

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
OCTOBER 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 J.T. Prewitt.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Whitney Parsons.

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

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Construction has made a bid to replace and repair windows at the Garrard County Attorney's Office. The quote is \$2,100.00. A motion was made to proceed with the window repairs by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

There has been a recent incident at the Garrard County Attorney's Office where a door was kicked down, as well as some other damage. A motion was made to repair the doors by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

October 13, 2025, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

From:		To:
Road Fund	\$135.18	Road Fund
02-9200-999-0		02-7700-602-M
Reserve for Transfer		Woodspring

(Transfers will be needed to be able to pay off the courthouse repairs & HVAC, dog kennels, and 2025 Chevy ambulance loans before the next court meeting. Amounts are to be determined. See the motion made under Wilderness Trace Community Foundation).

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

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

AD-IOS	\$59.90
Aladtec, LLC	\$3,661.65
Boonesboro Animal Clinic	\$60.00
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc	\$5,120.00
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$75.00
Docubit	\$70.00
Elan Financial Services	\$1,744.85
Environmental Waste Systems	\$89.00
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Nuesynergy	\$150.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,105.95
Protech IT Solutions	\$3,318.70
Quill	\$173.61
Rumpke	\$133.17
Seybold Electric Contracting LLC	\$180.00
Upward Prolights	\$3,900.00

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$1,580.33
Benge Farm Supply Inc	\$3,071.04
Elan Financial Services	\$172.38
Mason Brothers	\$200.00

13 – SOLID WASTE

Elan Financial Services	\$17.81
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80 – CSEPP FUND

Central Kentucky Service Co	\$100.00
Elan Financial Services	\$1,914.25
Garrard County Fiscal Court	\$2,588.01

(Bills will be needed to be able to pay off the courthouse repairs & HVAC, dog kennels, and 2025 Chevy ambulance loans prior to the next court meeting. Amounts are to be determined and are included on the Standing Orders list for debt service. See the motion made under Wilderness Trace Community Foundation).

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: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Animal Control: Brittany Fain was in attendance. Since last Wednesday they have taken in 15 stray dogs so they are back at full capacity. They are still getting cats fixed and using grant funds. There are no repairs needed at this time.

CSEPP/EMA: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. Closeout is slow right now. Windstream would like for them to switch phone systems at the EOC to lower the cost of the monthly bill, but there may be an issue with transferring calls with dispatch. More information needs to be obtained. The Bluegrass 911 Board approved paying \$5,000 month to lease the EOC building. The last IPT meeting will be at Natural Bridge on November 13, 2025. Two sirens are still down – Buckeye & Kirksville. FEMA will do a sight inspection at Logan Hubble. The blacktop needs to be completed where the culverts were installed. There is a spot on Harmon's Lick that needs some blacktop as well.

Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. There will be a primary election on May 19, 2026, and a general election on November 3, 2026. The earliest you can file as a candidate is November 5, 2025 – January 9, 2026. The last day to change your political party is December 31, 2025. The drawing for ballot positions will be on January 15, 2026.

Judge's Office: The Enterprise road trucks are getting ready. Judge/Executive Elleman met with Representative David Meade regarding discretionary funds. We've handed out candy for the Senior Citizens Center. The county trick-or-treating will be the same night and time as the City of Lancaster. We've had a meeting with Wilderness Trace. A discussion will be upcoming on a transient room tax. The KACo Conference is upcoming. The Farm City Banquet was a big success. We are preparing for occupational tax letters to be sent out. The Clerk and Sheriff budgets will be due soon. The Homemaker's Association had a meeting. The Veteran's luncheon will be on November 7, 2025, at the Lancaster Baptist Church Family Life Center. The household hazardous waste program had their event, and 75 cars came through. The Bluegrass 911 lease will be written by County Attorney Chris Whitworth this week and signed.

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

IN RE: TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE RESOLUTION

A Resolution was presented acknowledging the presence of telecommunications facilities in the county's rights-of-way. Uniti Group Inc. acquired Windstream Kinetic on August 1, 2025, and plans to transfer the telecommunications assets into a company called Kinetic ABS KY LLC. Garrard County has been assured that this transfer of assets will not have any impact on the quality of service, access, or customer support provided to customers. Kinetic ABS KY LLC wishes to continue to locate its facilities in the County's rights-of-way and continue to pay all telecommunications tax required. A motion was made to accept by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: BLACKTOP UPDATE

Eastland Acres, Glenmore Heights, Clark Rd, Bastin and Old Lexington Rd E blacktopping are all done. Doty Ln will be started on Tuesday. Then they'll go to Calico and Stephanie Court. Rumble strips and shouldering still needs to be done on 27. They will be starting 52 West on Tuesday.

IN RE: WINTER SALT ORDER

300 tons of salt has been ordered from Morton Salt. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: VETERANS MEMORIAL LUNCH

On November 7, 2025, we will be hosting a Veteran's Day Ceremony that is open to the public at the Lancaster Baptist Church Family Life Center. Donations are being accepted to purchase the meal. Judge/Executive Elleman asked the Fiscal Court to consider contributing \$1,200 out of the Veteran's Memorial Fund to help cover the cost of the food. A motion was made to allow use of the funds if needed by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY EMS NON-TRANSPORT RATES

Postponed to a future meeting.

IN RE: LONG TERM LIABILITIES SPREADSHEET

The long-term liabilities listing was presented from September 30, 2025. There are a few road taxing districts, a couple of road trucks, a leased copier, and several Sheriff vehicles on the list that will remain. Judge/Executive Elleman would like to go ahead and pay off the courthouse renovations & HVAC, the new 2025 Chevy ambulance and the dog kennels loans.

IN RE: WILDERNESS TRACE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Judge/Executive Elleman is considering using funds available to distribute from the Garrard County Fiscal Court Endowment Fund to pay off some of the loans. Magistrate Day suggested just using funds from the General Fund to pay off the loans. Discussion resulted in the opinion that proceeds from the distributions on the endowment will be better suited for community projects, such as a future park for children. A motion was made by Magistrate Day to pay off the courthouse renovations & HVAC, dog

kennels and the 2025 Chevy ambulance loans from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Magistrate Barker. All Magistrates approved, as well as Judge/Executive Elleman.

IN RE: COUNTY HEALTH CARE PLAN 2026

A meeting has taken place with Energy Insurance regarding the 2026 county health care plan. Alternates were presented from Cigna, Aetna, Anthem and United Healthcare. A Cigna renewal would be a 6.5% increase over the current year premiums. A change to Anthem would result in 24.4% increase in premiums. These seem to be the two best options. The only drawback to Cigna is that they are currently in a dispute with UK Healthcare. A meeting took place last week in which the feedback was positive in terms of reaching an agreement for the next year. A motion was made by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Day to choose the Cigna Level Funded revised renewal for 2026. All in favor.

A change was also made to approve enrollment for new employees on the 1st day of the month following a 60-day work history.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Day.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. No action was taken.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

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

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Garrard County Judge/Executive