

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
NOVEMBER 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by Leonard Harrison.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Skeens.

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

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Powers, a Tanyard Branch resident, was in attendance. He presented a letter to the residents of Rolling Meadows, Dove Run, Hawks Nest, Tanyard Branch Road, and Tanyard Est that read as follows: "Last year there was a sale at auction, of the Benny Swope property on Tanyard Branch Road, consisting of two tracts, one being appx 20 acres and the other, of 28 acres. Just recently the buyer/developer has applied to the Garrard Fiscal court to develop a gated community on this property, and it seems it was approved without any discussion nor, feedback from our community. They have now excavated an entrance to tract one from Tanyard Branch and continued to cross a deeded access road, to tract two into a cul-de-sac. For a total of 42 lots. This is absolutely too concentrated for the existing one lane road on Tanyard Branch Rd."

Mr. Powers expressed concern that the entrance to one lane Tanyard had not been approved and that recently they had 60,000-pound dump trucks hauling rock. He mentioned the structural damage that could occur to the road from the dump trucks. There are two school buses that travel the one-lane road twice per day. He thinks that two-tenths of a mile of Tanyard will need to be widened down to Hawks Nest. There are six homes that are directly affected, and he thinks their property value will go down. He wants to know what the process is for developing property since Garrard County does not have planning and zoning. He would like the court to execute a cease-and-desist order to halt any activity on this property.

Judge/Executive Elleman said the new owners of the Benny Swope property brought a proposal with a preliminary drawing to the court last year. It fits the 150-foot, 1-acre lot requirement specs that the court requires. The court felt like there needed to be a culvert put in, which was done. He said ditching does need to be done. He would like to put up "No Thru Trucks" signs at Swope Lane to not allow the big trucks to be on the one lane road on Tanyard. He feels like the road can be widened from the new entry to Hawks Nest. The developers will have to be bonded to put in the road. He would like for all traffic to turn left and go through the subdivision rather than traveling on Tanyard Rd. The final approval of the subdivision has not been done.

Jerry Ensor asked a question about the road bonding process and the special road taxing districts. Mike Powers requested more transparency to the residents in this project. Judge/Executive

Elleman said he was only recently made aware that the developers had started to make a road. Magistrate Barker has been to the location to check it out. County Attorney Whitworth said without planning and zoning, the court is only required to approve projects based on meeting county specs in the Ordinance.

Jerry Ensor thinks there is a potential conflict because there is a deeded right of way that splits the property for access to another farm. He thinks the internal roads are infringing across the deeded access. The landowners, Freddie & Lisa Green, were in attendance. He said they have a 12-foot easement and there is dirt being piled up that is washing down into the road. County Attorney Whitworth said the developers would be required to keep their easement open and passable.

Barbara Burke asked about who would be stopping the large trucks from traveling on Tanyard. Judge/Executive Elleman said they'd put up the "No Thru Trucks" signs. Sheriff Skeens said some trucks are allowed if they are in route to a construction site where their order is. Judge/Executive Elleman said it's dangerous for those trucks to be on the one-lane road.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Blacktopping is nearly finished. The lease has been signed with Bluegrass 911 on the EOC building. The Enterprise road trucks should arrive on November 25th. The Veteran's Luncheon turned out well. Trash pickup will be done this week.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

October 27, 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

From:		To:
General Fund	\$5,392.52	General Fund
01-9200-999-0		01-5010-545-0
Courthouse Reserve		Co Clerk Mapping
General Fund	\$1,170.00	General Fund
01-5030-367-0		01-5030-573-0
PVA County Contribution		PVA Telephone

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

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

911 Billing Services	\$6,156.21
Ad-IOS	\$60.08
Amazon Capital Services	\$11.99
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$3,644.00
Bluegrass Area Development District	\$5,392.52
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$200.00
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$859.50
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$300.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$155.72
Dr Lacey K. Price	\$630.00
Enterprise FM Trust	\$7,529.39
Garrard Automotive	\$45.77
Garrard Hardware	\$95.96
Garrard County Sheriff	\$29,583.33
Greenscapes	\$895.60
Harp Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,683.70
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc.	\$18.50
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$20,589.32
Kentucky Association of Counties	\$399.00
KACO Workers Compensation Fund	\$6,448.00
Kentucky Uniform, Inc	\$1,089.10
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$9,185.46
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$91.29
Quill	\$53.98
Smith's Tire Center	\$507.96
Southern Communications	\$367.36
Stanford Tire Center	\$151.00
Stanford Vet Hospital	\$2,212.83
Wex Bank General	\$4,563.27
Quill	\$12.75

02 – ROAD FUND

Amazon Capital Services	\$159.20
John Deere Financial	\$288.48
Enterprise FM Trust	\$1,184.68
Garrard Automotive	\$371.31
Garrard Hardware	\$169.73
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc	\$46.00
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$1,302.15
Moore's Mobile Service	\$100.00
Stanford Tire Center	\$1,111.00
Thorough Truck Repair & Towing	\$4,868.85
Wex Bank Road	\$3,641.73

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Enterprise FM Trust	\$5.00
Wex SW	\$102.97

79 – VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Robin Jones	\$1,200.00
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80 – CSEPP FUND

Amazon Capital Services	\$473.06
Danville Office Equipment	\$25.00

80 – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL FUND

Garrard County Fiscal Court	\$1,836.68
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A motion was made to approve the bills by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A motion was made to approve the October 2025 financial statement by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

To celebrate Kentucky's contributions to 250 years of American history, the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) has created the Liberty Tree Project, which will plant tulip poplar "Liberty Trees" in all 120 Kentucky counties. KHS asks that the court facilitate the planting of the donated bare-root saplings at a suitable location within the county. A motion was made to allow court participation by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY/PVA/ANNEX REPAIRS

An estimate was presented from Wilson Construction for repairs to the County Attorney/Annex building. The estimate includes \$1,640 to fix the fire escape door and the basement door due to a recent break in and \$3,675 for repairs to multiple windows and a steel door being added. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: COUNTY ROAD REPAIRS

An estimate was presented from Crawford Asphalt for \$4,100 for repairs on Pine Crest Cutoff Rd, \$5,710 for Woods Moyer Rd, and \$20,210 on Rice Bend Rd. Judge/Executive Elleman felt like we could hold off on the Rice Bend Rd repairs for now. Magistrate Barker made a motion to repair Pine Crest and Woods Moyer. The motion was seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: EXTENSION OFFICE BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Garrard County Extension Council is nominating the following four residents of Garrard County to fill the two current rotating membership vacancies on the Extension District Board: Kathy Tuggle, Jason Bisher, Rachel Ball and Joe Ball. These terms will begin in January 2026. Magistrate Davis made a motion to recommend Kathy Tuggle and Jason Bisher. The motion was seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY EMS NON-TRANSPORT RATES

Rebecca Sizemore was in attendance. She presented a letter requesting consideration for an adjustment to the EMS fee structure regarding non-transport emergency calls and calls that do receive transport. Currently, a \$50 charge is permitted to patients who ultimately decline transport. EMS responders often administer costly medications and supplies on scene to stabilize patients. One diabetic medication alone costs approximately \$350 per vial. Since they are not allowed to bill insurance companies for non-transport encounters, EMS has to absorb the cost, which places a considerable financial strain on their operating budget. They are requesting the court's approval to allow them to bill patients for medications and supplies used during non-transport calls, in addition to the \$50 service fee. 911 Billing said Garrard County has not raised their rates in over ten years. The average service fee in the state is between \$50 and \$100 for non-transport patients. Garrard County signs out about 21% of patient calls. Rebecca will run more numbers and present a proposal in December.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY SHERIFF AUDIT REPORT 2024

Sheriff Skeens submitted his Report of the Audit of the Garrard County Sheriff's Settlement – 2023 Taxes. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

Magistrate Davis recently heard on the news that a neighboring county has AED units in their marked cruisers, which have been purchased with Opioid funds. He wondered if that was a possibility for Garrard County, as funding can only be used for opioid-related instances. Sheriff Skeens said he would look into it as it would be hard to make a call on who to use the unit on.

Rebecca Sizemore said there will be a hands-only free CPR class on November 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Garrard County EMS.

IN RE: HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Hometown Christmas Celebration will take place on November 29, 2025.

2:00 PM – Free movie at the Grand Theater

4:00 PM – Food trucks, Christmas crafts, face painting, photo ops, carolers, and more

6:00 PM – Parade and visits with Santa

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

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

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Garrard County Judge/Executive