckeye. Federal Signal has been called. CSEPP will end on September 30, 2025. One message board is now working. The building at Poor House near the tower has mold growing around the A/C vents and wiring.

Solid Waste: Darrick Gilbert was in attendance. He is planning for the fall road litter clean-up. The Household Hazardous Waste disposal will be on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Lincoln County.

Judge's Office: Judge/Executive Elleman, Wanda Shelton and Russ Clark have met regarding Bluegrass 911 leasing the EOC when CSEPP ends. The Discretionary Fund request has been submitted. The EMA budget will be changing with CSEPP ending earlier than expected. The Republican Fish Fry went well. The process of ordering salt has started. The building beside the PVA has had some recent work activity. The courthouse needs to be pressure washed before winter. The KACo Conference is coming up. There's been no update on the new Enterprise road trucks.

A gentleman on Cathole Bend has a 16-foot batwing that he is having trouble getting past the guardrail. A motion was made to allow the guardrail to be moved back, but not taken out, by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

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

IN RE: CARTERSVILLE/PAINT LICK FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX RATE

The real property tax rate remains the same at \$.06. A motion was made to acknowledge the rate by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: BUCKEYE FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX RATE

The real property tax rate remains the same at \$.069. A motion was made to acknowledge the rate by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: CARTERSVILLE/PAINT LICK BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Due to the recent resignations of two members of the Paint Lick/Cartersville Fire Department Board, the Fiscal Court needs to appoint two new members. After meeting with currently registered and active firefighters and assessing votes, the firefighters recommended Jamie Valentour and Dean Vencill as replacements for the remainder of the vacant terms. A motion was made to approve these nominations by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: BLACKTOP UPDATE

Doty Ln has gone over in cost on the FLEX Funds request by approximately \$42,000. Tankersley Way also requires a base which factors into an overage in cost on the county road portion by approximately \$22,000. Judge/Executive Elleman asked for a motion to approve spending the extra money needed on the FLEX and the county road cost. A motion was made by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: EOC REPAIRS

Grade work has been done around the exterior of the building by the Road Department. There were also extensions put on the down spouts. The exterior lights/fixtures on the EOC building are being reimbursed by CSEPP. Sections of the tile flooring in the men's restroom still need to be repaired. The approximate cost is \$1,200. A motion was made by Magistrate Davis to allow the repairs by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: CSEPP CONTRACT

A Contract Modification was presented regarding the CSEPP FY23 Grant year. The contract extension is from 9/30/2025 to 3/31/2026 to provide additional time for closeout completion of grant. A motion was made to allow Judge/Executive Elleman to sign the contract by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Day. 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 Day.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive